

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16th January 2022, Year C/2



SCHNORR VON CAROLSFELD, Julius, The Wedding Feast at Cana, 1819

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

8:30am - 4:00pm - Monday to Friday

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before You, O God, and shall sing to You. shall sing to Your name, O Most High!

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Responsorial Psalm: Proclaim His marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6.00pm		Ken & Pat Fleming (Deceased Ann.)
SUNDAY	8:30am		Thanksgiving Mass for the Paraan Family
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	St Anthony	Thanksgiving for Wedding Anniversary & Birthday
Tuesday	8:00am	St Margaret of Hungary	Colin O'Flynn (Deceased)
Wednesday	8.00am	2 nd Week Ordinary Time	Marie Ward (Deceased Anniversary)
Thursday	8.00am	2 nd Week Ordinary Time	Piero Panozzo, Chia Yon & Children (God's Will in Their Lives)
Friday	8.00am	St Agnes	Colin O'Flynn (Deceased)
Saturday	8.30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary	David Yelich (Recently Deceased)

SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

On 20th March 2020 Catholics from Parramatta Diocese were dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation by virtue of a Decree from Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv.

From 15th December 2021 this Decree has now been revoked and the Sunday obligation is now imposed, given that public health orders no longer require adherence to density limits in Church buildings.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2022

Reconciliation: Thursday 7th April
Registration & 1st Session - 27th February

First Communion: 19th June
Registration & 1st Session - 24th April

Confirmation: Sunday 6th November
Registration & 1st Session - 31st July
 All Sessions follow 10am Sunday Mass

RECENTLY DECEASED: David Yelich

DECEASED & DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Ken & Pat Fleming, Colin O'Flynn, Marie Ward, Michael Corcoran

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joy Cavanagh, Kevin Collins, Margaret Colville, Katalin Domotor, Marie Donaldson, Frances Gunn, Nora Hehir, Andrew Isbitzki, Jason Isbitzki, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Shayla, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Margaretha Sultana, Barbara Thompson, Kelly Tonna, Mary Woodward, Piotr Zawadzki.

SICK LIST: Due to privacy laws, if you have anyone for the sick list, please 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

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Catechesis – 7. St Joseph the Carpenter

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

The evangelists Matthew and Mark refer to Joseph as a “carpenter.” We heard the people of Nazareth, hearing Jesus speak, asked themselves: “Is not this the carpenter’s son?” (13:55; cf. *Mk* 6:3). Jesus practised his father’s trade.

The Greek term *tekton*, used to specify Joseph’s work, has been translated in various ways. The Latin Fathers of the Church rendered it as “carpenter.” But let us bear in mind that in the Palestine of Jesus’ time, wood was used not only to make ploughs and various pieces of furniture, but also to build houses, which had wooden frames and terraced roofs made of beams connected with branches and earth.

Therefore, “carpenter” was a generic qualification, indicating both woodworkers and craftsmen engaged in activities related to construction. It was quite a hard job, having to work with heavy materials such as wood, stone, and iron. From an economic point of view, it did not ensure great earnings, as can be deduced from the fact that Mary and Joseph, when they presented Jesus in the Temple, offered only a couple of turtledoves or pigeons (cf. *Lk* 2:24), as the Law prescribed for the poor (cf. *Lv* 12:8).

Thus, the young Jesus learnt this trade from his father. Therefore, when as an adult he began to preach, his astonished neighbours asked: “But where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works?” (*Mt* 13:54), and were scandalized by him, because he was the son of the carpenter, but he spoke like a doctor of the law.

This biographical fact about Joseph and Jesus makes me think of all the workers in the world, especially those who do gruelling work in mines and certain factories; those who are exploited through undocumented work; the victims of labour: we have seen a lot of this in Italy recently; the children who are forced to work and those who rummage among the trash in search of something useful to trade.

Let us think of the victims of work, who suffer from work accidents. Of the children who are forced to work: this is terrible! A child who should be playing, forced to work like an adult! And of those who rummage in the dumps to look for something useful to trade. All these are our brothers and sisters, who earn their living this way: they don't give them dignity! Let us think about this. And this is happening today in the world.

But I think too of those who are out of work. How many people go knocking on the doors of factories, of businesses asking “Is there anything to do?” — “No, there’s nothing, there’s nothing. I think of those who feel

their dignity wounded because they cannot find this work. They return home. What gives you dignity is earning bread — and if we don’t give our people, our men and women, the ability to earn bread, that is a social injustice in that nation. The leaders must give everyone the possibility of earning bread, because this ability to earn gives them dignity. It is an unction of dignity, work.

Many young people experience the ordeal of not having a job that allows them to live tranquilly. They live day to day. And how often the search for work becomes so desperate that it drives them to the point of losing all hope and the desire to live. In these times of pandemic, many people have lost their jobs, and some, crushed by an unbearable burden, reached the point of taking their own lives. I would like to remember each of them and their families today.

Not enough consideration is given to the fact that work is an essential component of human life, and even of the path of sanctification. Work is not only a means of earning a living: it is also a place where we express ourselves, feel useful, and learn the great lesson of concreteness, which helps keep the spiritual life from becoming spiritualism. Unfortunately, labour is often a hostage to social injustice and, rather than being a means of humanization, it becomes an existential periphery. With what spirit do we do our daily work? Do we see our activity as linked only to our own destiny or also to the destiny of others? In fact, work is a way of expressing our personality, which is relational by its nature. Work is a way to express our creativity: each one of us works in their own way, with their own style.

It is good to think about the fact that Jesus himself worked and had learned this craft from St Joseph. Today, we should ask ourselves what we can do to recover the value of work; and what contribution we can make, as the Church, so that work can be redeemed from the logic of mere profit and can be experienced as a fundamental right and duty of the person, which expresses and increases his or her dignity.

I would like to recite with you today the prayer that Saint Paul VI lifted up to Saint Joseph in 1969:

O Saint Joseph, Patron of the Church! you, who side by side with the Word made flesh, worked each day to earn your bread, drawing from Him the strength to live and to toil; you who experienced the anxiety for the morrow, the bitterness of poverty, the uncertainty of work: you who today give the shining example, humble in the eyes of men but most exalted in the sight of God: protect workers in their hard daily lives, defending them from discouragement, from negative revolt, and from pleasure loving temptations; and keep peace in the world, that peace which alone can ensure the development of peoples. Amen.