

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28th August 2022, Year C/2



ANGELICO, Fra, Annalena Altarpiece, 1430

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: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long.
O Lord, You are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call on You.

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

Responsorial Psalm: God, in Your goodness, You have made a home for the poor.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Bill Eades (Deceased Anniversary)
SUNDAY	8:30am		Victims of War
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	Passion of St John the Baptist	Victims of War
Tuesday	8:00am	22nd Week in Ordinary Time	Jonni Dallat (Recently Deceased)
Wednesday	8.00am	22nd Week in Ordinary Time	Victims of War
Thursday	8.00am	22nd Week in Ordinary Time	Denis Woodward (Deceased Ann.)
Friday	8.00am	22nd Week in Ordinary Time	For God's Precious Infants
Saturday	8.30am	St Gregory the Great	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.

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: Fr. Dominic Jalocho OP, Jonni Dallat, Bert Meybaum, Vicki Kirk, Emma Mudie, Margaret Kitson, Peter Young, Andrew Fong

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Bill Eades, Denis Woodward, Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

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, 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: \$670**
 Loose: \$262.95
 Tap & Go: \$270
 Smart Facility: \$170

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

Saturday 10th September at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre. We will discuss further get-togethers at this meeting.

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 \$2,575. Thank you to our donors for their generosity.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

This years' Social Justice Statement "Confronting Violence and Abuse", explores the roots of violence and abuse, honours the voice of the victims and invites us to develop relationships 'marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control.'

Access to the Statement at: <https://bit.ly/S22-23>

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'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

This Appeal for Retired and Sick Priests will be taken up next weekend 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. RSVP by 31st August. See Flyers at the back of the Church for more information.

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.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

The Labour Pains of Creation – 24th August 2022

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

We recently celebrated the Assumption into heaven of the Mother of Jesus. This mystery illuminates the fulfilment of the grace that shaped Mary's destiny, and it also illuminates our destination. The destination is heaven. With this image of the Virgin assumed into heaven, I would like to conclude the cycle of catecheses on old age.

Theology has always reflected on the relationship of this singular 'assumption' with death, which the dogma does not define. I think it would be even more important to make explicit the relationship of this mystery with the resurrection of the Son, which opens the way for the generation of life for us all. In the divine act of reuniting Mary with the Risen Christ, the normal bodily corruption of human death is not simply transcended, the bodily assumption of the life of God is anticipated. In fact, the destiny of the resurrection that pertains to us is anticipated: because, according to Christian faith, the Risen One is the firstborn of many brothers and sisters. The Risen Lord is the one who went first, who rose first, in the first place; then we will go, but this is our destiny: to rise again.

Jesus' words to Nicodemus state that it is a little like a second birth (cf. *Jn* 3:3-8). If the first was a birth on earth, this second is a birth in heaven. The Apostle Paul speaks of the pains of childbirth (cf. *Rom* 8:22). Just as, in the moment we come out of our mother's womb, we are still ourselves, the same human being that was in the womb; so, after death, we are born to heaven, to God's space, and we are still ourselves, who walked on this earth. Jesus the Risen One is still Jesus: he does not lose his humanity, his experience, or his corporality, because without it he would no longer be himself, he would not be Jesus.

The experience of the disciples, to whom he appears for forty days after his resurrection, tells us this. The Lord shows them the wounds that sealed his sacrifice; they are now the indelible proof of his faithful love to the very end. The risen Jesus with his body lives in the Trinitarian intimacy of God! And in it he does not lose his memory, abandon his history or dissolve the relationships he lived on earth. To his friends he promised: 'And if 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' (*Jn* 14:3). And he will come, not only will he come at the end for everyone, he will come each time for each one of us. He will come to seek us out to bring us to him. In this sense, death is a kind of step toward the encounter with Jesus who is waiting for me to bring me to him.

The Risen One lives in God's world, where there is a place for everyone, where a new earth is being formed, and the heavenly city, man's final dwelling place, is being built. We cannot imagine this transfiguration of our mortal corporality, but we are certain that it will keep our faces recognizable and allow us to remain human in God's heaven. It will allow us to participate, with sublime emotion, in the infinite and blissful exuberance of God's creative act, whose endless adventures we will experience first-hand.

When Jesus speaks of the Kingdom of God, he describes it as a wedding feast; as a party; as the work that makes the house perfect, and the surprise that makes the harvest richer than the sowing. Taking seriously the Gospel words about the Kingdom enables us to enjoy God's creative love and puts us in tune with the unprecedented destination of the life we sow. In our old age, my dear contemporaries, the importance of the many 'details' of which life is made — a caress, a smile, a gesture, an appreciated effort, an unexpected surprise, a hospitable cheerfulness, a faithful bond — becomes more acute. The essentials of life, which we hold most dear as we approach our farewell, become definitively clear to us. This wisdom of old age is the place of our gestation, which illuminates the lives of children, of young people, of adults, of the entire community. We, the elderly should be light for others. Our whole life appears like a seed that will have to be buried so that its flower and its fruit can be born. It will be born, along with everything else in the world. Not without labour pains, but it will be born (cf. *Jn* 16:21-23). The risen body will be a hundred and a thousand times more alive than we have tasted it on this earth (cf. *Mk* 10:28-31).

Dear brothers and sisters, the Risen Lord, not by chance, while waiting for the Apostles by the lake, roasts some fish (cf. *Jn* 21:9) and then offers it to them. This gesture of caring love gives us a glimpse of what awaits us as we cross to the other shore. Yes, dear brothers and sisters, especially you elderly, the best of life is yet to come. Let us hope for this fulness of life that awaits us all, when the Lord calls us. May the Mother of the Lord and our Mother, who has preceded us to heaven, restore to us the eager anticipation of expectation, because it is not a bored expectation, no, it is an expectation with eager anticipation, it is an expectation: 'When will my Lord come? When will I be able to go there?' A little bit of fear, because I don't know what this passage means, and passing through that door causes a little fear — but there is always the hand of the Lord that carries us forward, and beyond the door there is the party.

Let us be attentive, dear old people, contemporaries, let us be attentive. He is expecting us. Just one passage, and then the party.

Thank you.