



**ST ANTHONY'S  
PARISH**  
M A R S F I E L D

# THE GOOD OIL

**21 APRIL 2024**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** YEAR B

1st Reading **Acts 4:8-12**

Psalm **Ps 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29**  
*The stone rejected by the builders  
has become the corner stone*

2nd Reading **1 John 3:1-2**

Gospel Accl. *I am the good shepherd,  
says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.*  
Gospel **John 10:11-18**

## Masses This Week

Sat 6pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>
Sun 9am & 6pm	<b>Mass</b>
Mon 9am	<b>Liturgy of the Word</b>
Tue-Fri 9am	<b>Mass</b>

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**TODAY IS KNOWN AS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

In today's (gospel) Jesus emphasises the self-sacrificing element in his own life:

*The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.*

First, he contrasts the good shepherd who owns the sheep to someone who is simply hired to look after them. The hired man thinks primarily of his own welfare and, Jesus, on the other hand, will not be like a hired person because:

*...I lay down my life for the sheep.*

**He knows his sheep**

Second, Jesus says:

*I am the good shepherd. I know my own...*

There is a mutual bond of love and intimacy. That love is compared to the deep mutual relationship that exists between Jesus and his Father.

**One shepherd and one flock**

Third, the good shepherd deeply desires that many other sheep should come to identify themselves with him:

*I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.*

There are still so many millions of people who have not yet heard the message of a loving God ... They seek meaning and happiness in their lives by pursuing all kinds of other goals which inevitably turn to ashes: material abundance, status in the eyes of others, power over others, mistaking pleasure and hedonism for happiness ...

No matter how closely we follow in the footsteps of our Shepherd, in fact, the more closely we follow him, the more likely it is that we will be rejected and even attacked. More tragic still, however, there are so many people who claim Christ as Lord, many of them very good and sincere people, who are often divided, even bitterly divided among themselves. Here, more than anywhere is there a need for all to follow one Shepherd and form one flock. Otherwise how can we give witness to the love of Christ if that love is lacking among the servants of Jesus? **READ THE COMMENTARY IN FULL AT:**

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**BIBLE SHARING GROUP—PREPARE FOR SUNDAY’S GOSPEL!** We are gathering over the next few weeks to read, pray and share based on the gospels. It will be an opportunity to delve into the Word together. The same meeting will be held twice each week, just pick one that suits you: **Tuesday** at **7pm** in the prayer room in Church, near Our Lady of Grace (to finish no later than 8 pm) or **Sunday** morning **8.15am** in the prayer room (to finish by 8:55 am for Mass). Everyone is welcome.

**MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE, 20-21 JULY, PARISH HALL.** The Rotary Club of Macquarie Park will run a Mental Health First Aid Course, with an experienced facilitator. The highly-subsidised cost is \$50. It would be suitable for Carers. Places limited. Please contact [roseanna@rgmusic.com.au](mailto:roseanna@rgmusic.com.au) if you are interested.

**AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING, SUN 14 JUL 10.30AM.** In 2020 St Anthony’s Parish was gifted a defibrillator AED device, a potential life saving device for Cardiac arrest, by the Michael Hughes Foundation. This device is located at the back of the Church. The training of using the AED device was held by Julie Hughes in August 2020. **The Parish is holding another refresher course led by Julie Hughes on Sun 14 July at 10.30am** in church after the 9am Mass. Training generally runs for 1-1.5 hours, depending on the number of participants and questions raised. The training covers what is cardiac arrest, basic first aid principles, CPR, use and maintenance of the defibrillator and risk assessments for our church. **We encourage parishioners who are regulars at other mass time slots to attend this training** to gain basic knowledge of how to use an AED in an emergency. A victim's chance of survival decreases by 10% every minute after a sudden cardiac arrest. The course is free to parishioners. The Michael Hughes Foundation is now called the “Heart of the Nation”: [heartofthenation.com.au](http://heartofthenation.com.au). Email Roseanna [roseanna@rgmusic.com.au](mailto:roseanna@rgmusic.com.au) or the Parish office, to attend.

**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL NSW CELEBRATING PENTECOST EVE:** Sat 18 May at Servants of Jesus Centre 15 Park Road Seven Hills for an afternoon of Praise & Worship, Testimonies and Prayer Ministry from 4-7pm hosted by youth from different streams. Please book at: [trybooking.com/CPMXQ?qr=true](http://trybooking.com/CPMXQ?qr=true). Any inquires to: [email@ccrnsw.org.au](mailto:email@ccrnsw.org.au)

**MAY CELEBRATION—THE SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE COMMITTEE, OF THE WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA,** St. Mary's Cathedral, Sat 13 May, from 11:30am. Honouring our Lady and interceding for peace in the world and the welfare of Australia. Procession (inside the Cathedral) with the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, Rosary, Litany of Loreto & Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, followed by Mass at Noon. Please ring 0403578994 for more information.

**“WE WERE CREATED BY love, FOR love AND WITH love”**

**“At times, the Holy Spirit comes to us in unexpected ways.”**

God’s call to the **GIFT OF SELF** tends to make itself known gradually: in our encounter with situations of poverty, in moments of prayer, when we see a clear witness to the Gospel, or read something that opens our minds. When we hear God’s word and sense that it is spoken directly to us, in the advice given by a fellow brother or sister, in moments of sickness or sorrow...

**In all the ways he calls us,  
God shows infinite creativity.”**



**“ Vocation is the ‘interplay between divine choice and human freedom’**

The Lord’s initiative and his gracious gift call for a response on our part. Vocation is “the interplay between divine choice and human freedom”, a dynamic and exciting relationship between God and the human heart. The gift of vocation is like a divine seed that springs up in the soil of our existence, opens our hearts to God and to others, so that we can share with them the treasure we ourselves have found.

**This is the fundamental structure  
of what we mean by vocation:  
God calls us in love  
and we, in gratitude, respond to him in love.”**



**“God’s call ...  
includes a  
‘sending’.”**

**“There is no vocation without mission.”**

There is no happiness and full self-realisation unless we offer others the new life that we have found. God’s call to love is an experience that does not allow us to remain silent.”



Find out more:

[vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/vocations/documents/20230430-messaggio-60-gm-vocazioni.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/vocations/documents/20230430-messaggio-60-gm-vocazioni.html)

# PRAYER MINISTRY PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:

## Those who are sick

Bee Ho, Angelica Owczarek,  
Moonki Nam, Margaret Cusack,  
Barbaro family, Maria Younis,  
Michael Brincat, Lim Siew Ching,  
Susan Lim Hui Siang, Jac Smits,  
Ambrosio "Jing" Feleo,  
Lim Liang Chin, Victoria Cook,  
Marienoelle Permal, Teresa Tiu,  
Sr Monica Simmons RSM

## The recently deceased

### Ann Gorman

(Mother and mother-in-law of  
Anthony & Susanna Gorman)

### Alberto Vasquez

(Father & father-in-law of Simon  
Vasquez & Macella Carrasquilla,  
grandfather of Sofia & Isabella  
Vasquez)

## Those with anniversaries around this time

### Alan Griffith

(2nd Anniversary 21 April)

### David Carlson

(10th Anniversary 22 April)

Due to privacy laws, if you would like the name of a family member or friend printed in the Good Oil, please contact the Parish Office.



THE CATHOLIC  
WEEKLY is  
available at the  
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Please put \$2 in  
the Poor Box.



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## OREMUS: LIVING THE YEAR OF PRAYER. 3-

week short course for  
practical approaches to  
prayer as the font of  
renewal in our parishes.  
Thu 2 May, 7:30– 8:45  
pm. Enquiries and for  
more information, go to:

[gomakedisciples.org.au/  
cas-events](http://gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events)

## PARISH COLLECTIONS

**1st collection:** supports the Parish Priest, presbytery upkeep, food, utilities, support of the Archdiocese, care of elderly priests.

**2nd collection:** maintenance & upkeep of Parish buildings & grounds, pastoral works, Parish administration, insurance, utilities, salaries, priest car expenses & Charitable Works Fund shortfall.

**PASTORAL SESSIONS** • Mon: **Rosary (Italian)** 7pm | Tue: **Cenacle** 2.30pm | Wed: **Adoration** 9.30am |  
Wed: **Meditation** 10am | Fri: **Adoration** 5pm | Saturdays (or by appointment): **Reconciliation** 5.30-5.50pm

## CAPTAINS, PLEASE REMIND YOUR TEAM: COUNTERS ROSTER APR/MAY

**21/4 –Team 2; 28/4-Team 3; 5/5– Team 4; 12/5—Team 5; 19/5—Team 6**

**CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IS A CRIME.** The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you or anyone you know have been abused, **please contact the police**. Alternatively, contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org) or at (02) 9390 5810. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. **Archdiocesan Safeguarding Policy Overview: [sydneycatholic.org/casys/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Overview-of-the-Policy.pdf](http://sydneycatholic.org/casys/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Overview-of-the-Policy.pdf)**