

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

31st July 2022, Year C/2



The Perugia Altarpiece, Side Panel Depicting St. Dominic

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

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Responsorial Psalm: In every age, O Lord, You have been our refuge.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		For the Victims of War
SUNDAY	8:30am		For the Victims of War
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	St Alphonsus Liguori	Ethan Bobins (Success in Exams)
Tuesday	8:00am	Bl Jane of Aza	Gill Waltisbuhl (Dec. Ann.)
Wednesday	8.00am	HOLY FATHER DOMINIC	Irene Baniuzka Anjela & Frank Barglik (Deceased Ann.)
Thursday	8.00am	St John Vianney	Ethan Bobins (Success in Exams)
Friday	8.00am	Dedication of Mary Major Basilica	For God's Precious Infants
Saturday	8.30am	TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	Dec. Mem. of St Vincent de Paul

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

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

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2022

Confirmation: Sunday 6th November

Registration & Test: This Sunday 31st July 11.30am
Children from Year 6 up who have been Baptised and have received their First Communion may participate. Those who received First Communion this year are asked to wait until next year for Confirmation.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jonni Dallat, Margaret Kitson

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Gill Waltisbuhl, Irene Baniuzka Anjela & Frank Barglik, Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

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 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.

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PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$605**
 Loose: \$346.40
 Tap & Go: \$180
 Smart Facility: \$131.22

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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

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

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.

42.195KM MARATHON FOR VINNIES

Fr Pawel is running on 18th September 2022 to raise much needed funds for Vinnies. To support him or for any information please speak to Fr Pawel directly or use the QR code on the leaflet on the door of the 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 slake 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

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.

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.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 & LAUNCH

Parramatta Diocese's official pilgrimage to the 16th International World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal is in August 2023. It will take place over 22 days from 21st July to 11th August 2023 and will include visits to France, Spain and Portugal before a time of retreat in Assisi, Italy.

Official Launch is 18th August – See Flyer

To register for the launch event and to express your interest in WYD visit parrawy.org

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GRANDPARENTS DAY MESSAGE
24th July 2022

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

"In old age they will still bear fruit" (Ps 92:15). These words of the Psalmist are glad tidings, a true "gospel" that we can proclaim to all on this second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. They run counter to what the world thinks about this stage of life, but also to the attitude of grim resignation shown by some of us elderly people, who harbour few expectations for the future.

Many people are afraid of old age. They consider it a sort of disease with which any contact is best avoided. The elderly, they think, are none of their concern and should be set apart, perhaps in homes or places where they can be cared for, lest we have to deal with their problems. This is the mindset of the "throw-away culture", which leads us to think that we are somehow different from the poor and vulnerable in our midst, untouched by their frailties and separated from "them" and their troubles. The Scriptures see things differently. A long life – so the Bible teaches – is a blessing, and the elderly are not outcasts to be shunned but living signs of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance. Blessed is the house where an older person lives! Blessed is the family that honours the elderly!

Old age is not a time of life easily understood even by those of us who are already experiencing it. Even though it eventually comes with the passage of time, no one prepares us for old age, and at times it seems to take us by surprise. On the one hand, we are tempted to ward off old age by hiding our wrinkles and pretending to be forever young, while on the other, we imagine that the only thing we can do is bide our time, thinking glumly that we cannot "still bring forth fruit".

Psalm 71 meditates on how the Lord has been present at every stage of our lives – urges us to persevere in hope. Along with old age and white hairs, God continues to give us the gift of life and to keep us from being overcome by evil. If we trust in him, we will find the strength to praise him still (cf. vv. 14-20). We will come to see that growing old is more than the natural decline of the body or the inevitable passage of time, but the gift of a long life. Aging is not a condemnation, but a blessing!

We ought to take care of ourselves and remain active in our later years. This is also true from a spiritual standpoint: we ought to cultivate our interior life through the assiduous reading of the word of God, daily prayer, reception of the sacraments and participation in the liturgy. In addition to our relationship with God, we should also cultivate our relationships with others: first of all by showing affectionate concern for our families, our children and grandchildren, but also for the poor

and those who suffer, by drawing near to them with practical assistance and our prayers. Like "green olive trees in the house of God" (cf. Ps 52:10), we can become a blessing for those who live next to us.

Old age is no time to give up and lower the sails, but a season of enduring fruitfulness: a new mission awaits us and bids us look to the future. I encourage you, dear grandparents and elderly persons, to take an active role.

We need a profound change, a conversion, that disarms hearts and leads us to see others as our brothers or sisters. We grandparents and elderly people have a great responsibility: to teach the women and men of our time to regard others with the same understanding and loving gaze with which we regard our own grandchildren. We ourselves have grown in humanity by caring for others, and now we can be teachers of a way of life that is peaceful and attentive to those in greatest need. This attitude may be mistaken for weakness or resignation, yet it will be the meek, not the aggressive and the abusive, who will inherit the earth (cf. Mt 5:5).

"Our grandparents held us in their arms and carried us on their knees"; now is the time for us to carry on our own knees – with practical assistance or with prayer alone – our grandchildren and the many frightened grandchildren whom we have not yet met and who may be fleeing from war or suffering its effects.

Dear grandparents, dear elderly persons, we are called to be artisans of the *revolution of tenderness* in our world! Let us do so by learning to make ever more frequent and better use of the most valuable instrument at our disposal and, indeed, the one best suited to our age: prayer. "Let us too become, as it were, poets of prayer: let us develop a taste for finding our own words, let us once again take up those taught by the word of God". Our trustful prayer can do a great deal: it can accompany the cry of pain of those who suffer, and it can help change hearts. We can be "the enduring 'chorus' of a great spiritual sanctuary, where prayers of supplication and songs of praise sustain the community that toils and struggles in the field of life".

The World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is an opportunity to proclaim once more, with joy, that the Church wants to celebrate together with all those whom the Lord has "filled with days". Let us celebrate it together! Visiting the elderly who live alone is a work of mercy in our time!

Let us ask Our Lady, Mother of Tender Love, to make all of us artisans of the *revolution of tenderness*, so that together we can set the world free from the spectre of loneliness and the demon of war.

To all of you, and to your loved ones, I send my blessing and the assurance of my closeness and affection. And I ask you, please, not to forget to pray for me!