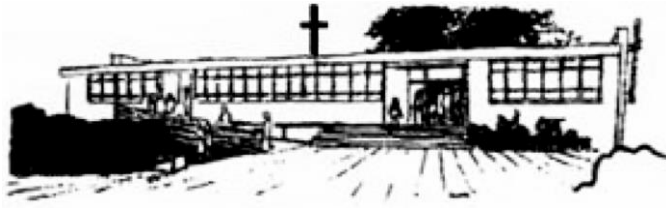


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

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Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21st August 2022, Year C/2



ANGELICO, Fra, Coronation of the Virgin, 1434-35

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 ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in You, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long.

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Responsorial Psalm: Go out to all the world; and tell the Good News.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Victims of War
SUNDAY	8:30am		Antonia & Domingo Santiago (DA)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	Queenship of Bl Virgin Mary	Victims of War
Tuesday	8:00am	St Rose Flores of Lima	Lila Hulme (Deceased Anniversary)
Wednesday	8.00am	ST BARTHOLOMEW	Benita Azores (Deceased Ann.)
Thursday	8.00am	21 st Week in Ordinary Time	Victims of War
Friday	8.00am	21 st Week in Ordinary Time	Beato Felino Toledo (Dec. Ann.)
Saturday	8.30am	St Monica	Victims of War

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jonni Dallat, Bert Meybaum, Vicki Kirk, Emma Mudie, Margaret Kitson

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Antonia & Domingo Santiago, Lila Hulme, Benita Azores, Beato Justiniano Felino Toledo

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.

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$767**
 Loose: \$390.55
 Tap & Go: \$150
 Smart Facility: \$137

TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

All contributions 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 Afternoon Tea at 2.30pm on Saturday 27th August in the Parish Centre. We will discuss further get-togethers at this meeting.

YOUNG ADULTS MEETING

This Friday 26th August at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Dinner is provided. All over 18 and under 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. Donations so far are \$2,102.50. Thank you to our donors for their generosity.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

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

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.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

We collected \$936 for the Catholic Mission. Thank you for your generosity.

BISHP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

This Appeal for Retired and Sick Priests will be taken up the weekend of 3rd/4th September. It raises much needed funds for our Diocese's Clergy Support Foundation, which currently cares for 21 retired clergy and those who are unwell in our Diocese.

CAMPION COLLEGE MASQUERADE BALL

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

FAMILY EVENING

Saturday 24th September 2022 at Don Bosco Youth & Recreation Centre, 10 Mamre Road, St Marys. Starts at 7pm with a shared Potluck Dinner, then a talk by Dr Marie Terese Gibson and finishes with a play time for the children. RSVP by 31st August. See Flyers at the back of the Church for more information.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

"The Ancient of Days" 17th August 2022

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Daniel's dream of the glorious vision of God is picked up at the beginning of the Book of Revelation in reference to the Risen Jesus, who appears to the Seer as Messiah, Priest and King, eternal, omniscient and unchanging (1:12-15). He lays his hand on the shoulder of the Seer and reassures him, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold, I am alive forevermore" (vv. 17-18). Thus disappears the last barrier of fear and anguish that a *theophany* has always provoked. The Living One reassures us, he gives us security. He too died, but now occupies the place destined for him – the First and the Last place.

In this intertwining of symbols there is an aspect that perhaps might help us better understand the connection of this *theophany*, this apparition of God, with the cycle of life, historical time, the lordship of God over the created world. And this aspect is specifically connected with old age. How is it connected? Let's see.

The vision communicates an impression of vigour and strength, of nobility, of beauty and charm. His clothing, his eyes, his voice, his feet – everything is glorious in this vision: it is all about a vision! His hair, however, is white – like wool, like snow – like the hair of an old man. Snow-white hair is an ancient symbol of a very long time. The image of a God, who is watching over everything with snow-white hair, is not a silly symbol, it is a biblical image, it is a noble image, even a tender image. The Figure in Revelation that stands amidst the golden lampstands overlaps that of the "Ancient of days" in Daniel's prophecy. He is as old as all of humanity, but even older. He is as ancient and new as the eternity of God. For the eternity of God is like this, ancient and new, because God surprises us with his newness, he always comes to meet us every day in a special way for us, in that moment. He is always renewing himself: God is eternal.

In the Eastern Churches, the Feast of the Meeting with the Lord, celebrated on 2 February, is one of the twelve great feasts of the liturgical year. This feast places emphasis on the meeting of Jesus with the old man Simeon in the Temple, it places emphasis on the meeting between humanity, represented by the watchman Simeon, and Anna, with the little Lord Christ, the eternal Son of God, made man.

In the Byzantine liturgy, the Bishop prays with Simeon: "He is the child born of the Virgin. He is the Word and God of God, the One, who for our sake was incarnate and saved man." And it continues, "The door of heaven is opened today: the eternal Word of the Father, having assumed a temporal nature, without

giving up his divinity, is presented by his will in the temple under the Law by the Virgin Mary, and the watchman takes him in his arms". These words express the profession of faith from the first four Ecumenical Councils, which are sacred for all the Churches. But Simeon's action is also the *most beautiful icon for the special vocation of old age*. Looking at Simeon, we behold the most beautiful icon of old age – to present the children who come into the world as an uninterrupted gift to God, knowing that one of them is the Son generated within God's own intimacy, before all the ages.

Old age must accomplish this gesture performed by Simeon and Anna, before taking its leave. *Old age must bear witness to children that they are a blessing* – for me this is the core, the most central aspect of old age. This witness consists in their initiation – beautiful and difficult – into the mystery of our destination in life that no one can annihilate, not even death. To bring the witness of faith before a child is to sow that life. To bear the witness of humanity too, and of faith, is the vocation of the elderly.

The witness of the elderly is *credible to children*. Young people and adults are not capable of bearing witness in such an authentic, tender, poignant way, as elderly people can. It is irresistible when an old person blesses life as it comes their way, laying aside any resentment for life as it goes away. There is that joy of good wine, of wine that has aged well with the years. The witness of the elderly unites the generations of life; they are the present as well as the promise. Humanity is ancient if we consider time measured by the clock. But the Son of God, who was born of a woman, is the First and the Last for every time. This means that no one falls outside of his eternal generation, outside of his glorious might, outside of his loving proximity.

The alliance between the elderly and children will save the human family. There is a future where children, where young people speak with the elderly. If this dialogue does not take place between the elderly and the young, the future cannot be clearly seen. Can we please give back to children the tender witness of the elderly who possess the wisdom of dying? Will this humanity be able to retrieve the grace of an old age that holds firmly to *the horizon of our destination*? Death is certainly a difficult passage from life for all of us. But death is also a passage that concludes the time of uncertainty and throws away the clock. For the beautiful part of life, which has no more deadlines, begins precisely then. But it begins from the wisdom of that man and that woman, the elderly, who are capable of bearing witness to the young. May the elderly have the joy of speaking, of expressing themselves with the young, and may the young seek out the elderly to receive the wisdom of life from them.