



THE GOOD OIL

13 APRIL 2025

PALM SUNDAY

YEAR C

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalms 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

*My God, my God, why have you
abandoned me?*

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 23:1-49

Masses This Week

Sat 6pm **Vigil Mass**

Sun 9am & 6pm **Mass**

Mon 9am *Liturgy of the Word
with Holy Communion*

Tues-Wed 9am **Mass**

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER
LITURGIES INSIDE**

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An excerpt from a Commentary on the Sunday

Readings

Perhaps we could focus on a particular passage which speaks to us more at this time. There is:

- the last meal of Jesus with his disciples—a bitter-sweet experience for all;
- Jesus' struggle with fear (even terror) and loneliness in the garden, ending in a sense of peace and acceptance;
- Peter's denial of ever having known Jesus, the same Jesus with whom he had just eaten and who had invited him into the garden;
- the kiss of Judas, another disciple, sealing the fate of Jesus, and leading to bitter remorse and suicide;
- the rigged trial before the religious leaders and again before the contemptuous, cynical Pilate and the brief appearance before the superstitious and fearful Herod;
- the torture, humiliation and degradation of Jesus;
- the way of Calvary—the weeping women and the reluctant Simon of Cyrene;
- the crowds, so supportive on Sunday, who now laugh and mock;
- the murderous gangster promised eternal happiness that very day;
- the last words of forgiveness and total surrender (emptying) to the Father.

The drama is truly overpowering and needs really to be absorbed one incident at a time. It would be worth reflecting in which of these scenes I can see myself—with which characters I can identify as reacting in the way I probably would.

READ IN FULL AT: livingspace.sacredspace.ie/OB171/
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CHRISM MASS AT ST MARY'S

On Holy Thursday morning, the Archbishop, joined by the priests of the Archdiocese, blesses the Holy Oils that are going to be used in the sacraments in the year ahead. With the bishop, priests and faithful participating together, the Chrism Mass is a strong symbol of the unity of the People of God. This year the Chrism Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral on 17 April at 10.30am. You are very welcome to be there and participate.



BE BRAVE

Also, come and be part of the **Stations of the Cross** re-enactment on **Good Friday**.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS RE-ENACTMENT

Rehearsal dates:

Monday 14 April 10.30am to 12pm in the church

Tuesday 15 April 10.00 am to 11.00 am

Wednesday 16 April 10.30am to 11.30am

Good Friday 18 April Stations of the Cross: Youth to meet at Parish Centre from 10.15am, then to Church until 12pm.

Email or text Corinne Dosoruth at youthgroup@saintanthonys.org.au or 0404 044 868 to register for Stations of the Cross.

2nd Rite of Reconciliation



St Mary's, North Sydney
Tuesday 15th April 7pm

Holy Spirit, North Ryde
Tuesday 15th April 7pm

St Michael's, Meadowbank
Tuesday 15th April 7pm

St Charles Borromeo, Ryde
Wednesday 16th April 7:30pm

EASTER 2025

Masses and services

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Holy Thursday 17 April

7.30pm

Mass

NO MORNING MASS ON HOLY THURSDAY

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday 18 April

9am

Morning Prayer

9.30-10.30am

Reconciliation

11am

Stations of the Cross

3pm

Commemoration of the
Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday 19 April

9am

Morning Prayer

9.30-10.30am

Reconciliation

7.30pm

Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 20 April

9am

Mass

10.30am

Mass

NO EVENING MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

Archbishop Anthony reminds us that the 2025 collection is very important. The Church in the Holy Land is finding things difficult as it tries to protect holy sites & parishes and provide many social services needed due to the ongoing conflict. Any funds that we in Sydney can send would be of great help.

INTRODUCTION TO THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS:

The Liturgy Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney will present a series of public lectures on the Catholic understanding of the Sacraments for six (6) consecutive Tuesdays, starting 29th April - 3rd June, 6pm-8:30pm, in the Haseler Centre (St Kevin's Parish Hall). The lectures will be delivered by **(Dr) Mariusz Biliniewicz – Director, Liturgy Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney**. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about Sacramental Theology! ALL WELCOME. Visit: <https://liturgy.sydneycatholic.org/news-events/> to register. Cost: FREE.

Please Support Our Parish Trivia Night



Saturday 3 May at 7.15pm in the Hall

If you would like to help, you can:

- Buy a ticket for \$20 from the Parish Office
- Give to the Bucket Collection at 26-27 April Masses
- Donate a small prize (ring 9888 5222 for details)
- Pray for the success of this gathering

It promises to be a fun event that welcomes everyone from St Anthony's Community, and where you will learn what a group of panda bears are called, among other interesting facts!

It will also raise much-needed funds for:

1. *Parish Sacramental Program Resources*

These are new Biblical & Sacramental Models, making use of the Montessori Learning Method. Below are girls using these resources as they prepared for First Reconciliation.



2. *Vincentian Mission in Solomon Islands*

Past St Anthony's Parish Priest Fr Brian and other Vincentians are heavily involved at Red Beach, pictured below. It is a Parish with about 20 outstations and also a community where young Solomon Islander men live and receive support as they discern a vocation to be a priest or brother.



Holy Thursday Visitation of the Seven Churches


The Visitation of the Seven Churches is a centuries-old Roman Catholic tradition in which the faithful visit seven churches on the evening of Holy Thursday after the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Walk alongside Christ on the night of His betrayal by selecting seven participating churches for your pilgrimage.

With each visit, trace His journey as He was taken from one location to another, and immerse yourself in the profound events of that sacred night.

DATE: Thursday, 17 April 2025


For more information and to download the booklet, visit: <https://sydneycatholic.org/seven-churches-visitation>


The booklet is available in the foyer of the church.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Palm Sunday
12-13th of April 2025

As Project Compassion 2025 draws to a close for another year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support throughout this Lenten Season. This year, we shared the inspiring stories of 3 individuals whose lives have been transformed through your compassion and generosity.
But the work isn't done yet. There is still time to donate! Together, we can *Unite Against Poverty* and help transform lives this Lent.



UNITE 
AGAINST
POVERTY

this Lent

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.
Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion
Or by calling: 1800 024 413

**PLEASE RETURN ALL
YOUR PROJECT
COMPASSION BOXES
AND ENVELOPES AT THE
MASS OF THE LORD'S
SUPPER ON HOLY
THURSDAY , 17 APRIL AT
7.30PM.**

Grace and Truth Event

You are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Sisters on Wednesday, 30 April for an evening of prayer, formation, and fellowship. Open to men and women of all ages. The evening will consist of Eucharistic Adoration, Vespers and Benediction, a light dinner, and talks by Sister Elena Marie and Father James Baxter. The event will run from 5-9PM, starting in the St Mary Cathedral Crypt and moving to the Cathedral Hall. Fee: \$20. For more information, contact the Dominican Sisters at sydney@op-tn.org.



Sacrament of Confirmation Enrolments now open

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Please see Parish Website for details -
saintanthonys.org.au



Marist Sisters' College
— Woolwich —



ENROLLING NOW
FOR 2026 & 2027

CAPTAINS, PLEASE REMIND YOUR TEAM: COUNTERS ROSTER
13/4 -Team 3 • 20/4 -Team 4 • 27/4 -Team 5 • 4/5 -Team 6 • 11/5 -Team 7

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,
Cynthia Adikaram, Paul Briggs,
Denis Adams, Robyn Matheson,
Patrick Bracken.

The recently deceased

Pamela Dunkerley

Those with anniversaries around this time

Joe Handoyo Wibowo
(15th anniversary 6 April)

Eduardo Miceli
(3rd anniversary 9 April)

Bill Hyde
(11th anniversary 10 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 at church doors. **Please put \$2 in the Poor Box**

PULPIT POINTS

- Faith leaders gather at opening of Sydney's newest cemetery
- Parishes prepare for 7 Churches Pilgrimage on Holy Thursday
- Celebrating 30 years since Evangelium Vitae
- Why parents should watch Adolescence
- Greek Easter biscuits recipe

ORDINARY STORIES springs from the foundational belief that every person has an innate and inviolable dignity. The series seeks to capture a peek of this, through a wander through the stories present in people's lives. We hope it will also help us gain an insight into things people do in their everyday lives that create good. This week, we hear a story from our Parish Priest, Fr Greg Walsh. Ordinary Stories is a project of the Justice and Peace Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. Follow us: @ordinarystorinessydney on Instagram. Read more at <https://justiceandpeace.org.au/ordinary-stories>

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 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