



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

# THE GOOD OIL

**3 NOVEMBER 2024**

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR B

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51

*I love you, Lord, my strength.*

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 12:28-34

## Masses This Week

Sat 6pm *Vigil Mass*  
Sun 9am & 6pm *Mass*  
Mon 9am *Liturgy of the Word  
with Holy Communion*  
Tues - Fri 9am *Mass*

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## Excerpt from a commentary on the Sunday Readings

*We are approaching the end of the Church year. In the Gospels of these Sundays, we are looking at the final phase of Jesus' life before his suffering, death and resurrection. Last week we saw Jesus leaving Jericho on the last stage of his journey to Jerusalem. He healed the blind beggar, Bartimaeus, who, once he regained his sight, saw that the only thing he could do was to go with Jesus on that final journey. Today's story takes place in Jerusalem itself. The context of the story is important. "Sacrifice" is mentioned in both the Second Reading and the Gospel. There are clear links with the Temple, the Old Testament and Jewish Law. A Scribe approaches Jesus. He is an expert in interpreting the Law. There were more than 600 laws, too many for an ordinary person to grasp. He asks a question which was much-debated among scholars of the day: Of all these many laws, which was the most central, the most basic—the one that summed up all the others?*

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## **A LIFE OF PRAYER - A SERIES OF TALKS DELIVERED BY BISHOP DAVID**

**WALKER** Emeritus Bishop David Walker from the Broken Bay Diocese will be giving a series of three talks at St Anthonys on Tuesdays 5, 19 and 26 November. Bishop David will be celebrating the 9am Mass with us and then giving his talks on "A life of Prayer". These talks will commence at about 9.45am. **Registration** is necessary to allow for seating, printing of handouts, and hospitality. For further Information and to register please send an email to [rachel@saintanthonys.org.au](mailto:rachel@saintanthonys.org.au) or ring the office on 9888 5222.

**The Chosen** - This is a popular TV series that re-tells the Gospel story in an attractive new way. A small, friendly group meets on some Tuesdays 7-8.30pm in the Parish Centre for viewing, chat and cuppa. Everyone is very welcome. Please note one change of date among those now scheduled: 5 Nov S2 E3, 19 Nov S2 E4. Or you may want to watch it at home - see <https://watch.thechosen.tv/>.

### **Devotional Literature**

*I am grateful for the kindness of those who wish to place items of devotional literature in St Anthony's Church. However, would you please obtain my approval before doing so? With thanks - Fr Greg.*

**THE CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL** this weekend supports the works of charities and ministries of the Archdiocese. You may donate via appeal envelopes in church or at [www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf)

**NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCES:** Please write the names of deceased loved ones you would like remembered in November onto the squares of paper on the front seats of the Church. They can be then placed on the Sanctuary.

**ADORATION** in the church on Wednesday 6 & 13 November will finish at 10am usually 10.30am.

### **Join the St Anthony's Community to celebrate 90 years of Catholic**

**Education in the Sydney Archdiocese** Mass will be on Sunday 10 November at 10.30am. At 11.30am, there will be morning tea at St Anthony's school hall and Open Classrooms. Flyers are available to take home near front door of the church.

**Sydney Street Feast 2024** – **volunteers welcome.** On Friday 15 November, Archbishop Anthony Fisher will host a free luncheon for Sydney's homeless in the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral from 12pm to 2pm. A large number of guests are expected and volunteers from parishes are invited to help serve food and to sit and accompany guests during lunch. A great opportunity to show support and solidarity with fellow Sydneysiders experiencing homelessness. Register your interest at <https://bit.ly/StreetFeast2024>

**ST ANTHONY'S PARISH (ADULT) CHOIR MILESTONE!** The Choir celebrates **30 years** of continuous service this year, and will acknowledge this milestone in November. We welcome every member – current or previous, their family & friends and every parishioner to celebrate with us at the 9am Mass on Sunday 3 November.

**TOGETHER WE REMEMBER....**You and your family and friends are invited to our **Community Memorial Mass**. This is an opportunity to come together to remember and pray for our family and friends who have died and to support each other in our grief. We will also remember our babies who have died before their birth. **A candlelit Eucharist will be celebrated on Tuesday, 12th November at 7pm, followed by refreshments.** You are welcome to bring a photo, or a symbol of those you are remembering, such as a small piece of clothing, or a favourite book or toy to place in the sacred space. A contribution to the supper table afterwards is appreciated but not expected. For further information please contact Rachel Murphy via email [rachel@saintanthonys.org.au](mailto:rachel@saintanthonys.org.au) or call the parish office on 9888-5222.

**SOCIAL MORNING TEA IN THE PARISH CENTRE** FROM 0930 TO 1100 HOURS. JUST BRING YOURSELF OR A FRIEND OR YOUR BETTER HALF. MORNING TEA WILL BE PROVIDED. THE NEXT MORNING TEA IS ON TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER.

**Carmen's Baptism** : At the 9am Mass on Sunday 17 November Carmen will be welcomed into the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation. Please keep her in your prayers. I thank Carmen, her family and all involved in supporting her journey of faith through RCIA - Fr Greg.

### **Exploring the Catholic Faith**

*If there are any families with adults and/or children more than seven years of age who are thinking of becoming members of the Catholic Church, this notice is for you. It is better to explore the Catholic Faith in an age-appropriate way, in a supportive group. If you would be open to joining such a group, could you please let me or the Parish Office know? With thanks - Fr Greg.*

**The Holy Crucifix Association** would like to extend an invitation to all parishioners to the annual Miracle Mass on Sunday 10th November. The mass will be held in Italian by Fr Daniele Sollazzo at 2pm at the Holy Cross College, 517 Victoria Road Ryde. The association looks forward to seeing you there.

### **CAPTAINS, PLEASE REMIND YOUR TEAM: COUNTERS ROSTER**

**3/11 -Team 10 . 10/11 -Team 1 . 17/11 -Team 2 . 24/11 -Team 3 . 1/12 -Team 4**

# PRAYER MINISTRY PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:

## Those who are sick

Angelica Owczarek,  
Moonki Nam, Margaret Cusack,  
Barbaro family, Maria Younis,  
Michael Brincat, Galea family,  
Victoria Cook,  
Lim Siew Ching, Lim Liang Chin,  
Lim Swee Kheng,  
Ambrosio "Jing" Feleo,  
Cynthia Adikaram.

## The recently deceased

Vittoria Vaccari

## Those with anniversaries around this time

Emmanuel Mifsud-Ellul

Hilda Gelido  
(5th anniversary 1 Nov)

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 church doors

### The Catholic Weekly



## DECEASED CLERGY + RELIGIOUS MASS

Please join us for our annual memorial mass and luncheon to commemorate the priests, brothers and sisters who have faithfully served and cared for their local communities.

**13 November 2024 at 12pm**  
Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel,  
Rookwood Catholic Cemetery

Please RSVP attendees to [team@griefcare.com.au](mailto:team@griefcare.com.au) for catering purposes.

## PULPIT POINTS

- End of Synod proves how much Catholics have in common
- The Abdallahs' meet the Royals
- Joe de Bruyn: ACU graduation speech in full
- Tim Kirk: Wine and faith at Catholic Parishes at Bondi
- A Brush with Faith: Cleansing the Temple
- Retreats 2024: A guide to your retreat centres

## PARISH COLLECTIONS:

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

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

## PASTORAL SESSIONS

**Cenacle** Tue 2.30pm | **Adoration** Wed 9.30am | **Meditation** Wed 10am  
**Adoration** Fri 5pm | **Reconciliation** Sat 5.30-5.50pm (or by appointment)

**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](https://sydneycatholic.org/casys/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Overview-of-the-Policy.pdf)