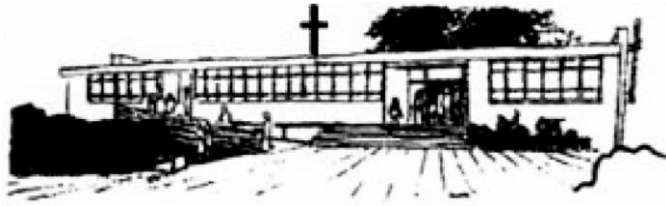


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11<sup>th</sup> September 2022, Year C/2



MURILLO, Bartolome Esteban, Return of the Prodigal Son, 1667-70

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:** Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for You, that Your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of Your servant, and of Your people Israel.

**First Reading:** Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will rise and go to my father.

**Second Reading:** 1 Timothy 1:12-17

**Gospel:** Luke 15:1-32

### VIGIL SATURDAY

	<b>6:00pm</b>		<b>Angelo Spiteri (Dec. Ann.)</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:30am</b>		<b>Margaret Kitson (Rec. Dec.)</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>		<b>For the Parish</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Most Holy Name of Mary</b>	<b>Emma Mudie (Rec. Dec.)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>St John Chrysostom</b>	<b>Odile St Lambert &amp; Kim Nelson</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>EXULTATION OF THE CROSS</b>	<b>Klemens &amp; Thea Blazek (Dec. Ann.)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b>	<b>Klemens &amp; Thea Blazek &amp; Piotr &amp; Alina Zawadzki (Dec. Ann.)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>St Cornelius &amp; St Cyprian</b>	<b>Anthony John (Dec. Ann.)</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Mass of the Virgin Mary</b>	<b>Satenik Kherlakian (Dec. Ann.)</b>

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> November

**Sessions:** Sundays at 11.30am

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr. Dominik Jalocha OP, Emma Mudie, Margaret Kitson, Peter Young, Andrew Fong

**DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:** Angelo Spiteri, Odile St Lambert, Kim Nelson, Klemens & Thea Blazek, Piotr & Alina Zawadzki, Anthony John, Satenik Kherlakian

### 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, Margaret Colville, Marie Donaldson, Frances Gunn, Andrew Isbitski, Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, Gina Koloc, John McCahon, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Shayla, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, 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

**SECOND COLLECTION:**    **Envelopes: \$902**  
                                  **Loose:     \$455**  
                                  **Tap & Go: \$180**  
                                  **Smart Facility: \$175**  
                                  **Donations: \$50**

### TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

All contributions go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection.

### QR CODE FOR DONATIONS ON PARISH WEBSITE



### BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday at 9.15am in the Parish Hall. All are most welcome.

### CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month from 1.30 to 3.30pm. Ring Delfin on 0478 784 885 for details.

### WESTERN DEANERY YOUNG ADULTS

Next meeting is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm. All young people over 18 and under 35 are welcome.

### VOLUNTEER LADIES' MORNING TEA

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am in the Parish Hall. All volunteers are most welcome.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Elections for 3 new members for the Parish Council will take place next weekend 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> September. Photos of candidates are on the Notice Board.

### MEN'S BARBEQUE

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October after 6pm Mass. All men over 18 are most welcome. Please bring a plate to share. Please RSVP to Andrew on 0420 581 427

### 42.195KM MARATHON FOR VINNIES

Fr Pawel is running next Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

### CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

At 2pm on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys. Celebrant is Fr Tony Alex 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.

### BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

We have collected \$1510 for the Bishop's Appeal for Retired and Sick Priests. Thank you for your generosity.

### SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

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

Please see the leaflet inside your Parish Bulletin this weekend.

### ST PADRE PIO PIETRELCINA CELEBRATIONS

From 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September at Glenmore Park Parish. See Poster and Cards at the back of the Church.

### MEMORABLE MELODIES

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

### PAKISTAN FLOOD CRISIS APPEAL

Donate at [www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pakistan-floods](http://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pakistan-floods)

## CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

## POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

## Catechesis On Discernment: Ignatius of Loyola

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

We will reflect every week about spiritual discernment – and for this it can help us to refer to a specific witness.

One of the most instructive examples is offered to us by Saint Ignatius of Loyola, with a decisive episode in his life. Ignatius is at home convalescing, after injuring a leg in battle. To dispel the boredom, he asks for something to read. He loves tales of chivalry, but unfortunately only the lives of saints can be found at home. Somewhat reluctantly he adapts, but in the course of reading he begins to discover another world, a world that conquers him and seems to compete with that of knights. He is fascinated by the figures of Saint Francis and Saint Dominic and feels the desire to imitate them. But the world of chivalry also continues to exert its fascination on him. And so he feels within himself this alternation of thoughts – those of chivalry and those of the saints – which seem to equate to one another.

Ignatius, however, also begins to perceive some differences. In his Autobiography he writes: “When he thought of worldly things” – and of chivalrous things, one understands – “it gave him great pleasure, but afterward he found himself dry and sad. But when he thought of journeying to Jerusalem, and of living only on herbs and practicing austerities, he found pleasure not only while thinking of them, but also when he had ceased” (Chapter 8); they left him a trace of joy.

In this experience we note two aspects, above all. The first is *time*: that is, the thoughts of the world are attractive at the beginning, but then they lose their lustre and leave emptiness and discontent. Thoughts of God rouse first a certain resistance but when they are welcomed, they bring an unknown peace that lasts for a long time.

Here is the other aspect: the *end point* of thoughts. There is a development of discernment: we understand what is good for us not in an abstract, general way, but in the journey of our life. In the rules for discernment, the fruit of this fundamental experience, Ignatius lays down an important premise, which helps to understand this process: “In the persons who go from mortal sin to mortal sin, the enemy is commonly used to propose to them apparent pleasures making them imagine sensual delights and pleasures in order to hold them and make them grow in their vices and sins. In these persons the good spirit uses the opposite method, pricking them and biting their consciences through the process of reason” (*Spiritual Exercises*, 314).

There is a history that precedes one who discerns, a history that it is indispensable to know, because

discernment is not a sort of oracle or fatalism. The great questions arise when we have already travelled a stretch of the road in life, and it is to that journey we must return to understand what we are looking for. Ignatius, when he found himself wounded in his father's house, was not thinking of God at all, or of how to reform his own life. He had his first experience of God by listening to his own heart, which presented him with a curious reversal: things that were attractive at first left him disillusioned, whereas in others, less dazzling, he found lasting peace. We too have this experience; if we carry out a work of charity a good thought and happiness and joy comes to us, and it is an experience that is entirely our own. This is what we must learn: to listen to our own heart, to know what is happening, what decision to make, to make a judgement on a situation, one must listen to one's own heart. We listen to the television, the radio, the mobile phone; we are experts at listening, but I ask you: do you know how to listen to your heart? Do you stop to ask: “But how is my heart? Is it satisfied, is it sad, is it searching for something?”. To make good decisions, you need to listen to your heart.

This is why Ignatius suggests reading the lives of the saints, because they show the style of God in the life of people not very different to us, because the saints were made of flesh and blood like us. Their actions speak to ours and help us to understand their meaning.

In that famous episode of the two feelings that Ignatius had, one when he read about knights and the other when he read about the life of the saints, we can recognize another important aspect of discernment. There is an apparent *randomness* in the events of life: everything seems to arise from a banal mishap – there were no books about knights, only lives of saints. A mishap that nonetheless holds a possible turning point. Only after some time will Ignatius realize this, at which point he will devote all his attention to it. God works through events that happen by chance. It was not planned but God works through unplannable events, and also through mishaps: We have seen this in a passage from the Gospel of Matthew: a man ploughing a field accidentally comes across buried treasure. A totally unexpected situation. But what is important is that he recognizes it as the lucky break of his life and decides accordingly: he sells everything and buys that field (cf. 13:44). here is something to discern, how I react when faced with the unexpected.

Discernment is the aid in recognizing the signals with which the Lord makes himself known in unexpected, even unpleasant situations, as the leg wound was for Ignatius. A life-changing encounter can arise from them, forever, as in the case of Ignatius. May the Lord help us to hear our hearts and see when it is He who acts and when it is not, and it is something else.