

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Parish Priest

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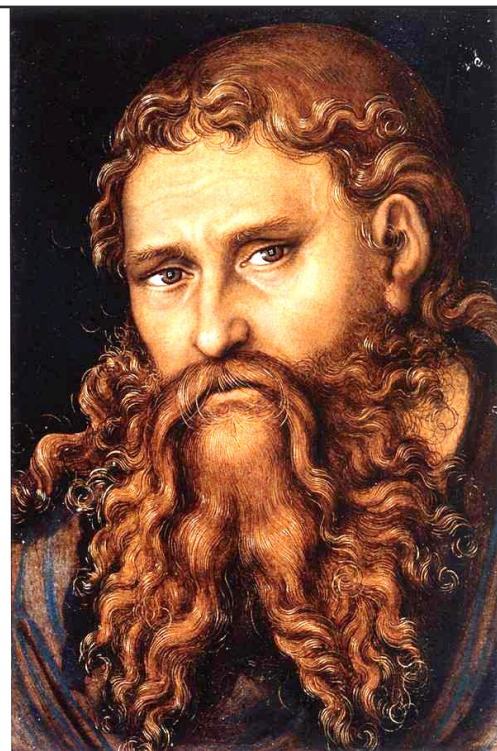
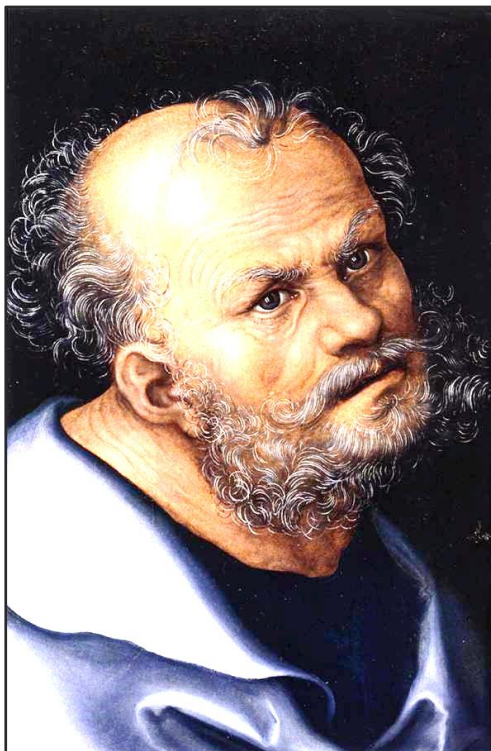
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## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26<sup>th</sup> June 2022, Year C/2



CRANACH, Lucas the Elder, Apostles Peter and Paul, 1515

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

Ms. Jennifer Crowley - Principal

#### School Office Times

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

#### Address

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# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Entrance Antiphon:** All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

**First Reading:** Kings 19:16, 19-21

**Responsorial Psalm:** You are my inheritance, O Lord.

**Second Reading:** Galatians 5:1, 13-18

**Gospel:** Luke 9:51-62

### VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Jozef Ostrowski (Dec. Ann.)
SUNDAY	8:30am		Danny Patos (Birthday Blessings)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	St Cyril of Alexandria	Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	8:00am	St Irenaeus	For the Donor's Intentions (Parish)
Wednesday	8.00am	ST PETER & ST PAUL	Piotr Zawadzki (Rec. Dec.)
Thursday	8.00am	1 <sup>st</sup> Martyrs of Roman Church	Susan John (Dec. Ann.)
Friday	8.00am	Week 13 Ordinary Time	For God's Precious Infants
Saturday	8.30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary	Dec. Mems. of St Vincent de Paul

### MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

### BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2022

**Confirmation:** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November

**Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session:** 31<sup>st</sup> July

Sessions will be after 10am Mass (11.30am)

Children from Year 6 up who have been Baptised and have received their First Communion may participate.

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Piotr Zawadzki

### DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Jozef Ostrowski, Susan John, Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

### POPE FRANCIS' JUNE INTENTIONS

#### Families

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Michael & Marianne Callaghan, Joy Cavanagh, Kevin Collins, Margaret Colville, Katalin Domotor, Marie Donaldson, Frances Gunn, Nora Hehir, Andrew Isbitski, Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Shayla, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Margaretha Sultana, Barbara Thompson, Charley Tonna, Kelly Tonna, David Wakeling, Paul & Mary Woodward.

**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

### CHILDREN'S FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to our children who received the Holy Eucharist for the first time last Sunday:

James Backhouse	Ezekiel Benico
Reuben Boncales	Alex Buhagiar
Emily Buhagiar	James Buhagiar
Liam Buhagiar	Kaiden Collins
Madeleine Donzow	Lachlan Evans
Scarlet Evans	Gabrielle Garan
Anthony Gomes	Harper Hofmeier
Eliza Kenny	Jacob Mayhew
Jake Pirrie	Issac St John
Felicity Wiggins	Thomas Zahra
Selynah Hazama De Guzman	

Please keep our children in your prayers.

**SECOND COLLECTION:**    **Envelopes: \$1642**  
   **Loose:     \$577.75**  
   **Tap & Go: \$150**  
   **Smart Facility: \$110**

### TAP AND GO DONATION FACILITY

At the "Tap and Go" device at the back of the Church, tap once to donate \$10; tap twice to donate \$20 etc. up to \$150. All contributions go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection.

### SMART DONATION FACILITY

At our smart donation device, you can make any specific donation listed on the app or any other amount using your credit/debit card. All donations go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection.

### QR CODE FOR DONATIONS ON PARISH WEBSITE



### BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday in the Parish Hall at 9.15am. All are most welcome.

### CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month from 1.30 to 3.30pm. Ring Delfin on 0478 784 885 for details.

### THE OUTSIDER POPE

**Where is Francis leading our Church?**

7.30pm Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at Novotel, Parramatta. See brochure at back of Church.

### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR PEACE

**Forgive us for war, O Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners! Lord Jesus, born in the shadows of bombs falling on Kyiv, have mercy on us! Lord Jesus, who died in a mother's arms in a bunker in Kharkiv, have mercy on us! Lord Jesus, a 20-year-old sent to the frontlines, have mercy on us! Lord Jesus, who still behold armed hands in the shadow of your Cross, have mercy on us!**

**Forgive us, O Lord. Forgive us, if we are not satisfied with the nails with which we crucified Your hands, as we continue to slate our thirst with the blood of those mauled by weapons.**

**Forgive us, if these hands which You created to tend have been transformed into instruments of death.**

**Forgive us, O Lord, if we continue to kill our brother;**

**Forgive us, if we continue like Cain to pick up the stones of our fields to kill Abel. Forgive us, if we continue to justify our cruelty with our labours, if we legitimize the brutality of our actions with our pain.**

**Forgive us for war, O Lord. Forgive us for war, O Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we implore You! Hold fast the hand of Cain! Illumine our consciences; May our will not be done; Abandon us not to our own actions! Stop us, O Lord, stop us!**

**And when you have held back the hand of Cain, care also for him. He is our brother. O Lord, put a halt to the violence! Stop us, O Lord! Amen.**

### BISHOP VINCENT'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

We have collected \$2078.50 so far. Thank you to those who have given so generously. Our quota is \$3,314 so the Diocesan Appeal Box will remain at the back of the Church for anyone who would like to donate.

### PETER'S PENCE APPEAL

This weekend we have our Peter's Pence Appeal to provide funds to enable Pope Francis to assist the most disadvantaged in emergency situations including war, oppression and disasters. Thank you for your generosity.

### SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Tues. 28<sup>th</sup> June 7pm (90 mins) - Understanding Child Abuse & Reportable Conduct

Thur. 7<sup>th</sup> July (90 mins) - Safeguarding Adults at Risk

Volunteers across the Diocese are asked to participate in this training to ensure our parishes are safe for children and adults at risk.

Please contact the Parish Office for information on the online training.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

**POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE**

**Catechesis on Old Age – Peter & John**

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today we meditate on the dialogue between the risen Jesus and Peter at the end of John's Gospel (21:15-23). It is a moving dialogue, from which shines all the love of Jesus for his disciples, and also the sublime humanity of his relationship with them, in particular with Peter: a tender relationship; direct, strong, free, and open. John's Gospel closes with a poignant request and offer of love between Jesus and Peter, which is intertwined with a discussion between them. The Evangelist alerts us: he is bearing witness to the truth of the facts. And it is in the facts that the truth is to be sought.

Can we see this relationship of Jesus with the disciples, according to his style that is so open, so frank, so direct, so humanly real? How is our relationship with Jesus? Is it like that of the Apostles with Him? Are we very often tempted to enclose the testimony of the Gospel in the cocoon of a 'sugar-coated' revelation, to which is added our own circumstantial veneration? This attitude, which seems respectful, actually distances us from the real Jesus, and even becomes the occasion for a very abstract, very self-referential, very worldly journey of faith, which is not the path of Jesus. Jesus is the Word of God made man. He speaks to us as man, God-man. With this tenderness, Jesus is close to hand, he is near us.

In the course of Jesus' discussion with Peter, we find two passages that deal precisely with *old age and the passage of time*: the time of testimony, the time of life. The first passage is Jesus' warning to Peter: when you were young you were self-sufficient, when you are old you will no longer be so much the master of yourself and your life. With old age you get illnesses and we have to accept them as they come. We don't have the strength of youth! There is a beautiful passage from St Ignatius of Loyola that says: "Just as in life, so also in death we must bear witness as disciples of Jesus." The Evangelist adds his commentary, explaining that Jesus was alluding to the extreme witness, that of martyrdom and death.

The following of Jesus is always going forward, in good or not so good health; self-sufficient, without physical self-sufficiency. But the following of Jesus is important: on your feet, running, going slowly, in a wheelchair... but always following Him. The wisdom of following Jesus must find the way to abide in its profession of faith – thus Peter responds: "Lord, you know that I love you" – even in the limited conditions of weakness and old age. I like talking to the elderly, looking into their eyes: they have those bright eyes, those eyes that speak to you more than words, the witness of a life. And this is beautiful, we must preserve it until the end; to follow Jesus full of life.

This conversation between Jesus and Peter contains a valuable teaching for all disciples, for all of us believers, and also for all the elderly. From our frailty we learn to express the consistency of our witness of life in the conditions of a life largely entrusted to others, largely dependent on the initiative of others. With sickness, with old age, dependence grows and we are no longer as self-dependent as before; and there too faith matures, Jesus is with us, and that richness of the faith well lived on the road of life springs forth.

How do we remain faithful to the lived act of following Jesus, to the promised love, to the justice sought in the time of our capacity for initiative, in the time of the fragility, dependence, of farewell, of moving away from being the protagonist of our lives? It's not easy, is it?

To accept old age reduces you as protagonist. But you will have another way of expressing yourself, another way of participating in the family, in society, in the group of friends.

It is curiosity that comes to Peter: "What about him?" says Peter, seeing the beloved disciple following them. Jesus' answer is frank and even rude: "What does it matter to you? You worry about your own life, about your present situation, and don't stick your nose into the lives of others. You follow me".

It is important to follow Jesus in life and in death, in health and in sickness, in life when it is prosperous with many successes, and in life when it is difficult, in many bad moments of failing. And when we want to insert ourselves into other people's lives, Jesus answers, "What does it matter to you? You follow me." Beautiful.

We old people should not be envious of young people who take their path, who occupy our place, who outlive us. The honour of our faithfulness to sworn love, fidelity to the following of the faith we have believed, even in the conditions that bring them nearer to the end of their life, is our claim to admiration of the generations to come and of grateful recognition from the Lord. Learning to take leave, to say farewell well, carefully, with a smile is the wisdom of the elderly. The life of the elderly is a slow but a joyful farewell: It is beautiful, when an elderly person can say, "I have lived life, I was a sinner but I have also done good." And this peace that comes, this is the farewell of the elder.

Let us look to the elderly, let us look upon them, and let us help them so that they may live and express their wisdom of life, that they may give us what is beautiful and good in them. Let us look at them, let us listen to them. And we elders, let us look at the young with a smile: they will follow the path, they will carry forward what we have sown, even what we have not sown because we have not had the courage or the opportunity: they will carry it forward. But always this relationship.