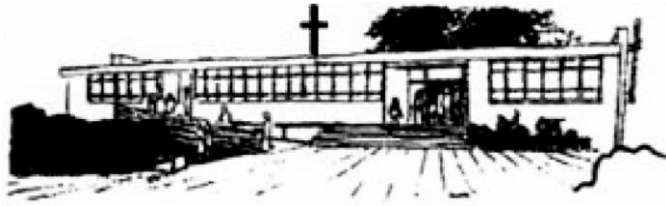


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4th September 2022, Year C/2



ANGELICO, Fra, Virgin Mary Annunciate, 1431-33

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: You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right;
treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

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

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

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 Teresa of Calcutta	Lila Hulme (Deceased Ann.)
Tuesday	8:00am	Bl Michael Czartorysky & Julia Syanislava Rodzininska	Bert Meybaum (Recently Dec.)
Wednesday	8.00am	23 rd Week in Ordinary Time	Mario Joseph John (Birthday)
Thursday	8.00am	NATIVITY OF BL VIRGIN MARY	Angele Ghougassian (Dec. Ann.)
Friday	8.00am	23 rd Week in Ordinary Time	Vicki Kirk (Recently Dec.)
Saturday	8.30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary	Emma Mudie (Recently Dec.)

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. Dominik Jalocha OP, Bert Meybaum, Vicki Kirk, Emma Mudie, Margaret Kitson, Peter Young, Andrew Fong

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Lila Hulme, Angele Ghougassian

POPE FRANCIS' SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS

The Abolition of the Death Penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Michael & Marianne Callaghan, Joy Cavanagh, Kevin Collins, Margaret Colville, Marie Donaldson, Frances Gunn, Nora Hehir, Andrew Isbitski, Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, Gina Koloc, 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: (Due to privacy laws) if you have anyone for the sick list, 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

*Happy Father's Day to all our Fathers.
May the Lord bless you and keep you always in His love and care.
Fr Andrew, Fr Pawel & Fr Piotr*

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$647
 Loose: \$294.10
 Tap & Go: \$180
 Smart Facility: \$190

TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

All contributions go to the 2nd Collection.

QR CODE FOR DONATIONS ON PARISH WEBSITE



BIBLE STUDY

No Bible Study this coming Wednesday. We will resume the following Wednesday at 9.15am.

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. All volunteers are most welcome.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

This weekend is the last opportunity to return the Nomination Forms. Please return your form to one of the Priests.

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 \$2575. Thank you.

FR DOMINIK JALOCHA OP R.I.P.



Rosary
Wednesday 7th at 7pm



Funeral Mass
Thursday 8th at 12noon

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

The Bishop's Appeal for Retired and Sick Priests will be taken up this weekend to 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. Please give generously at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

It is mandatory for all Volunteers in Religious Organisations to participate in this training.

Please see the leaflet inside your Parish Bulletin.

MEMORABLE MELODIES

A Concert of Delightful Music for Voice, Violin and Organ at 2pm Sunday 23rd October 2022 at St Finbars Catholic Church, Glenbrook. Entry \$15/\$10.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

Mercy Gives Dignity – 31st August 2022

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

In Matthew 9:20-22 the woman whom Jesus healed of a haemorrhage stands out because of her faith and courage. Passing through the crowd, she approaches Jesus from behind in order to touch the hem of his garment. "For she said to herself: 'If I only touch his garment, I shall be made well'" (v. 21). What great faith this woman had! She reasons in such a way because she is enlivened by a great deal of faith and a great deal of hope and, with a bit of cleverness, she attains what is in her heart. The desire to be saved by Jesus is so great that it moves her to go beyond the rules laid down by the law of Moses. This poor woman for many years is not simply ill but is considered impure because she suffers from a haemorrhage (cf. Lev 15:19-30). For this reason she is excluded from the liturgy, from married life, and from normal relationships with others. The evangelist Mark adds that she has consulted many doctors, exhausted her financial means in paying them and endured painful treatments, but she only worsened. She was a woman rejected by society. It is important to consider this condition of being rejected in order to understand the state of her soul: she feels that Jesus can free her from disease and from the state of marginalization and indignity in which, for years, she has had to live. In one word: she knows, she feels that Jesus can *save her*.

This example causes one to reflect on how the woman is often perceived and represented. We, even Christian communities, are all alert to views of femininity invalidated by prejudice and harmful suspicions about her intangible dignity. The Gospels themselves restore the truth and bring a liberating perspective in this regard. Jesus admired the faith of this woman whom everyone shunned, and he transformed her hope into salvation. We do not know her name, but the few lines in the Gospels describing her encounter with Jesus outline a journey of faith that is capable of restoring the truth and greatness of the dignity of every person. In the encounter with Christ, the path of liberation and salvation is opened for all men and women in every place and of every time.

The Gospel of Matthew says that when the woman touched Jesus' cloak, he "turned" and, "seeing her" (v. 22), he spoke to her. As we said, because of her state of exclusion, the woman acted secretly, behind Jesus' back so as not to be seen, because she was an outcast. Jesus, however, sees her and his gaze is not one of reproach, he does not say: "Go away, you are an outcast!". No, he does not reproach her, but Jesus' gaze is one of mercy and tenderness. He knows what has happened and he seeks a personal encounter with her, which is essentially

what the woman desired. This means that Jesus not only welcomes, but considers her worthy of this encounter, to the point of giving her his word and his attention.

In the central part of the story the word *salvation* is repeated *three times*. "If I but touch his cloak, I shall be *saved*. Jesus turned, saw her and said, 'Have courage, daughter, your faith has *saved* you'. And from that moment on the woman was *saved*" (cf. 21-22). This "courage, daughter" expresses all of God's mercy for that person. And for every rejected person. How often do we feel inwardly rejected because of our sins, we have committed many, we have committed many.... And the Lord tells us: "Have Courage! Come! To me you are not an outcast. Have courage, daughter. You are a son, a daughter". And this is the moment of grace, it is the moment of forgiveness, it is the moment of inclusion in the life of Jesus, in the life of the Church. It is the moment of mercy. Today, all of us, sinners, perhaps great sinners or small sinners, but we are all sinners, the Lord says to all of us: "Have courage, come! You are no longer rejected, you are no longer rejected: I forgive you, I embrace you". God's mercy is like this.

We must have courage and go to Him, to ask forgiveness for our sins and move forward, with courage, as this woman did. Then, "salvation" assumes multiple connotations: firstly it restores health to the woman; then it frees her from social and religious discrimination; moreover, it implements the hope that she carried in her heart, eliminating her fears and her despair; finally, it allows her to return to the community, freeing her from the necessity of acting secretly. And this last point is important: a person who is rejected always acts in secret, either sometimes or all through life: our thoughts turn to the lepers of that time, to the homeless of today...; we think of sinners, of ourselves, sinners: we always do something secretly, we need to do something in secret, because we are ashamed of what we are.... And he frees us from this, Jesus frees us and enables us to get up: "Get up, come, arise!". The way God created us: God created us standing, not humiliated. Standing. What Jesus gives is total salvation, which reintegrates the woman's life in the sphere of God's love and, at the same time, restores her to her full dignity.

It is not the cloak that the woman touched which gave her salvation, but *the word of Jesus, received in faith*, able to comfort her, heal her and restore her in a relationship with God and with his people. Jesus is the only source of blessing from which salvation for all men flows, and faith is the fundamental disposition for receiving it. Jesus, once again, with his action that is full of mercy, indicates to the Church the path she must take in order to meet each person, so that everyone can be healed in body and spirit and recover the dignity of children of God. Thank you.