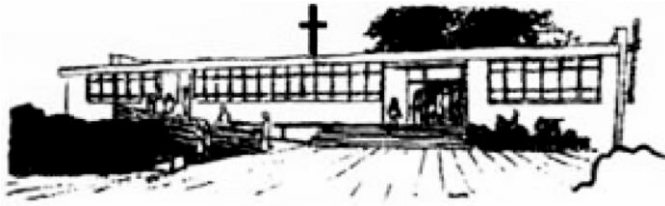


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

20th November 2022, Year C/2



Christ Pantokrator, Righteous Judge & Lover of Mankind,
Cathedral of Cefalu, Sicily

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

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour.
To Him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading: Samuel 5:1-3

Responsorial Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		All Souls
SUNDAY	8:30am		All Souls
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	Presentation of Bl Virgin Mary	All Souls
Tuesday	8:00am	St Cecilia	All Souls
Wednesday	8.00am	34th Week in Ordinary Time	All Souls
Thursday	8.00am	St Ignatius Delgado, St Vincent Liem St Dominic An-Kham & Companions	All Souls
Friday	8.00am	34th Week in Ordinary Time	All Souls
Saturday	8.30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary	All Souls

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.

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 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.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2023

Reconciliation: Thursday 30th March

Registration & 1st Session: 19th February

First Communion: 11th June

Registration & 1st Session: 16th April

Confirmation: Registration & 1st Session: TBC

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Jonathon Ansell, 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.

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

POPE FRANCIS' NOVEMBER INTENTIONS

Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans and widows of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$772**
 Loose: \$158.65
 Tap & Go: \$200
 Smart Facility: \$275

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.

LADIES' MORNING TEA

1st Tuesday of the month at 10.30am in the Parish Hall. Next date is Tuesday 6th December. All ladies of the Parish are most welcome.

PARISH LUNCH

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 14th December at St. Marys Band Club. All are most welcome.

VOLUNTEERS LUNCH

All Volunteers are invited to our Lunch from 12noon to 2pm on Saturday 17th December. Please ring the Office or write your name on the sheet at the back of the Church. RSVP by 3rd December for Catering purposes.

WESTERN DEANERY YOUNG ADULTS

Next meeting is Friday 25th November at 7pm. Dinner is provided. All young adults over 18 and under 35 are most welcome. See Flyer for information.

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.

WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT

Venue: Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa.

Date: 9th – 11th December 2022

See Noticeboard for details.

MUSIC FOR THE SOUL

3pm on Sunday 27th November at St Finbar's Catholic Church. See Noticeboard for details.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Next weekend 26th/27th November we have the Bishop's Christmas Appeal to enable Catholic Care's Assistance with Care and Housing to aid the homeless with practical and emotional support. You can donate at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or using the envelopes provided.

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

Charles Abela's Ordination is on 10th December. Please see invitation on the Noticeboard.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Discernment – Why Are We Desolate?

16th November 2022

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today, let us resume the catecheses on the theme of discernment. We have seen how important it is to read what stirs within us, so as not to make hasty decisions, spurred by the emotion of the moment, only to regret them when it is too late. That is, to read what happens and then make decisions.

The spiritual state we call desolation, when in the heart everything is dark, can be an opportunity for growth. Indeed, if there is not a little dissatisfaction, a little healthy sadness, a healthy capacity to dwell in solitude and to stay by ourselves without fleeing, we risk always remaining on the surface of things and never making contact with the core of our existence. Desolation causes a “rousing of the soul”: when one is sad it is as if the soul were shaken; it keeps us alert, it fosters vigilance and humility, and protects us from the winds of fancy. These are indispensable conditions for progress in life, and hence also in the spiritual life. A perfect but “aseptic” serenity, without feeling, when it becomes the criterion for decisions and behaviour, makes us inhuman. We cannot ignore our feelings: we are human and sentiment is a part of our humanity. And without understanding feelings we are inhuman; without living our sentiments we will also be indifferent to the sufferings of others and incapable of accepting our own. Such a “perfect serenity” cannot be reached by this path of indifference. For many saints, restlessness was a decisive impetus to turn their lives around. This artificial serenity will not do. Yes, a healthy restlessness is fine, the restless heart, the heart that seeks its way. This is the case, for example, of Augustine of Hippo, Edith Stein, Joseph Benedict Cottolengo, or Charles de Foucauld. Important choices come at a price that life presents, a price that is within reach of everyone; or rather, the important choices have a price and you have to pay that price. It is a price that you must pay with your heart, it is the price of the decision, the price of making some effort. It is not free of charge, but it is a price within reach of everyone. We must all pay for this decision so as to leave behind the state of indifference. The state of indifference brings us down, always.

Desolation is also an invitation to gratuitousness, to not acting always and solely with a view to emotional gratification. Being desolate offers us the possibility of growth, of initiating a more mature, more beautiful relationship with the Lord and with our loved ones, a relationship that is not reduced to a mere exchange of giving and having. Let us think of our childhood, for example: as children, it often happens that we look for

our parents to obtain something from them, a toy, some money to buy an ice cream, permission. We look to them not for themselves, but for personal gain. And yet, the greatest gift is them, our parents, and we understand this gradually as we grow up.

Many of our prayers are also somewhat like this: they are requests for favours addressed to the Lord, without any real interest in him. The Gospel notes that Jesus was often surrounded by many people who sought him out in order to obtain something: healing, material assistance, but not simply to be with him. He was pushed by the crowds, yet he was alone. Some saints, and even some artists, have contemplated this condition of Jesus. It may seem strange, unreal, to ask the Lord: “How are you?” Instead, it is a beautiful way to enter into a true, sincere relationship, with his humanity, with his suffering, even with his singular solitude. With him, with the Lord, who wanted to share his life with us to the full.

It does us a great deal of good to learn to be with the Lord without ulterior motives, exactly as it happens with people we care for: we wish to know them more and more, because it is good to be with them.

Dear brothers and sisters, the spiritual life is not a technique at our disposal, it is not a programme for inner “wellbeing” that it is up to us to plan. No. The spiritual life is the relationship with the Living One, with God, the Living One who cannot be reduced to our categories. And desolation, then, is the clearest response to the objection that the experience of God is a form of wishful thinking, a simple projection of our desires. Desolation is not feeling anything, when everything is dark, but you seek God in the desolation. In that case, if we think that he is a projection of our desires, we would always be the ones to plan, and we would always be happy and content, like a record that repeats the same music. Instead, those who pray realize that the outcome is unpredictable: experiences and passages from the Bible that have often enthralled us, today, strangely, do not move us. And, equally unexpectedly, experiences, encounters and readings that we have never paid much attention to or preferred to avoid – such as the experience of the cross – bring immense peace. Do not fear desolation; face it with perseverance, do not evade it. And in desolation, try to find the heart of Christ, to find the Lord. And the answer will come, always.

Faced with difficulties, therefore, never be discouraged, please, but confront the test with determination, with the help of the grace of God, which is never lacking. And if we hear within us an insistent voice that wants to turn us away from prayer, let us learn to unmask it as the voice of the tempter; and let us not be influenced; let us simply do the opposite of what it tells us! Thank you.