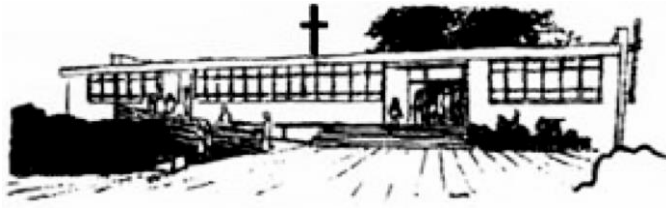


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16th October 2022, Year C/2



Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, Virgen del Rosario ca.1650-1655

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: To You I call; for You will surely heed me, O God;
turn Your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of Your eye; in the shadow of Your wings protect me.

First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

Responsorial Psalm: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Helen Salem (Recently Deceased)
SUNDAY	8:30am		Jon Burnitt (Deceased Anniversary)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	St Ignatius of Antioch	Jonathan Burnitt (Deceased Ann.)
Tuesday	8:00am	ST LUKE	Frank Anjela & Irene Barglik (Dec. Ann.)
Wednesday	8.00am	29 th Week in Ordinary Time	Bernabe & Nipa Patos (Dec. Ann.)
Thursday	8.00am	29 th Week in Ordinary Time	Ethan Bobins (Success in HSC Exams)
Friday	8.00am	29 th Week in Ordinary Time	Marilou Conigrave (Birthday Blessings)
Saturday	8.30am	St John Paul II	Shirley O'Brien (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 8.00am 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:

Helen Salem

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Jon Burnitt, Jonathan Burnitt, Frank Anjela, Irene Barglik, Bernabe & Nipa Patos, Shirley O'Brien

OCTOBER ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

During the month of October, we will have Rosary and Benediction every morning to Pray for Peace.

Monday to Friday after 8.30am Mass

Saturday and Sunday at 8.00am

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

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.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$572**
 Loose: \$508.65
 Tap & Go: \$120
 Smart Facility: \$250
 Donations: \$

TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

All contributions go to the 2nd Collection.

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NOVEMBER MASSES

One Mass each day 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. Names of deceased can be added through November and will be included in the Mass of the following day until the end of November.

PARISH PASTORAL 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

1st Tuesday of the month at 10.30am in the Parish Hall. Next date is 1st November. All ladies of the Parish are most welcome.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER OF CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA & UKRAINE TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

O Mary, Mother of God and our mother, in this time of trial we turn to you. You never cease to guide us to Jesus, the prince of peace. Amid evil and war, you remind us that God never abandons us, but continues to look upon us with love, ever ready to forgive us and raise us up to new life. He has given you to us and made your Immaculate Heart a refuge for the church and for all humanity.

Therefore, O Loving Mother, hear our prayer: help us out of the depravity of war, inspire reconciliation, restore God's peace to the world, eliminate hatred, and teach us forgiveness. Queen of the Rosary, make us realise our need to pray and to love. Queen of Peace, obtain peace for our world from your Son, the Prince of Peace.

At this hour, we stand with you beneath the cross, entrusting to you the people of Ukraine and Russia. Mother of God and our mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the church and all humanity, especially the people of Russia and Ukraine. Accept this act that we carry out with confidence and love.

Grant that war may end and peace spread throughout the world. We trust that, through your Immaculate heart, peace will dawn once more. To you we consecrate the future of the whole human family, the needs and expectations of every people, the anxieties and hopes of the world. Through your intercession, may God's mercy be poured out on the earth and the gentle rhythm of peace return to mark our days. Amen.

PARISH LUNCH

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Our next Lunch will be on Wednesday 9th November at St. Marys Band Club. All are most welcome.

LIFTED LIVE IN THE FORECOURT 2022!

7pm to 10pm on 22nd October at St Patrick's Cathedral, Live performances, games, activities, art exhibition, and adoration. Visit www.parracatholic.org/liftedeoi or email qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org if you have questions?

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

On Sunday 30th October 11:00am at St Patrick's Cathedral. Couples and their families are invited to a light lunch after the Mass. Please register by phone on 8838 3460 or at marriage@parracatholic.org

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Catechesis On Discernment – 12th October 2022

Elements of discernment. The Desire.

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today I would like to talk about another indispensable ingredient of discernment – *desire*. In fact, discernment is a form of searching which always stems from something we lack but somehow know, that we intuit.

What kind of knowledge is this? Spiritual teachers refer to it by the term “desire”. Desire is not the craving of the moment. The Italian word, *desiderio*, comes from a very beautiful Latin term, this is curious: *de-sidus*, literally “the lack of the star”. Desire is the lack of a lodestar, the lack of the reference point that orients the path of life; it evokes a suffering, a lack, and at the same time a tension to reach the good that we miss. Desire is the compass to understand where I am and where I am going, or rather it is the compass to understand if I am still or if I am moving; a person who never desires is a person who is static, perhaps ill, almost dead. And how is it possible to recognize it?

A sincere desire knows how to touch deeply the chords of our being, which is why it is not extinguished in the face of difficulties or setbacks. It is like when we are thirsty: if we do not find something to drink, we do not give up; on the contrary, the yearning increasingly occupies our thoughts and actions, until we become willing to make any sacrifice in order to quench it. Obstacles and failures do not stifle the desire; on the contrary, they make it even more alive in us.

Unlike a momentary craving or emotion, desire lasts through time and tends to materialize. If, for example, a young person wishes to become a doctor, he or she will have to embark on a course of study and work that will occupy several years of his or her life, and consequently will have to set *limits*, to other courses of study, but also to possible diversions and distractions, especially during the most intense periods of study. However, the desire to give life a direction and to reach that goal – to become a doctor – enables him or her to overcome these difficulties. Desire makes you strong, it makes you courageous, it makes you keep going forward, because you want to arrive at: “I desire that”.

A value becomes beautiful and more easily achievable when it is *attractive*. As some have said, “more important than being good is having the desire to become good”. Being good is attractive, we all want to be good, but do we have the wish to become good?

It is striking that Jesus, before performing a miracle, often questions the person about their desire: “Do you want to be healed?”. At times this question seems out of place, it is clear the person is sick! For example, when he

meets the paralytic in the pool of Bethesda, who had been there for many years and never managed to seize the right moment for getting into the water, Jesus asks him: “Do you want to be well?” (*Jn* 5:6). In reality, the paralytic’s answer reveals a series of strange resistances to healing, which do not relate only to him. Jesus’ question was an invitation to bring clarity to his heart, to welcome a possible leap forward: to no longer think of himself and his own life “as a paralytic”, transported by others. Wanting to do something becomes like an illusion and one does not take the step to do it. This is bad, and that sick man, there for thirty-eight years, but always grumbling; “Lord, but you know when the waters move – that is the moment of the miracle – someone stronger than me comes along, they enter, and I get there too late”, and he complains and laments. But beware, because complaints are a poison to the soul and life and they prevent the desire to go on from growing.

Often it is desire that makes the difference between a successful, coherent and lasting project, and the thousands of wishes and good intentions with which, as they say, “hell is paved with”: “Yes, I would like ...”, but you do nothing. The era in which we live seems to promote the maximum freedom of choice, but at the same time it *atrophies desire*, you want to be satisfied continually, which is mostly reduced to the desire of the moment. We are bombarded by a thousand proposals, projects, possibilities, which risk distracting us and not permitting us to calmly evaluate what we really want. Desire cannot grow in this way, you live in the moment, satiated in the moment, and desire does not grow.

Many people suffer because they do not know what they want from their lives; they have probably never got in touch with their deepest desire, they have never known: “What do you want from your life?” – “I don’t know”. Hence the risk of passing one’s existence between attempts and expedients of various kinds, never getting anywhere, and wasting precious opportunities. And so certain changes, though desired in theory, are never implemented, the strong desire to pursue something is lacking.

If the Lord were to ask us, today, for example, any one of us, the question he asked the blind man in Jericho: “What do you want me to do for you?” (*Mk* 10:51) – let us think that the Lord today asks each one of us this: “What do you want me to do for you?” – how would we answer? Perhaps we could finally ask him to help us know our deepest desire, that God himself has placed in our heart: “Lord, may I know my desires, may I be a woman, a man of great desires”; perhaps the Lord will give us the strength to make it come true. It is an immense grace, the basis of all the others: to allow the Lord, as in the Gospel, to work miracles for us: “Give us desire and make it grow, Lord”.