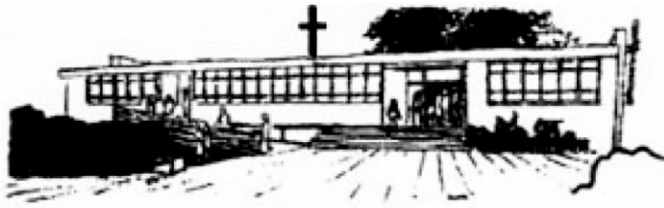


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

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Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

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Please leave a detailed Message

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27th August 2017, Year A/1



LASTMAN, Pieter Pietersz, Christ and the Canaanite Woman, 1617

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm (Mass in Polish)
6:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am
10:00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday-Friday: 8:00am
Saturday: 8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: after 8:30am Mass

Benediction: Saturday 5.15pm

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Patricia Reilly - Principal

School Office Times

8:30 am - 4:00 pm - Monday to Friday

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ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Turn Your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in You, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long.

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, Your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of Your hands.

Second Reading Romans 11:33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

SUNDAY 8.30am

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am **ST AUGUSTINE** **Thomas Portelli (Birthday)**

Tuesday: 8:00am **Beheading of John the Baptist** **Edward & Gladys Young (Dec. Ann.)**

Wednesday 8:00am **21st Week Ordinary Time**

Thursday 8:00am **21st Week Ordinary Time**

Friday 8.00am **21st Week Ordinary Time** **For God's Precious Infants**

Saturday 8.30am **Mass of the Virgin Mary** **Dec. Mem. of St Vincent de Paul**

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please contact the Parish Office or one of the priests.
In the case of Emergency please call the emergency number at the front of this bulletin.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office.

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Peter Cruzado, Edward & Gladys Young,
Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There is an opportunity to spend time with the Lord this Friday 1st September from 5pm to 10pm.
All are welcome.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

We need men and women to take the Blessed Eucharist to our sick and elderly Parishioners on a Sunday morning after 8.30am Mass. If you can help in this Ministry please speak to Fr Andrew.

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Masses will be 9th & 23rd September at 6pm. Please invite all young people to come along for Mass and get together.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST:

Artists

That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, Alistair McArthur, Dianne Devitt, John McCahon, Kathryn Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Debbie O'Connor, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, Gisela Drobiszewski, Katalin Domotor, Charles Timmins, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Valerie Davis, Raymond Waters, Francene Flannery, Jason Isbitski, Rosslyn Talbot, David Jenkins, Noeline Cruzado & Kathleen Angoves.

SICK LIST: If you have anyone for the sick list, (due to privacy laws) contact the Parish Office to fill in a form and update it at the end of each month to keep the names on the sick list.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$892**
 Loose: \$418.90

LEGION OF MARY - 'Mary Seat of Wisdom'

Meetings are held every Saturday at 2pm in the old office building. All persons interested in meeting and participating in the Legion's activities are most welcome.

ROSARY IN OUR HOMES

Please fill in the form at the back of the Church if you are interested in having Our Lady's Statue and the Rosary in your home for a week at a time.

SACRAMENTS FOR 2017:

Confirmation: Tuesday 24th October

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays after Mass - 9am to 10am in Parish Hall.

Enquiries: Aloma - 4731 8102; Teresa - 4731 4222

1st & 3rd Mondays 7pm in Parish Office.

Enquiries: Jim - 0411 280 950.

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study begins this Wednesday 30th August at 10.30am in the Parish Hall. All are most welcome. Please bring your Bible with you.

SKY YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group Wednesdays in the school term from 3pm to 5pm. Young people from Years 6 to 12 are most welcome.

PARISH LUNCH:

All Parishioners are invited to our lunch on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Venue is Penrith Golf Club for 13th September. If you need a lift please ring the Office. All are most welcome.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Calendars for sale at \$9 each.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Please prayerfully consider nominations to the Parish Council. Forms are at the back of the Church.

CATHOLIC MISSION

We have donated \$786.80 to the Catholic Mission Appeal. Thank you for your generosity.

RUNNING FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Dear friends, thank you for your donations I have raised \$2975 so far! If you wish to sponsor Vinnies and my run in the Sydney Marathon in September, please go to the following site:

<https://donate.grassrootz.com/blackmores-sydney-running-festival-2017/vinnies/pawel-barszczewski> In Prayer, Fr. Pawel.

FATIMA DAY - FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER

Are you interested in going to Berrima for Our Lady of Fatima's 100th Anniversary Feast? We will hire a bus to travel as a Parish when we know how many would like to go. Please ring the Office.

BISHOP'S APPEAL FOR RETIRED & SICK CLERGY

There will be a collection next weekend. If you wish you can contribute online via EFT to BSB 067950 and Account No 001691 in the name of CSF with your name, and send and email with your details to csf@parra.catholic.org.au so a receipt can be sent.

MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY LAUNCH

Sunday 27th August from 2pm to 4pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, 7 Grantham St, Seven Hills. Special guests are Bishop Vincent and Father Tom Smolich SJ. RSVP 8838 3461.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

Bishop Vincent invites all young people from Year 9 to 30 years of age to celebrate at Sydney Olympic Park from 7th to 9th December. For all enquiries contact James Camden, Director of Youth on 8838 3428 or jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au.

POSTAL PLEBISCITE-A CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY

If you believe that the traditional definition of marriage has served society, families and children well, and should continue to be protected under the law, but maybe feel as though your voice has not been heard, now is the time to have your say in the privacy of your own home, on the ballot paper. Ballot papers will be sent out to households on Tuesday, 12 September and all votes must be received back by Tuesday, 7 November. Vote No, to keep marriage as a unique relationship between a woman and a man. For information and resources please go to <https://www.catholic.org.au/plebiscite>

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH
CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

The Holy Father's Catechesis

He who sat upon the throne said: "Behold, I make all things new." And He added: "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." And He said to me: "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water without price from the fountain of the water of life. He who conquers shall have this heritage, and I will be his God and he shall be my son."

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

We listened to the Word of God in the Book of Revelation, and it says thus: "Behold, I make all things new" (21:5). Christian hope is based on faith in God, who always creates novelties in man's life, He creates novelties in history and He creates novelties in the cosmos. Our God is the God that creates novelties, because He is the God of surprises.

It's not Christian to walk looking down — as pigs do: they always go like this — without raising our eyes to the horizon, as if all our journey ended here, in the span of a few meters of travel; as if there were no aim in our life and no landing, and we were constrained to an eternal wandering, without any reason for our many toils. This isn't Christian.

The last pages of the Bible show us the ultimate horizon of the believer's journey: the Jerusalem of Heaven, the celestial Jerusalem. It is imagined first of all as an immense tent, where God will receive all men to dwell definitively with them (*Revelation* 21:3). And this is our hope. And what will God do, when we are finally with Him? He will use an infinite tenderness towards us, as a father that welcomes his children who have worked hard and suffered. In *Revelation* John prophesies: "Behold, the dwelling of God is with men! . . . He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away. . . . Behold, I make all things new!" (21:3-5) — the God of novelty!

Try to meditate on this passage of Sacred Scripture, not in an abstract way, but after having read a chronicle of our days, after having seen the television news or the front page of newspapers, where there are so many tragedies, where sad news is reported to which we all risk growing injured. And I have greeted some <of you> from Barcelona: how much sad news form there! I have greeted some <of you> from the Congo, and how much sad news from there! And how many others! To name only two countries of <those of> you who are here . . . Try to think of the faces of children afraid of war, of the cry of mothers, of the broken dreams of so many young people, of refugees that face terrible voyages, and are exploited so many times . . .

Unfortunately, life is also this, sometimes one should say that it is especially this.

It can happen, but there is a Father who weeps with us; there is a Father who cries tears of infinite compassion for His children. We have a Father who is able to cry, who weeps with us, a Father who waits for us to console us, because He

knows our sufferings and has prepared a different future for us. This is the great vision of Christian hope, which dilates itself on all the days of our existence, and intends to uplift us.

God did not will our lives by mistake, constraining Himself and us to hard nights of anguish. Instead, He created us because He wants us happy. He is our Father and if we here, now, experience a life that is not that which He wished for us, Jesus guarantees us that God Himself is operating His rescue. He works to rescue us.

We believe and know that death and hatred are not the last words pronounced in the parable of human existence. To be Christians implies a new perspective: a look full of hope. Some believe that life retains all their happiness in youth and in the past, and that living is a slow decay. Others even hold that our joys are only episodic and passing, and that nonsense is inscribed in men's life, those that in face of so many calamities say: "But life has no meaning, our journey is nonsense.: But we Christians don't believe this. Instead we believe that in man's horizon there is a sun that illumines for ever. We believe that our most beautiful days are yet to come. We are people of spring more than autumn. I would like to ask now — each one answer in his heart, in silence, but answer —: Am I a man, a woman, a boy, a girl of spring or of autumn? Is my soul in spring or in autumn?" Each one answers himself. We see the sprouts of a new world rather than the yellowing leaves on branches. We do not delude ourselves in nostalgias, regrets and laments: we know that God wants us to be heirs of a promise and tireless cultivators of dreams. Don't forget that question: "Am I a person of spring or of autumn?" Of spring, that waits for the flower, that waits for the fruit, that waits for the sun that is Jesus, or of autumn, which is always with a face looking down, embittered and, as I've said sometimes, with the face of vinegar peppers.

The Christian knows that the Kingdom of God, His Lordship of love is growing as a great field of wheat, even if in the midst of darnel. There are always problems, there is gossip, there are wars, there are sicknesses . . . there are problems! But the wheat grows and, in the end, evil will be eliminated. The future doesn't belong to us, but we know that Jesus Christ is the greatest grace of life: it's God's embrace that awaits us at the end, but which already now accompanies and consoles us on the way. He leads us to God's great "tent" with men (Cf. *Revelation* 21:3), with so many other brothers and sisters, and we will bring to God the memory of days lived down here. And it will be beautiful to discover in that instant that nothing was lost, no smile and no tear. Although our life might have been long, it will seem to us that we lived it in a breath. And that Creation was not arrested on the sixth day of Genesis but has continued tirelessly, because God has always been concerned about us. Until the day that everything will be fulfilled, in the morning that tears will be extinguished, in the very instant in which God will pronounce His last word of blessing: "Behold — says the Lord — I make all things new!" (v. 5) Yes, our Father is the God of novelties and surprises. And that day we will be truly happy, and we'll weep. Yes, but we'll weep with joy.