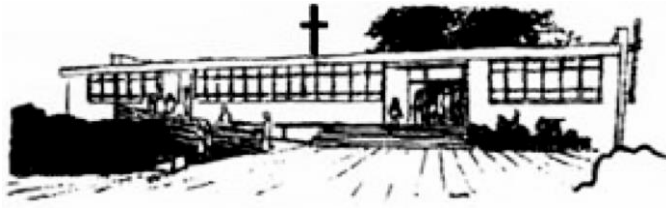


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30<sup>th</sup> October 2022, Year C/2



ANGELICO, Fra, Predella of the San Domenico Altarpiece Fiascole, detail, 1423-24

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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# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Entrance Antiphon:** Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me!  
Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

**First Reading:** Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will praise Your name for ever, my King and my God.

**Second Reading:** 2 Thessalonians 1:11 - 2:2

**Gospel:** Luke 19:1-10

### VIGIL SATURDAY

	<b>6:00pm</b>		<b>Aunty Rita (Recently Deceased)</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:30am</b>		<b>Ethan Bobins (Success in HSC)</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>		<b>For the Parish</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Hagop Arik (Deceased Ann.)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS</b>	<b>All Souls</b>
	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS</b>	<b>For the Parish</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>ALL SOULS</b>	<b>All Souls</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>ST MARTIN DE PORRES</b>	<b>All Souls</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>St Charles Borromeo</b>	<b>All Souls</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Mass of the Virgin Mary</b>	<b>All Souls</b>

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Available for an hour before 8.00am Masses during the week and before 8.30am Masses on the weekends.

### BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to one of the Priests or contact the Parish Office.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2022

**Confirmation:** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November

**Sessions:** Sundays at 11.30am

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Aunty Rita, Caroline Vizcarra, Rafaela Santiago

### DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Hagop Arik

### NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> – ALL SAINTS DAY

Masses at 8.00am and 7.00pm. Please join us for Morning tea after the 8:00am Mass.

### NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> – ALL SOULS DAY

After 8.00am Mass we will proceed from the Church to the Penrith Cemetery to pray for our Deceased Family and Friends.

**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: \$597**  
                                  **Loose:     \$449.95**  
                                  **Tap & Go: \$170**  
                                  **Smart Facility: \$205**  
                                  **Donations: \$**

**Please note: Thanksgiving Envelopes are to be placed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection.**

### TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

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

### QR CODE FOR DONATIONS ON PARISH WEBSITE



### NOVEMBER MASSES

One Mass each day in November will be offered for our Deceased relatives and friends, whose names are on the Envelope and are written in the Remembrance Book. Names can be added through November and will be included in the Mass of the following day.

### 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.

### LADIES' MORNING TEA

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

### PARISH LUNCH

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

### POPE FRANCIS' CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA & UKRAINE TO 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.

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 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.

### COLUMBAN CALENDARS

On sale after weekend Masses at \$10 each.

### VOLUNTEERS LUNCH

All Volunteers are invited to our Lunch from 12noon to 2pm on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Details to follow.

### MEN'S RETREAT AT MT SCHOENSTATT

#### Looking for Certainty in an Uncertain World

From 9am Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November to 3.30pm Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa.

Cost: All inclusive \$180 or day rate \$55.

Bookings mensbranch@schoenstatt.org.au

Enquiries Jim 0432 487 927.

## CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

## POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Catechesis On Discernment – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022

## Desolation

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Discernment, as we have seen in the previous catecheses, is not primarily a logical procedure; it is based on actions, and actions also have an affective connotation, which must be acknowledged, because God speaks to the heart. Let us then enter into the first affective mode, an object of discernment: *desolation*.

Desolation has been defined as follows: “Darkness of soul, disturbance in it, movement to things low and earthly, the unquiet of different agitations and temptations, moving to want of confidence, without hope, without love, when one finds oneself all lazy, tepid, sad and as if separated from his Creator and Lord” (Saint Ignatius of Loyola, *Spiritual Exercises*, 317). We all have experience of this desolation in one way or another. The problem is how to interpret it, because it too has something important to tell us, and if we are in a hurry to free ourselves of it, we risk losing this.

No-one wants to be desolate, sad: this is true. We would all like a life that is always joyful, cheerful and fulfilled. Besides not being possible this would not be good for us either. Indeed, the change from a life oriented towards vice can start *from a situation of sadness, of remorse* for what one has done. The etymology of this word, “remorse”, is very beautiful. Remorse: literally, it is the conscience that bites [in Italian, *mordere*] that does not permit peace. Alessandro Manzoni, in *The Betrothed*, gave us a wonderful description of remorse as an opportunity to change one’s life. It is about the famous dialogue between Cardinal Federico Borromeo and the Unnamed, who, after a terrible night, presents himself destroyed by the cardinal, who addresses him with surprising words: “You have some good news for me; why do you hesitate to tell it?” “Good news?” says the other. “I have hell in my soul. Tell me, if you know, what good news could you expect from such a one as I”. “That God has touched your heart and is drawing you to himself” replied the cardinal calmly” (Ch. 23). God touches the heart, and comes to you inwardly as sadness or remorse for something, and it is an invitation to set out on a new path. The man of God knows how to notice in depth what moves in the heart.

We all know what sadness is. But do we know how to interpret it? Do we know what it means for me, this sadness today? In our time, it is mostly considered negatively, as an ill to avoid at all costs, and instead it can be an indispensable alarm bell for life, inviting us to explore richer and more fertile landscapes that transience and escapism do not permit. Saint Thomas defines sadness as a *pain of the soul*: like the nerves for the

body, it redirects our attention to a possible danger, or a disregarded benefit (cf. *Summa Theologica* I-II, q. 36, a.1). It is indispensable for our health; it protects us from harming ourselves and others. It would be far more serious and dangerous not to feel this, and to go ahead. At times sadness works like a traffic light: “Stop! It is red, here. Stop”.

For those, on the other hand, who have the desire to do good, sadness is an obstacle with which the tempter tries to *discourage* us. In that case, one must act in a manner exactly contrary to what is suggested, determined to continue what one had set out to do. Think of work, study, prayer, a commitment undertaken: if we abandoned them as soon as we felt boredom or sadness, we would never complete anything. This is also an experience common to the spiritual life: the road to goodness, the Gospel reminds us, is narrow and uphill, it requires combat, self-conquest. I begin to pray, or dedicate myself to a good work, and strangely enough, just then things come to mind that need to be done urgently – so as not to pray or do good works. We all experience this. It is important, for those who want to serve the Lord, not to be led astray by desolation. Unfortunately, some people decide to abandon the life of prayer, or the choice they have made, marriage or religious life, driven by desolation, without first pausing to consider this state of mind, and especially without the help of a guide. A wise rule says *not to make changes when you are desolate*. It will be the time afterwards, rather than the mood of the moment, that will show the goodness or otherwise of our choices.

It is interesting to note, in the Gospel, that Jesus repels temptations with an attitude of firm resolution (cf. *Mt* 3:14-15; 4:1-11; 16; 21-23). Trials assail him from all sides, but always, finding in him this steadfastness, determined to do the will of the Father, they fail and cease to hinder his path. In spiritual life, trial is an important moment, as the Bible recalls explicitly, and says: “When you come to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for trials” (*Sir* 2:1). If you want to take the good path, prepare yourself: there will be obstacles, there will be temptations, there will be moments of sadness.

If we know how to traverse loneliness and desolation with openness and awareness, we can emerge strengthened in human and spiritual terms. But do not flee from trials: see what this test means, what it means that I am sad: why am I sad? What does it mean that I am in desolation and cannot go on? Saint Paul reminds us that no-one is tempted beyond his or her ability, because the Lord never abandons us and, with him close by, we can overcome every temptation (cf. *1 Cor* 10:13). We must not remain defeated by a moment of sadness, of desolation. May the Lord bless this path – courageous! – of spiritual life, which is always a journey.