



ST ANTHONY'S
PARISH
MARSFIELD

THE GOOD OIL

5 MAY 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER^{YEAR B}

1st Reading **Acts 10:25-26,
34-35, 44-48**

Psalm **Ps 97:1-4**

***The Lord has revealed to the
nations his saving power***

2nd Reading **1 John 4:7-10**

Gospel Accl. ***All who love me will keep
my words, and my Father will love
them and we will come to them..***

Gospel **John 15:9-17**

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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THE THEME OF TODAY'S MASS IS CLEARLY LOVE.

When we see a film or television programme, when we hear people singing on the radio, the subject is very often about love. Even in the church, we speak frequently about love. What is love?

According to today's Second Reading the centre of all living is love. It is not only the centre of Christian living, but needs to be at the centre of any kind of life.

Our Christian faith should not be just seen as a religion, tacked-on to an otherwise secular life, which in most respects is the same as everyone else's. Our Christian faith is a vision of how a human life should be lived in fullness. It teaches us how to be a real person ... a person is only fully alive when full of love, because such a person then reflects best the God who is love.

What is love?

It would be well at this point to say what we mean here by the term 'love'. The Greek word that John uses in his Gospel and in the three letters attributed to him is *agape* (Greek, pronounced 'ag -ah-pay'). The Christian writer CS Lewis wrote a small book called *The Four Loves* in which he discusses four different ways of loving. The first of these is *eros*, which is physical love, the love of young lovers, the love of Romeo and Juliet. The second is *philia*, which in a way is the highest form of love. It is the love of friendship, is essentially mutual and shared, and touches every aspect of a person's being expressing itself in a total transparency through intimacy and affection. It covers marriage and all other genuinely close relationships. To experience such a relationship is one of the great blessings of life. The third love mentioned by Lewis is *prautés*, sometimes translated as 'gentleness' or as 'meekness' ... It suggests someone who is unassuming, undemanding and submissive to what God wants, but also warm and caring.

Finally, *agape* describes a love which reaches out to others without expecting anything in return. Such is the love of God for his creation. God's love is poured out in abundance on every single creature and it continues to flow out whether there is a response or not.

READ THE COMMENTARY IN FULL AT:

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BIBLE SHARING GROUP—PREPARE FOR SUNDAY'S GOSPEL! We are gathering on **Sundays at 8.15am** (to finish by 8:55 am for Mass) to read, pray and share based on the Sunday's gospel. This is an opportunity to delve into the Word together. We meet in the prayer room in Church, near Our Lady of Grace. All are welcome!

The Parish TAP and GO payWave offering terminals are being upgraded.
More information will follow the upgrade. Watch this space!

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.

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!


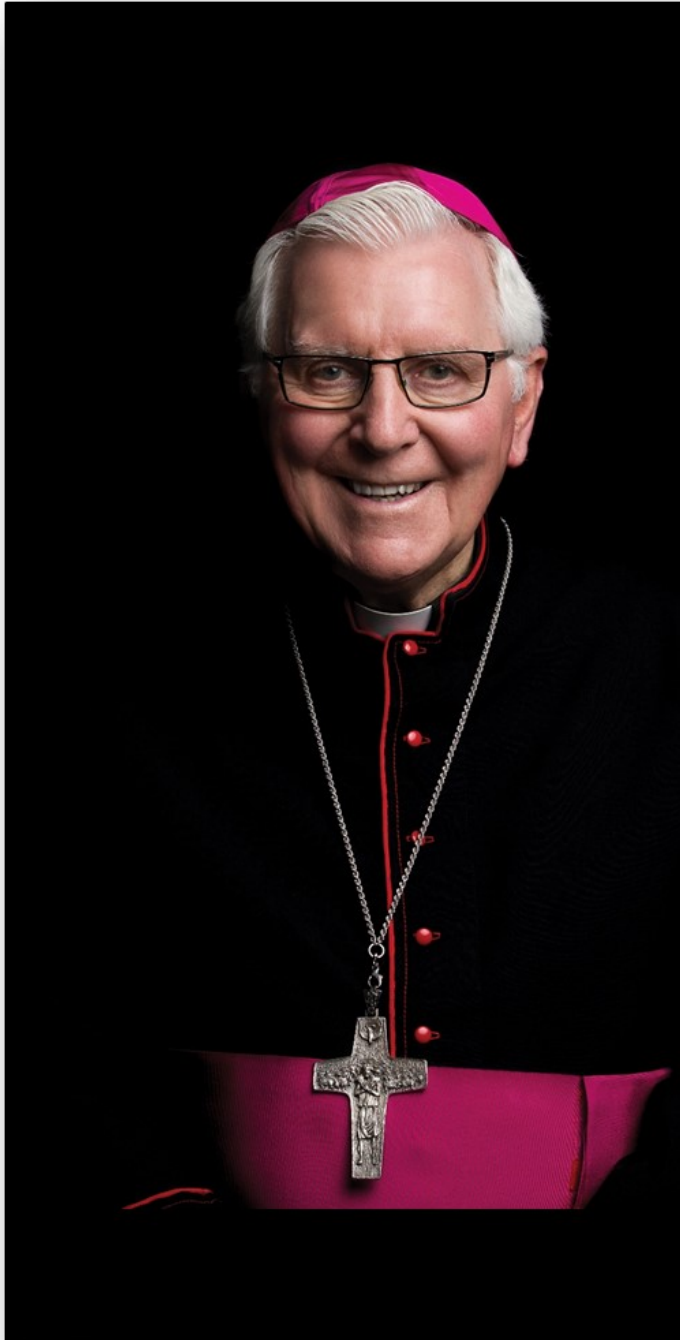
THE FINAL CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL FOR THIS FINANCIAL YEAR this weekend supports the works of charities and ministries of the Archdiocese. You may donate via appeal envelopes in church or at ourfaithourworks.org/cwf .

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. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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

FORMATION FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, 23 MAY 7-8PM. This session will be held in church for those willing to take up this ministry and for those already doing this good work. This ministry happens both during Mass and after Mass when the Blessed Sacrament is taken to the sick and home-bound. (Longer training is also provided by our Archdiocese, which some parishioners have attended.) Notes from the session will be available afterwards for participants and those unable to attend. All are welcome - *Fr Greg.*

RSVP by 21 May to parishpriest@saintanthonys.org.au
OR phone the parish office on 9888 5222



**VALE BISHOP
PETER INGHAM**
1941 – 2024

REQUIEM MASS
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY

Wednesday 8 May 2024
5:30pm

Please join us

SAVE THE DATE—WALK WITH CHRIST – 2 JUNE 2024. The 2024 Walk with Christ will be held on 2 June. All parishes and communities are invited to unite and celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi. More info: bishop.umbersoffice@sydneycatholic.org

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,
Victoria Cook, Lim Liang Chin,
Ambrosio "Jing" Feleo,
Marienoelle Permal.

The recently deceased

Sr Monica Simmons RSM

Ann Gorman

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

Alberto Vasquez

(Father & father-in-law of Simon Vasquez
& Marcella Carrasquilla; grandfather of
Sofia & Isabella Vasquez)

Those with
anniversaries
around this time

Wanda Wojcik
(10th Anniversary 4 May)

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 MAY-JUNE

5/5— Team 4; 12/5—Team 5; 19/5—Team 6; 26/5—Team 7; 2/6—Team 8

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**