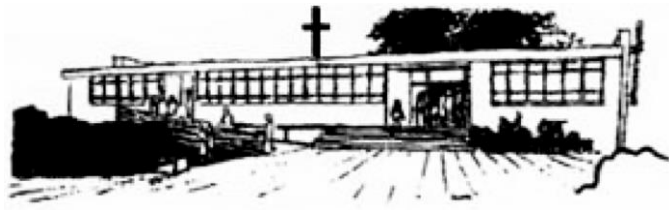


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14th August 2022, Year C/2



ANGELICO, Fra, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1432

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: Turn Your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of Your anointed one;
One day within Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, come to my aid!

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Klemens Blazek & Jozefina
Zelazowski (Dec. Ann.)

SUNDAY 8:30am

Victims of War

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am ASSUMPTION OF BL VIRGIN MARY Justina Asisclo Toledo (Dec. Ann.)
7:00pm ASSUMPTION OF BL VIRGIN MARY For the Parish

Tuesday 8:00am 20th Week in Ordinary Time Victims of War

Wednesday 8:00am ST HYACINTH OF POLAND Feliza Perfecto Nueles Daton (D.A.)

Thursday 8:00am Bl Mannes Victims of War

Friday 8:00am 20th Week in Ordinary Time Adriano & Celerina Reyes (D.A.)

Saturday 8:30am St Bernard Piotr & Klemens Blazek (Dec. Ann.)

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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Available for an hour before 8am Masses during the week and before 8.30am Masses on the weekends.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2022

Confirmation: Sunday 6th November

Sessions: Sundays at 11.30am

ASSUMPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This is a Holy Day of Obligation

Masses times on Monday 15th August are:

8.00am & 7.00pm

School Mass – 9.30am

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jonni Dallat,
Vicki Kirk, Margaret Kitson, Bert Meybaum

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Kelemns Blazek & Jozefina Zelazowski, Justina
Asisclo Toledo, Feliza Perfecto Nueles Daton,
Adriano & Celerina Reyes, Piotr Blazek

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.

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

POPE FRANCIS' AUGUST INTENTIONS

Small Businesses

We pray for small and medium-sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$677
Loose: \$325
Tap & Go: \$240
Smart Facility: \$110
Donations: \$55

TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITY

All donations from both 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.

LADIES' AFTERNOON TEA

All past and present female volunteers of St Joseph's are invited to our Afternoon Teas at 3pm on Saturday of the 13th and 27th August in the Parish Centre. We will discuss further get-togethers at these meetings.

YOUNG ADULTS MEETING

Friday 26th August at 6.45 in the Parish Hall. All between 18 and 35 are most welcome.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Our current Parish Council Members will serve for another year but there will be elections for three additional members. Registration Forms are at the back of the Church. Please return forms to one of the Priests or to the Office by 4th September.

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.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

We have a collection this weekend for the Catholic Mission to establish a Centre to provide nutritious goat's milk for families in need in Ethiopia. Thank you for your generosity.

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

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

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

2pm on Sunday 21st August at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys. Celebrant is Fr Brian Steel MGL.

CAMPION COLLEGE MASQUERADE BALL

At Campion College, Toongabbie on 10th September 2022. See Flyer at the back of the Church.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 & LAUNCH

World Youth Day is in Portugal in August 2023.

Official Launch is 18th August – See Flyer

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

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

"I go to prepare a place for you" – Old Age

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

We are now at the last catechesis dedicated to old age. Today we enter into the moving intimacy of Jesus' farewell to his followers, amply recounted in the Gospel of John. The parting discourse begins with words of consolation and promise: "Let not your hearts be troubled" (Jn 14:1). "When I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also" (14:3). They are beautiful, these words of the Lord.

Shortly beforehand, Jesus had said to Peter, "You shall follow afterward" (13:36), reminding him of the passage through the fragility of his faith. The time of life that remains to the disciples will be, inevitably, a passage through the fragility of witness and through the challenges of brotherhood. But it will also be a passage through the exciting blessings of faith: "He who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these he will do" (14:12). Think what a promise this is! I do not know if we think of it fully, if we believe in it fully! I don't know, at times I think not.

Old age is the fitting time for the moving and joyful witness of expectation. The elderly man and woman are waiting for an encounter. In old age the works of faith, which bring us and others closer to the Kingdom of God, are by now beyond the power of the energy, words, and impulses of youth and maturity. But precisely in this way they make the promise of the true destination of life even more transparent. And what is the true destination of life? A place at the table with God, in the world of God. It would be interesting to see whether in the local Churches there is any specific reference intended to revitalize this special ministry of awaiting the Lord; encouraging individual charisms and community qualities of the elderly person.

An old age that is consumed in the dejection of missed opportunities brings despondency to oneself and to others. Instead, old age lived with gentleness, lived with respect for real life, dissolves the misconception of a Church that adapts to the worldly condition, thinking that by so doing it can definitively govern its perfection and fulfilment. When we free ourselves from this presumption, the time of aging that God grants us is already in itself one of those "greater" works Jesus speaks of. In effect, it is a task that Jesus was not given to fulfil: his death, his resurrection and his ascent to heaven made it possible for us! Let us remember that "time is superior to space". It is the law of initiation. Our life is not made to be wrapped up in itself, in an imaginary earthly perfection: it is destined to go beyond, through the passage of death – because death is a passage. Our

destination is not here, it is beside the Lord, where he dwells forever.

Here, on earth, the process of our "novitiate" begins: we are apprentices of life, who – amid a thousand difficulties – learn to appreciate God's gift, honouring the responsibility of sharing it and making it bear fruit for everyone. The time of life on earth is the grace of this passage. The conceit of stopping time – of wanting eternal youth, unlimited wellbeing, absolute power – is not only impossible, it is delusional.

Our existence on earth is the time of the initiation of life: but one that leads you towards a fuller life, the initiation of the fuller one; a life which finds fulfilment only in God. We are imperfect from the very beginning, and we remain imperfect up to the end. In the fulfilment of God's promise, the relationship is inverted: the space of God, which Jesus prepares for us with the utmost care, is superior to the time of our mortal life. Hence: old age brings closer the hope of this fulfilment. Old age knows the meaning of time and the limitations of the place in which we live our initiation. The elderly are wise for this reason. This is why it is credible when it invites us to rejoice in the passing of time: it is not a threat, it is a promise. Old age is noble, it does not need to beautify itself to show its nobility. Perhaps the disguise comes when nobility is lacking. Old age is credible when it invites one to rejoice in the passing of time: but time passes ... Yes, but this is not a threat, it is a promise. The old age that rediscovers the depth of the gaze of faith is not conservative by nature, as they say! God's world is an infinite space, in which the passage of time no longer carries any weight. And it was precisely at the Last Supper that Jesus projected himself towards this goal, when he said to his disciples: "I tell you I shall not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom" (Mt 26:29). He went beyond. In our preaching, Paradise is often rightly full of beatitude, of light, of love. Perhaps it lacks a little life. Jesus, in the parables, spoke of the kingdom of God by putting more life into it. Are we no longer capable of this? The life that continues...

Dear brothers and sisters, old age, lived in the expectation of the Lord, can become the fulfilled "apologia" of faith, which gives grounds, for everyone, for our hope for all (cf. 1 Pt 3:15). Because old age renders Jesus' promise transparent, projecting towards the Holy City of which the Book of Revelation speaks (chapters 21-22). Old age is the phase in life most suited to spreading the joyful news that life is the initiation to a final fulfilment. The elderly are a promise, a witness of promise. And *the best is yet to come*. The best is yet to come: it is like the message of elderly believers, the best is yet to come. May God grant us all an old age capable of this! Thank you.