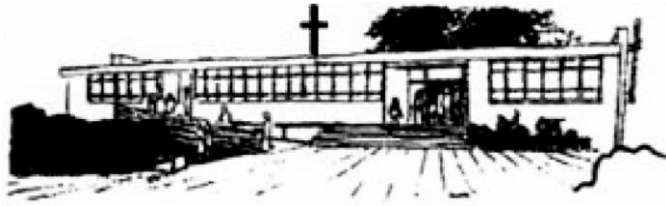


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2nd October 2022, Year C/2



BONDONE, Giotto Di, Legend of St Francis
Renunciation of Worldly Goods, 1295

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: Within Your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist Your will.
For You have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven; You are the Lord of all.

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4

Responsorial Psalm: If today You hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Anthony & Tina Almeida (Health)
SUNDAY	8:30am		John Curtain (Deceased Ann.)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	27 th Week in Ordinary Time	Roger Azores (Dec's Birthday)
Tuesday	8:00am	ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI	Donna (Family Problems)
Wednesday	8.00am	St Faustina Kowalska	Bas Meybaum (Deceased Ann.)
Thursday	8.00am	27 th Week in Ordinary Time	Thea Schoemaker (Dec. Ann.)
Friday	8.00am	OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY	For God's Precious Infants
Saturday	8.30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary	Stephen Muller (Deceased 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.

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:

Marie Donaldson

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES: John Curtain, Bas Meybaum, Thea Schoemaker, Stephen Muller

POPE FRANCIS' OCTOBER INTENTIONS

A Church Open to Everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel. May the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Michael & Marianne Callaghan, Margaret Colville, 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: \$527**
 Loose: \$292.85
 Tap & Go: \$220
 Smart Facility: \$120
 Donations: \$520

TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

All contributions go to the 2nd Collection.

QR CODE FOR DONATIONS ON PARISH WEBSITE



NOVEMBER MASSES

Everyday one mass in November will be offered for our Deceased. When you fill out your November Mass Envelope place it in the basket at the back of the Church and fill in the Remembrance Book with the names of your friends and relatives. You can add the name of the deceased at any time and we will include it in the mass from next day onwards till the end of November.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

We welcome Emma Clark, Delfin Sagurit and Camille Wiggins to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council is asking for Volunteers to assist with the planning for the Fete to be held next year. Please add your name and contact details on the form at the back of the Church.

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.

LADIES' MORNING TEA

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

MEN'S BARBEQUE

This coming 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.

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.

YOUR LEGACY OF FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY

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

SCHOENSTATT'S FOUNDATION DAY

Sunday 16th October at 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa.
11am Thanksgiving Mass
12.30pm Lunch – Please bring a plate to share
3pm Founding Hour Devotion & Benediction

Celebrating:

25 years Jubilee of Sr M Rebecca Sampang ISSM and 20 years Ordination of Fr Pawel Barszczewski OP.

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

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

28th September 2022

Catechesis On Discernment: Elements of discernment.
Familiarity with the Lord

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

We resume our catecheses on discernment, because it is very important in order to know what is going on within us, to know about our feelings and ideas. We have to discern where they come from, where they lead me, to what decisions — and today we focus on the first of the elements, which is *prayer*. To discern we need to be in an environment, in a state of prayer.

Prayer is an indispensable aid for spiritual discernment, enabling us to address God with simplicity and familiarity, as one would speak to a friend. It is knowing how to go beyond thoughts, to enter into intimacy with the Lord, with an affectionate spontaneity. The secret of the lives of the saints is familiarity and confidence with God, which grows in them and makes it ever easier to recognize what is pleasing to Him. True prayer is not reciting prayers like a parrot. True prayer is this spontaneity and affection for the Lord. This familiarity overcomes fear or doubt that His will is not for our good, a temptation that sometimes runs through our thoughts and makes our heart restless and uncertain, or even bitter.

Discernment does not claim absolute certainty, it is not a chemically pure method, because it is about life, and life is not always logical, it has many aspects that cannot be enclosed in one category of thought. We would like to know precisely what should be done, yet even when it happens, we do not always act accordingly. How many times have we had the experience described by the apostle Paul, who says: "For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want" (Rom. 7:19). We are not machines, it is not enough to be given instructions to carry out: the obstacles, like the supports, to deciding for the Lord are primarily affective, from the heart.

It is significant that the first miracle performed by Jesus in Mark's Gospel is an exorcism (cf. 1:21-28). In the synagogue at Capernaum He delivers a man from the devil, freeing him from the false image of God that Satan has been suggesting since the beginning: that of a God who does not want our happiness. The possessed man in that passage of the Gospel knows that Jesus is God, but this does not lead him to believe in Him. In fact, he says, "You have come to ruin us" (v. 24).

Many people, even Christians, think the same thing: that is, that Jesus may well be the Son of God, but they doubt that He wants our happiness; indeed, some fear that taking his proposal seriously means ruining our lives, mortifying our desires, our strongest aspirations. These thoughts sometimes creep up inside us: that God

asks too much of us, that He doesn't really love us. Instead, in our first encounter we saw that the sign of meeting the Lord is *joy*. When I encounter the Lord in prayer, I become joyful. Each one of us becomes joyful, a beautiful thing. Sadness, or fear, on the other hand, are signs of distance from God: "If you would enter life, keep the commandments," Jesus says to the rich young man (Mt 19:17). Unfortunately for that young man, some obstacles did not allow him to implement the desire in his heart to follow the "good teacher" more closely. He had taken the initiative to meet Jesus, but he was also very divided in his affections, for him riches were too important. Jesus does not force him to make up his mind, but the text notes that the young man turns away from Jesus "sad" (v. 22). Those who turn away from the Lord are never happy, even though they have an abundance of possessions and possibilities at their disposal. Jesus never forces you to follow Him. Jesus lets you know His will, but He leaves you free. And this is the most beautiful thing about prayer with Jesus: the freedom that He allows you. On the other hand, when we distance ourselves from the Lord, we are left with something sad, something ugly in our heart.

Discerning what is happening within us is not easy, for appearances are deceptive, but familiarity with God can melt doubts and fears in a gentle way, making our lives increasingly receptive to His gentle light. The saints shine with reflected light and show in the simple gestures of their day the loving presence of God, who makes the impossible possible. It is said that two spouses who have lived together for so long loving each other end up resembling each other. Something similar can be said about affective prayer: in a gradual but effective way it makes us more and more able to recognize what counts as something that springs from the depths of our being. To be in prayer does not mean saying words: being in prayer means opening my heart to Jesus, drawing close to Him, allowing Him to enter into my heart and making us feel His presence. We can discern when it is Jesus and when it is us with our thoughts, that so many times are far from what Jesus wants.

Let us ask for the grace: to live a relationship of friendship with the Lord. I knew an old religious brother, a doorman of a boarding school, and when he could he would approach the chapel, look at the altar, and say, "Hello," because he was close to Jesus. This is the relationship we must have in prayer: affective closeness with Jesus. It is a grace we must ask for one another: to see Jesus as our friend, as our greatest friend, our faithful friend, who never abandons us, even when we turn away from Him. He remains at the door of our heart. He is always faithful. Let us pray with our heart, the prayer of affection and closeness, with few words but with acts and good works. Thank you.