



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

THE GOOD OIL

28 APRIL 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

1st Reading **Acts 9:26-31**

Psalm **Ps 21:26-28, 30-32**
*I will praise you, Lord, in the
assembly of your people*

2nd Reading **1 John 3:18-24**

Gospel Accl. *Live in me and let me live
in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.*

Gospel **John 15:1-8**

Masses This Week

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

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NOW THAT JESUS IS RISEN, it means that he is now in his people. Of course, Jesus is present in every person in some way:

...just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me. (Matt 25:40)

Today's Gospel says that our relationship to him is similar to a tree and its branches. The branch cannot be separated from the parent tree and continue to live. Is that why many, with the name of Christian, fall away? They have never really been part of the vine?

At the same time, it is not enough to be a branch on the tree. There must also be fruit produced. It is not enough to be a Christian and 'fulfil one's religious duties'.

What is that fruit of which Jesus speaks? We get an indication in the Second Reading, which is from the First Letter of John:

Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

Love cannot just be in words and talk, not even in the most lovely-sounding prayers.

Love in deed

Love, he says, is shown in action and in deeds. Only when we are loving in our deeds can we know that Jesus lives in us.

We must abandon entirely the idea that we "earn" God's love by our 'good deeds'. God does not love me because I am good; I am good because God's love is working in and through me to others.

Love in words

We might also add that loving in deeds sometimes includes words. Often many of us find it easier to express our love by doing something than by speaking directly to a person.

Am I dead or alive?

So, finally we have to ask ourselves:

- *Am I really a living branch on the vine that is Jesus – a Christian that bears fruit?*
- *Can other people see the influence that Jesus has on my life – in my words, my actions, my behaviour and lifestyle?*

READ THE COMMENTARY IN FULL AT:

livingspace.sacredspace.ie/EB051/

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BIBLE SHARING GROUP—PREPARE FOR SUNDAY'S GOSPEL! We are gathering to read, pray and share based on the gospels, an opportunity to delve into the Word together. The same meeting will be held twice each week: **Tuesday, 7pm** (to finish no later than 8 pm) and **Sunday, 8.15am** (to finish by 8:55 am for Mass) in the prayer room in Church, near Our Lady of Grace. All 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 if you are interested.

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING, SUN 14 JUL 10.30AM. In 2020 our 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 Parish is holding a refresher course on its use** in church after the 9am Mass. ***We encourage parishioners who are regulars at other mass time slots to attend this training*** to learn the use of an AED in an emergency. Cost: free to parishioners. Email roseanna@rgmusic.com.au or the Parish office.

ASSOCIATION OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL MONTHLY MASS AND NOVENA, Sat 4 May, 10am, with a celebration of Flores de Mayo (Flowers of May), an expression of gratitude, honour and devotion to Virgin Mary right after the rosary that starts at 9.45am. All welcome and encourage to bring flowers for offering.

THURSDAY, 9 MAY: FEAST OF ST. LOUISE DE MARILLAC, Patroness & Co-Founder of the Daughters of Charity. 9 am Mass at St. Anthony's followed by Morning Tea at 172 Balaclava Road, Elizabeth House Meeting Room. The Daughters of Charity will be delighted to welcome PARISHIONERS to join us at the Eucharist and Morning Tea thereafter. No need of a response! Please feel free to just walk across from the Parish Church or drive up to 172 Balaclava Rd!

THE FINAL CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL FOR THIS FINANCIAL YEAR next weekend supports the works of charities and ministries of the Archdiocese. You may donate via appeal envelopes in church or at ourfaithourworks.org/cwf.

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, Rosary, Litany of Loreto & Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, followed by Mass at Noon. Please ring 0403578994 for more information.

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



"Young people, be living branches in the Church, be branches laden with fruit!"

"The branches are not self-sufficient; they are totally dependent on the vine. In the vine is the source of their life."

*M*ake your home in me,
as I make mine in you.
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in me"

John 15:4



"The Church is an organic communion, in which each one has his or her own place and his or her own task. Place your youthful talents unreservedly at the service of the Church, with the generosity that is characteristic of your age."

The Church is yours. More still, you yourselves are the Church!

Try to know the Church better:
her nature, her two thousand years of history, and her present situation.
Try to discover your place in the Church
and your mission as young people.

**MESSAGE OF POPE JOHN PAUL II
TO THE YOUTH OF THE WORLD ON THE OCCASION
OF THE III WORLD YOUTH DAY 1990**

"I am the vine, you are the branches" (Jn 15:5)

Read the full message:

vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/messages/youth/documents/hf_jp-ii_mes_26111989_v-world-youth-day.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, Teresa Tiu, Ambrosio "Jing" Feleo, Victoria Cook, Lim Liang Chin, Marienoelle Permal, 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

Emma Galea

(16th Anniversary 24 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.

VOLUNTEERS



NEEDED

Volunteers from our parish support the **YOUTH OFF THE STREETS FOOD VAN** once a month. We prepare food at their refuge in Marrickville and take it to feed the hungry in the city. As we currently have five teams, volunteers only need to go out a couple of times a year. Any queries, or if you'd like to be part of this ministry please contact Carole at cssgan@gmail.com



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

PARISH COLLECTIONS: 1st collection: supports the Parish Priest, presbytery upkeep, food, utilities, support of the Archdiocese, care of elderly priests. 2nd collection: supports maintenance of Parish buildings & grounds, pastoral works, Parish administration, insurance, utilities, salaries, priest car expenses & Charitable Works Fund shortfall.

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

28/4-Team 3; 5/5- Team 4; 12/5-Team 5; 19/5-Team 6; 26/5-Team 7

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 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**