



THE GOOD OIL

ST ANTHONY'S
PARISH
MARSFIELD

11 MAY 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR C

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Psalm 99:1-3, 5

Response: *We are his people,
the sheep of his flock.*

Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17

John 10:27-30

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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A Statement from the Catholic Archbishop
of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP.

“Habemus papam” — we [have a new pope](#),
shepherd, father for the Church.

The Church in Sydney and Australia joins people
throughout the world in giving thanks to God for
the election of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV.

A native of Chicago and a member of the Order of
St Augustine, Pope Leo XIV spent decades as a
missionary in Peru before being appointed by the
late Pope Francis to lead the Vatican's Dicastery
for Bishops.

Like the late Pope Francis, Pope Leo XIV will
bring to the Church the experience of being part of
a religious order with an emphasis on simplicity
and community. But he also brings a missionary
heart with a determination to bring the Gospel of
Jesus Christ “to the ends of the earth”.

As a canon lawyer who has served for the past two
years as Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops, he
will also bring expertise in Church law and
governance.

It was very moving that the Holy Father opened his
first address to a watching world with a greeting of
peace, and repeated the central truth of the Gospel,
that God loves all of us “without any limits or
conditions,” several times in his brief remarks.

It is our earnest hope that the Holy Father will join
us in Sydney for the International Eucharistic
Congress in 2028. It will be a joy to welcome him
here.

I call on all Catholics and others of good will to get
behind this pope with our prayers for him. May
God bless him in his ministry.

WELCOMING ADULTS INTO THE CHURCH

Several adults have been meeting with me to explore the Catholic Faith, and others interested may like to join us. This is part of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process and fits into the "enquiry" phase. Each meeting includes a short Bible reading, opportunity for questions and discussion, and a closing prayer. The conversation is aimed at adults but their children are welcome, too. The next meetings will be 2-3pm in the Parish Centre, on Sundays: 11 & 25 May, 8 & 22 June. Beginning in July, the Parish RCIA Team hopes to run a series of structured sessions. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions - Fr Greg.

THANK YOU, RACHEL, FOR YOUR YEARS OF GENEROUS MINISTRY

Our Sacramental and Adult Faith Coordinator, Rachel Murphy, has discerned that the time has come to focus more of her attention and time on her family, art and other life-giving pursuits. Rachel will take care of the Sacrament of Confirmation Program this term and will conclude her time working in our parish sometime in July. Naturally we will farewell her properly at that point! My sincere thanks to Rachel for being a wonderful member of our Parish Staff Team these past six years, including the challenging Covid lockdown times. The parish will seek to employ another person to take up similar work and we will welcome applicants once the position advertisement has been published - Fr Greg.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The PPC is very important to help our Parish have a shared sense of our mission as we follow Christ together. The PPC has met twice this year. Several long-serving members have retired from this role between those meetings, including Simon Turner, Paul Burke and Anthony Gorman. Particular thanks to Simon, who was Chairman, for eleven years of service. I cannot adequately thank them and other past members, including Christine Robertson, for their kindness in sharing their wisdom with me and my predecessors. I'm very grateful to Nihal Dias for joining the PPC and to Joe Orland, Roseanna Gallo, Margaret Turner, Edwina Kobus and Rob Dosoruth for being willing to continue. I thank Rachel Murphy and Kevin Turner as valuable ex-officio members. It would be very beneficial to have more new members and thoughts on this are welcome - Fr Greg.

SOCIAL MORNING TEA: next Tuesday 13 May from 0930 to 1100am in the Parish Centre. Please come and enjoy morning tea and a chat with us.

WATCH THE CHOSEN WITH US:

A group of parishioners meet on Tuesdays 7-8:30pm in the Parish Centre to watch this series, which presents an imaginative re-telling of the Gospels. We usually stay for a cuppa and discussion afterward. We are watching the second half of Season 3! Upcoming dates are 13 & 20 May. You may like to catch up at <https://watch.thechosen.tv/> or on Amazon Prime.

POPE LEO XIV



Pope Leo XIV, the former Cardinal Robert F. Prevost, waves to the crowds in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican after his election as pope - May 8, 2025. The new pope was born in Chicago. (CNS photo/Vatican Media)



Daughters of Charity Bush Care Project

See next week's bulletin for more information about how you might get involved in this good work to look after a Blue Gum High Forest remnant.

Join us for a very special evening
at St Anthony's Church Marsfield for

Taize Prayer

Friday 16 May @7pm - 7.45pm

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND TIME WITH YOUR CHILDREN, PARISHIONERS
AND FRIENDS IN A SERVICE OF SONG, SILENCE AND CONTEMPLATION.

Followed by light refreshments

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

Eva Bongiolatti

Patricia McWhinney

Those with anniversaries around this time

Joe Mesiti
(6th anniversary 9 May)

*If you would like the name of a family member or friend printed in the Good Oil,
please contact the Parish Office. Some privacy laws apply.*

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION INTRODUCTION AND RENEWAL DAY

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia on Sunday, 18 May.

Arrival from 10am to register for a 10:30am start, presentations, introduction to meditation, Middle of the Day Prayer with the monks, Mass at 2pm, conclusion around 3pm. Book display and morning tea provided, please BYO picnic lunch. Extensive grounds and labyrinth.

General enquiries: Ann Lomas - atlomas@bigpond.com / 0437 340 250

Possible accommodation at the monastery guest house : Fr Michael Kelly -

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CAPTAINS, PLEASE REMIND YOUR TEAM: COUNTERS ROSTER

11/5 -Team 7 • 18/5 -Team 8 • 25/5 -Team 9 • 1/6 -Team 10

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 Pastor 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://www.sydneycatholic.org/casys/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Overview-of-the-Policy.pdf)