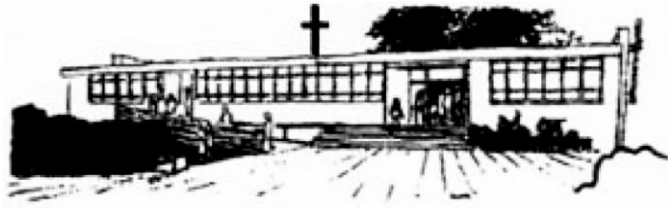


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Please leave a detailed Message

PALM SUNDAY

14th April 2019, Year C/1



LORENZETTI, Pietro, Entry into Jerusalem, 1320

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am
10:00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday-Friday 8:00am

Saturday 8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday after 8:30am Mass

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

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: My God, my God, why have You abandoned me?

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14 - 23:56

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Charles Timmins (Dec. Ann.)

SUNDAY 8:30am

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am **Monday of Holy Week**

Tuesday 8:00am **Tuesday of Holy Week**

Special Intention

Wednesday 8:00am **Wednesday of Holy Week**

Special Intention

Thursday 7.00pm **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Friday 11.00am **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

3.00pm

PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday 7.00pm **HOLY SATURDAY**

EASTER LITURGIES

Holy Thursday – Lord's Day Meal – 7.00pm
Waiting Prayer until Midnight

Good Friday – Stations of the Cross – 11.00am
Passion of the Lord – 3.00pm

Holy Saturday – Mass at 7.00pm
No Morning Mass

Easter Sunday Masses – 8.30am & 10.00am

Reconciliation for Easter – Monday 15th April
9.00am to 12 noon & 5.00pm to 7.30pm

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be Holy Thursday at 7pm
and then Saturday 4th May at 6pm.

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:

Charles Timmins

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 28TH APRIL

Divine Mercy Devotions at 3.00pm

Divine Mercy Novena starts Good Friday after the
Passion of the Lord, on Saturday 20th at 10am and
then after morning Masses.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, John McCahon, Kathryn Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, Katalin Domotor, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Valerie Davis, Raymond Waters, Jason Isbitski, Andrew Isbitski, David Jenkins, Margaret Colville, Gill Waltisbuhl, Robert Waltisbuhl, Cecylia Tobera, Geoffrey Waltis Ophelia Paraan.

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.

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

POPE FRANCIS' APRIL INTENTIONS

Universal – Workers in War Zones

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

SACRAMENTS 2019 – AFTER 10AM MASS

First Communion – Sunday 23rd June

Registration & 1st Session – 28th April

Confirmation – Sunday 3rd November

Registration & 1st Session – 28th July

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$742**
 Loose: \$385.55

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP:

1st & 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm in the Parish Office. All are welcome.

Any questions please ring Jim on 0411 280 950.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month in the Church from 12.30pm to 3pm. All are most welcome. Please contact Delfin on 0478 784 885 with any questions.

BIBLE STUDY

There will be no meetings on 17th or 24th April. We will recommence Wednesday 1st May. All are most welcome. Please bring your Bibles with you.

YOUTH GROUP

Resumes Wednesday 1st May from 3pm to 5pm. Young people from Year 6 to 18 years are most welcome.

PARISH LUNCH:

Held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Our next Lunch will be this Wednesday 8th May at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS

To arrange for a Mass Intention please contact one of the Priests in person. Donations need to be cash as we are unable to process credit cards.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Please return your Project Compassion Boxes. Thank you for your generosity.

WORKING BEE FOR EASTER

Thank you to all who worked so hard to prepare our Church and grounds for Easter.

EASTER TRAINING FOR JUNIOR SERVERS

Thursday 18th April at 10.30am for Holy Thursday and Good Friday

Saturday 20th April at 10.30am for Holy Saturday.

It is important for all Junior Servers to attend.

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION: 14 APRIL

Process with Bishop Vincent from Parramatta Town Hall to St Patrick's Cathedral for a World Youth Day Mass and Event on Palm Sunday. Starting at 5:20pm.

Register at: parracatholic.org/cyp

GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT WALK: 19 APRIL

Join over 1,500 youth and young adults from 10pm on one of two overnight 'routes of reflection' from either Guildford Parish or Blacktown Parish, through five parishes to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.

Registrations are mandatory. More details at: parracatholic.org/cyp

BACH AT ST FINBAR'S ON GOOD FRIDAY

The Candle Light Good Friday service from 7.30pm at St Finbar's, Glenbrook will be a highlight of this year's Lenten Season. Features the music of JS Bach and sacred readings. Robert Ampt will direct the choir as well as perform several Bach works on the organ. RSVP to Judy on 4754 1780.

MT SCHOENSTATT – HOME OF LIGHT

230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa 2745

Discern My Vocation – for young women aged 15-29. Tuesday 23rd April from 10am to 4pm. Free event. RSVP by Wednesday 17th April.

Easter Girls Camp – for girls aged 10-13. Thursday 25th to Saturday 27th April at 7pm. RSVP by Friday 11th April. Contact Sr Luka at 0439 537 843 or email her at srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au for either event.

HOUSE OF WELCOME DONATIONS

Donations of groceries for the refugees can be left at the Parish Office. They need olive oil, tinned tomatoes, Basmati rice, flour, UHT milk, washing and dishwashing liquid, cleaning products, chick peas, tea and coffee.

THE PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 JOURNEY

April/May – National Centre for Pastoral Research collates and analyses all responses. A draft National Report developed with emergent themes for the Plenary Council identified. For updates look up Facebook, YouTube or Twitter.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

"Forgive us our trespasses"

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

After asking God for daily bread, the "Our Father" prayer enters the area of our relations with others. And Jesus teaches us to ask the Father: "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us" (*Matthew 6:12*). Just as we have need of bread so, also, we have need of forgiveness, and this every day.

The Christian who prays asks God, first of all, to forgive his trespasses, namely, his sins, the bad things he does. This is the first truth of every prayer: even if we were perfect persons, even if we were crystalline saints who never deflect from a life of goodness, we always remain children who owe all to the Father.

What is the most dangerous attitude of every Christian life? It's pride. It's the attitude of one who puts himself before God thinking that he always has his accounts with Him in order. The proud person believes he has everything in its place. As that Pharisee of the parable, who thinks of praying in the Temple but in reality praises himself before God: "I thank you, Lord because I'm not like the others." And people who think they are perfect, who criticize others are proud people. Not one of us is perfect, not one. The publican, on the contrary, who was behind, in the Temple, a sinner held in contempt by all, stops on the threshold of the Temple and doesn't feel worthy to enter, and entrusts himself to God's mercy. And Jesus comments: "He, as opposed to the other, went home justified" (*Luke 18:14*), namely, forgiven, saved. Why? — because he wasn't proud; because he acknowledged his limitations and his sins.

There are sins that are seen and sins that aren't seen. There are blatant sins that make noise, but there are also subtle sins, which nest in the heart without our even realizing it. The worst of these is pride, which can infect even persons that live an intense religious life. There was once in a Convent of Sisters, in the years 1600-1700, famous, at the time of Jansenism: they were perfect and it was said of them that they were pure as the angels but proud as the devils. It's an awful thing. Sin divides fraternity; sin makes us presume that we are better than others; sin makes us believe we are similar to God. And, instead, before God, we are all sinners and we have reason to beat our breast, — all of us! as that publican in the Temple. In his First Letter, Saint John writes: "If we say we have

no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (1 *John 1:8*). If you want to deceive yourself, say that you have no sin: so you are deceiving yourself.

We are debtors, first of all, because we have received so much in this life: existence, a father and a mother, friendship, the wonders of Creation . . . Even if it happens to all to go through difficult days, we must always remember that life is a grace, it's a miracle that God extracted from nothing.

In the second place, we are debtors because, even if we succeed in loving, none of us is able to do so with his/her own strength. True love is when we can love, but with God's grace. None of us shines with his/her own light. There is what the ancient theologians called a "*mysterium lunae*" not only in the identity of the Church but also in the history of each one of us. What does this "*mysterium lunae*" mean? That it is like the moon, which does not have its own light: it reflects the light of the sun. We also don't have our own light: the light we have is a reflection of the grace of God, of the light of God. If you love it's because someone, outside of you, smiled at you when you were a child, teaching you to respond with a smile. If you love, it's because someone next to you has awakened you to love, making you understand how the meaning of existence resides in that.

Let us try to listen to the story of a person who has made a mistake: a prisoner, a condemned man, a drug addict . . . we know so many people who make mistakes in life. Without prejudice to the responsibility, which is always personal, you sometimes wonder who must be blamed for his mistakes, if it's only his conscience or a history of hatred and abandonment that someone carries behind him.

And this is the mystery of the moon: we love first of all because we have been loved; we forgive because we have been forgiven. And if the sun's light hasn't illuminated someone, he becomes frozen like the ground in winter.

In the chain of love that precedes us, how can we not also recognize the provident presence of God's love? No one of us loves God as He has loved us. Suffice it to place oneself before a crucifix to understand the disproportion. He has loved us and always loves us first.

Therefore, let's pray: Lord, even the holiest in our midst doesn't cease to be your debtor. O, Father, have mercy on us all!