

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Parish Priest

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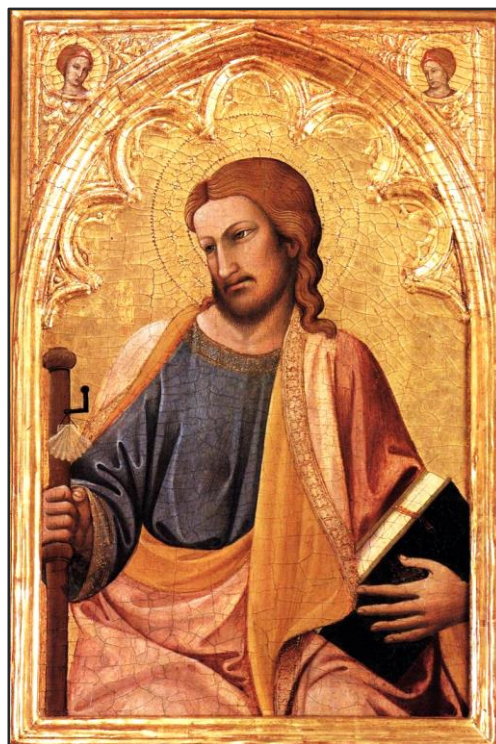
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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24th July 2022, Year C/2



VENEZIANO, Antonia, Apostle James the Great, 1384

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

94 Joseph Street
Kingswood, NSW 2747

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am - 2:00pm and Friday: 9.00am - 1:00pm

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: God is in His holy place, God who unites those who dwell in His house; He Himself gives might and strength to His people.

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, on the day I called for help, You answered me.

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Peter & Najah Andary (Birthdays)
SUNDAY	8:30am		Herman Mulder (Dec. Ann.)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	ST JAMES	For the Victims of War
Tuesday	8:00am	St Joachim & St Anne	Maggie (Birthday Blessings)
Wednesday	8.00am	18th Week in Ordinary Time	For the Victims of War
Thursday	8.00am	18th Week in Ordinary Time	Antigoni Prazak (Dec. Ann.)
Friday	8.00am	Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus	For the Victims of War
Saturday	8.30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary	

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to one of the Priests or contact the Parish Office.

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Herman Mulder, Antigoni Prazak

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2022

Confirmation: Sunday 6th November

Registration & Test: 31st 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.

POPE FRANCIS' JULY INTENTIONS

The Elderly

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

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, Fr. Dominic Jalocha OP, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahan, 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.

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PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$732**
 Loose: \$365.95
 Tap & Go: \$260
 Smart Facility: \$140

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 2nd 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 2nd 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

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

WESTERN DEANERY YOUNG ADULTS

Meeting at 7pm on Friday 29th July at St Joseph's, Kingswood. Dinner is provided. All young people over 18 up to 35 are most welcome. See flyer to RSVP.

MEN'S BARBEQUE

Saturday 30th July after the 6pm Mass. All over 18 are most welcome. Please bring a salad or a dessert to share. Any questions ring Andrew on 0420 581 427.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

It is mandatory for all Volunteers in Religious Organisations to participate in this training. Please see the leaflet at the back of the Church for details on how to do the training online. Ring the Office for face-to-face modules at other Parishes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Parish Finance Committee is seeking assistance to explore grant application opportunities for the Parish.

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 \$2249.10. Our quota is \$3,314. The balance of \$1314.90 will be taken from Parish funds if we do not reach the quota. The Diocesan Appeal Box will remain at the back of the Church for anyone who would like to donate. Thank you to those who have given so generously.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday 30th July from 10am to 3pm at Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Cost is \$80, which includes Morning Tea and Lunch. Contact Lisa at lisabright@synodalconsulting.com or ring her on 0419 418 547 for information and bookings.

ADULT CONFIRMATION 2022

Thursday 1st September at 7.30pm at St Patrick's

On Saturday 20th August from 9.30am to 2pm the Office for Worship will host a Formation Day for those interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year at Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. Please ring the Parish Office by Tuesday 26th July for information.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' ANGELUS

17th July 2022

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

The Gospel of last Sunday's Liturgy presents us with a lively domestic scene with Martha and Mary, two sisters who extend their hospitality to Jesus in their home (cf. *Lk* 10:38-42). Martha immediately sets about welcoming the guests, whereas Mary sits at Jesus' feet to listen to him. Then Martha turns to the Master and asks him to tell Mary to help her. Martha's complaint does not seem out of place; indeed, we would tend to agree with her. Yet Jesus answers her: "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her" (*Lk* 10:41-42). This is a surprising answer. But Jesus overturns our way of thinking many times. So, let us ask ourselves why the Lord, while appreciating Martha's generous care, says that Mary's behaviour is to be preferred.

Martha's "philosophy" seems to be this: first duty, then pleasure. In effect, hospitality is not composed of fine words, but demands that you put your hand to the stove, that everything necessary is done so the guest feels welcome. Jesus is well aware of this. And indeed, he acknowledges Martha's effort. However, he wants to make her understand that there is a new order of priorities, different from the one she had followed until then. Mary had intuited that there is a "better part" that must be accorded first place. Everything else comes after, like a stream flowing from the source. And so we wonder: what is this "better part"? It is listening to Jesus' words. The Gospel says Mary "sat at Jesus' feet and *listened to what he was saying*" (v. 39). Note: she did not listen while standing, doing other things, but she sat at Jesus' feet. She understood that he is not like other guests. At first sight it seems that he has come to receive, because he needs food and lodging, but in reality, the Master came to give himself to us through his word.

The word of Jesus is not abstract; it is a teaching that touches and shapes our life, changes it, frees it from the opaqueness of evil, satisfies and infuses it with a joy that does not pass: Jesus' word is the *better part*, that Mary had chosen. Therefore, she gives it first place: *she stops and listens*. The rest will come after. This does not detract from the value of practical effort, but it must not precede, but rather flow from listening to the word of Jesus. It must be enlivened by his Spirit.

Otherwise, it is reduced to fussing and fretting over many things, it is reduced to sterile activism.

Brothers and sisters, let us take advantage of this summer vacation time to stop and listen to Jesus. Nowadays it is increasingly difficult to find free time to meditate. For many people the rhythm of life is frenetic and wearisome. Summertime can be valuable also for opening the Gospel and reading it slowly, without haste, a passage each day, a short passage from the Gospel. And this lets us enter into this dynamic of Jesus. Let us allow ourselves to be challenged by those pages, asking ourselves how our life, my life, is going, if it is in line with what Jesus says, or not so much. In particular, let us ask ourselves: When I start my day, do I throw myself headlong into the things to be done, or do I first seek inspiration in the Word of God? At times we begin the day automatically, we start doing things ... like hens. We must start the day by first of all looking to the Lord, taking his Word, briefly, but let this be the inspiration for the day. If we leave the house in the morning keeping a word of Jesus in mind, the day will surely acquire a tone marked by that word, which has the power to orient our actions according to the wishes of the Lord.

May the Virgin Mary teach us to choose the *better part*, which will never be taken from us.

After the Angelus, the Holy Father continued:

Dear brothers and sisters!

Yesterday in Ellwangen, Germany, Johann Philipp Jenigen was beatified. A priest of the Society of Jesus, he lived in Germany in the second half of the seventeenth century and exercised his ministry among the rural populations of the Duchy of Württemberg. A tireless preacher of the Gospel, he reached people of every social class, inspired by a great apostolic spirit and a special Marian devotion. May the example of this priest help us to feel the joy of sharing the Gospel with our brothers. A round of applause for the new Blessed!

And I am always close to the martyred Ukrainian population, struck every day by a hail of missiles. How can one fail to understand that war only creates destruction and death, driving peoples apart, killing truth and dialogue? I pray and hope that all the international actors will truly work to resume negotiations, not to fuel the senselessness of war. I wish you all a blessed Sunday and please do not forget to pray for me.