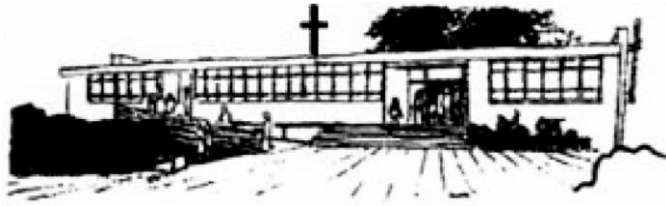


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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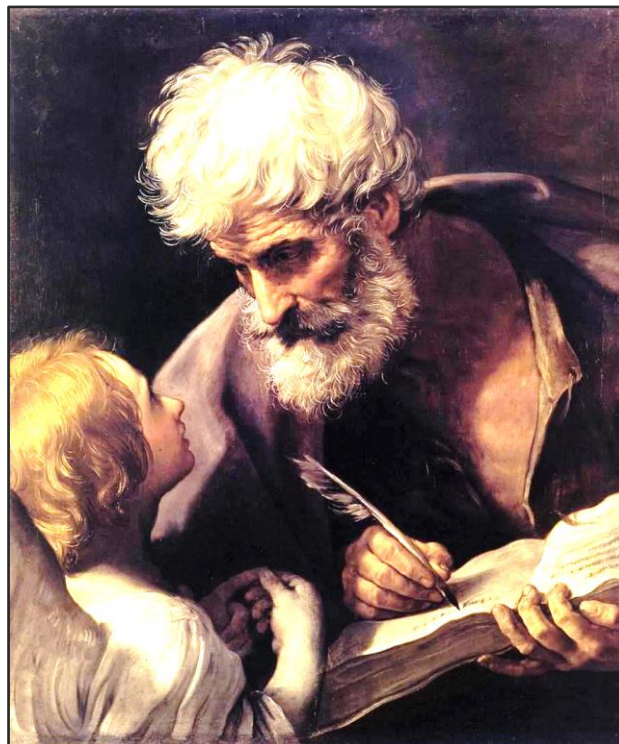
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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18th September 2022, Year C/2



RENI, Guido, St Matthew and the Angel 1635-40

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

Address

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Kingswood, NSW 2747

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to Me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm Emma Mudie (Rec. Dec.)

SUNDAY 8:30am Tomas Belderol (Dec. Ann.)

10:00am For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 25th Week in Ordinary Time Emma Mudie (Rec. Dec.)

Tuesday 8:00am St Andrew Kim Taegon, St Paul Chong Hasang & Companions Anna Blazek (Dec. Ann.)

Wednesday 8.00am ST MATTHEW Emma Mudie (Rec. Dec.)

Thursday 8.00am 25th Week in Ordinary Time Stephen Nelson (For his Health)

Friday 8.00am St Pius of Pietrelcina Les & Margaret Edwards (60th Wedding Anniversary)

Saturday 8.30am Mass of the Virgin Mary Juan Candor (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.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2022

Confirmation: Sunday 6th November

Sessions: Sundays at 11.30am

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Emma Mudie, Peter Young, Andrew Fong

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Tomas Belderol, Anna Blazek, Juan Candor

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: \$642**
 Loose: \$375.45
 Tap & Go: \$210
 Smart Facility: \$180
 Donations: \$

TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

All contributions go to the 2nd Collection.

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BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday at 9.15am in the Parish Hall. 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.

WESTERN DEANERY YOUNG ADULTS

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

VOLUNTEER LADIES' MORNING TEA

Tuesday 4th October 10.30am in the Parish Hall. All women volunteers are most welcome.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

To cast a valid vote please circle three Candidates or number them from 1-3. Place Paper in the Box at the back of the Church.

MEN'S BARBEQUE

Saturday 8th 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

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

At 2pm this Sunday 18th September at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys. Celebrant is Fr Tony Alex MGL.

SCHOOLS OPEN DAY

Wednesday 19th October 2022

Montgrove – 10am to 11.30am

Register at discover.montgrove.nsw.edu.au

Wollemi – 11.30am to 12.45pm

Register at discover.wollemi.nsw.edu.au

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.

ST PADRE PIO PIETRELCINA CELEBRATIONS

From 22nd to 25th 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 23rd 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

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We invite you – after providing for your loved ones, to consider leaving a gift in your Will to our Parish, or a ministry in our Diocese. For more information go to yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinwills

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

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

Please see the leaflet or ring the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' ANGELUS

11th September 2022

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

The Gospel of today's Liturgy presents us the *three parables of mercy* (cf. Lk 15, 4-32); this is what they are called because they show God's merciful heart. Jesus tells them to respond to the grumblings of the pharisees and the scribes, who say: "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them" (v.2). They are scandalized because Jesus was among sinners. If for them this is religiously scandalous, Jesus, by welcoming sinners and eating with them, reveals to us that God is just like that: God excludes no one, he wants everyone at his banquet, because he loves everyone as his children: everyone, no-one excluded, everyone. The three parables, then, summarize the heart of the Gospel: God is the Father and comes in search of us when we are lost.

Indeed, the protagonists of the parables, who represent God, are a shepherd who searches for the lost sheep, a woman who finds the lost coin, and the father of the prodigal son. Let us dwell on an aspect that all these three protagonists have in common. All three of them essentially have something in common, which we might define thus: restlessness for something that is missing – whether you are missing a sheep, you are missing a coin, you are missing a son – the unease of missing something, all three protagonists of these parables are uneasy because they are missing something. All three, after all, if they were to calculate, could rest easy: the shepherd is missing a sheep, but he has ninety-nine others – "Let it be lost..."; the woman is missing a coin, but has nine others; and even the father has another son, obedient, to devote himself to – why think about the one who has gone off to live a dissolute life?

Nonetheless, there is anxiety in their hearts – of the shepherd, the woman and the father – about what is missing: the sheep, the coin, the son who has gone away. One who loves is concerned about the one who is missing, longs for who is absent, seeks who is lost, await who has gone astray. For he wants no-one to be lost.

Brothers and sisters, God is like this: he does not "rest easy" if we stray from Him, he is grieved, He

trembles in his innermost being; and he sets out to look for us, until He takes us back into his arms. The Lord does not calculate losses and risks; he has the heart of a father and a mother and suffers for the lack of his beloved children. "But why does he suffer if this son is a scoundrel, if he has gone?" He suffers, he suffers. God suffers for our distance and when we go astray, he awaits our return. Remember: God always awaits us with open arms, whatever the situation in life in which we are lost may be. As a Psalm says, He will "neither slumber nor sleep", he always watches over us (cf. 121, 4-5).

Let us look at ourselves now, and ask ourselves: do we imitate the Lord in this, that is, are we anxious about what is missing? Do we have nostalgia for those who are missing, who have drifted from Christian life? Do we carry this inner restlessness, or are we serene and undisturbed among ourselves? In other words, do we truly miss those who are missing from our communities, or do we pretend and not let it touch our hearts? Do I truly miss those who are missing in my life? Or are we comfortable among ourselves, calm and blissful in our groups – "I attend a very good apostolic group..." – without compassion for those who are far away? It is not a question merely of being "open to others", it is the Gospel! The shepherd of the parable did not say, "I have another ninety-nine sheep, why should I waste time to go and look for the lost one?" Instead, he went to look. Let us then reflect on our relationships: do I pray for those who do not believe, who have drifted away, who are bitter? Do we attract those who are distant through the style of God, which is closeness, compassion and tenderness? The Father asks us to be attentive to the children he misses the most. Let us think of someone we know, who is close to us and has perhaps never heard anyone say, "You know, you are important to God". "But I am in an irregular situation, I have done this bad thing, that one...". "You are important to God", say to him. "You are not searching for him, but he is searching for you".

Let us – men and women with restless hearts – be troubled by these questions, and pray to Our Lady, mother who never tires of searching for and taking care of us, her children.

I wish you a happy Sunday. Please, do not forget to pray for me.