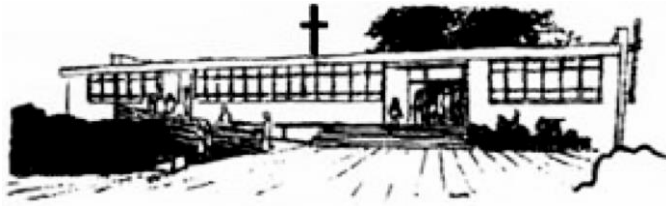


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

10th April 2022, Year C/2



LORENZETTI, Pietro, Entry into Jerusalem, 1320

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: Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He who come in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: My God, my God, why have You abandoned Me?

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14 - 23:56

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Carole Woodbury (For her Health)
SUNDAY	8:30am		Carole Woodbury (For her Health)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	6 th Week of Lent	Carole Woodbury (For her Health)
Tuesday	8:00am	6 th Week of Lent	Carole Woodbury (For her Health)
Wednesday	8.00am	6 th Week of Lent	Perfecto S Mendiola Jr (Dec. Ann.)
Thursday	7.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	No Morning Mass
Friday	11.00am 3.00pm	Stations of the Cross Passion of the Lord	No Mass
Saturday	6.30pm	Paschal Vigil	No Morning Mass

EASTER LITURGIES

Holy Thursday April 14 - 7pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday April 15 - Stations of the Cross - 11am
Passion of Christ - 3pm

Holy Saturday April 16 - Paschal Vigil - 6.30pm

Easter Sunday April 17 - Masses at 8.30am & 10am

Reconciliation for Easter - Monday 11th April
9am to 12noon & 5pm to 7.30pm

POPE FRANCIS' APRIL INTENTIONS

Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2022

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

Confirmation: Sunday 6th November
Registration & 1st Session: 31st July

All sessions follow 10.00am Mass

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Piotr Zawadzki, Maureen Fitzgerald

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY: Perfecto S Mendiola Jr

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

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

SICK LIST: If you have anyone for the sick list, (Due to privacy laws) 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: \$483**
 Loose: \$138
 Tap & Go: \$420
 Donations: \$50

TAP AND GO DONATION FACILITY

We have a "Tap and Go" device at the back of the church. Tap once to donate \$10; tap twice to donate \$20 etc. up to \$150. All contributions go to the 2nd collection.

NEW SMART DONATION FACILITY

We have a new smart donation device in the parish, where you can make any specific donation listed on the app or any other amount using your credit/debit card. Please see the usher. All donations go towards the 2nd collection.

PARISH DONATIONS

For online donations using your credit/debit card please visit the payment link on our parish website.

Electronic bank deposit (EFT) details below:

2nd Collection and Parish Donations

BSB: 067 950
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 00000396
ACCOUNT NAME: KINGSWOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH
REFERENCE: (Initial & surname/Envelope number)

1st Collection (To Support the Priests of the Diocese)

BSB: 067 950
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 00004265
ACCOUNT NAME: PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN CLERGY
REFERENCE: 6019 St Joseph's (Your name)

BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday at 9.15am. in the Parish Hall. All are most welcome.

MEN'S NIGHT

Saturday 30th April after 6pm Mass. Please bring a plate to share and RSVP Andrew on 0420 581 427. All men over 18 years most welcome.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land, by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages, medical centres, churches and shrines throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. Please be generous and pray for the Christians in the Holy Land.

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 slake 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.

MUSIC OF J S BACH AND SACRED READINGS FOR GOOD FRIDAY

St Finbar's Catholic Church, Glenbrook at 7.30pm on 15th April. Entry by donation. Enquiries 0420 975 948.

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

We will continue our appeal after Easter to meet our quota of \$3314. We have collected \$1046.90 so far. Please give generously.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Theme: "For All Future Generations"

Please return your Project Compassion boxes to the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

All Parish Volunteers are required to do the three Safeguarding Training Modules either online or face-to-face. Three Tuesdays from 14th to 28th June at 7pm in 2022 are booked for face-to-face training here at St Joseph's Parish. Please see flyer at the back of the church to register.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Old Age - 5. Simeon and Anna.

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today we look two elderly figures, Simeon and Anna. Their reason for living, before taking leave of this world, is to await God's visit. They were waiting for God to visit them, that is, Jesus. Simeon knows, by a premonition of the Holy Spirit, that he will not die before seeing the Messiah. Anna goes and offers her service to the temple every day. Both of them recognize the presence of the Lord in the child Jesus, who fills with consolation their long wait and reassures them as they bid farewell to life. This is a scene of encounter with Jesus, and of farewell.

What can we learn from these two elderly figures filled with spiritual vitality? First, we learn that the fidelity of waiting *sharpens the senses*. As we know, the Holy Spirit does precisely this. In the ancient hymn, *Veni Creator Spiritus*, with which we continue to this day to invoke the Holy Spirit, we say: "*Accende lumen sensibus*", (Guide our minds with your blest light), enlighten our senses. The Spirit is capable of doing this: of sharpening the senses of the soul, despite the limitations and the wounds of the senses of the body. In one way or another, old age weakens the sensitivity of the body: one is more blind, another is more deaf. However, an old age spent in awaiting God's visit will not miss his passage. On the contrary, it will be even more ready to grasp it, having greater sensitivity to welcome the Lord when he passes. Remember that it is typical of the Christian to be attentive to the visits of the Lord, because the Lord passes through our life, with inspirations, with invitations to better ourselves. And Saint Augustine used to say: "I'm afraid of when God passes". "I fear that he will pass me by unnoticed". It is the Holy Spirit who prepares the senses to understand when the Lord is visiting us, just as he did with Simeon and Anna.

Today we need this more than ever: we need *an old age that is gifted with lively spiritual senses*, capable of recognizing the signs of God, or rather, the Sign of God, who is Jesus. Jesus challenges us because he is "a sign that is spoken against" (Lk 2:34) — but that fills us with joy. Because crisis does not necessarily bring sadness, no: being in crisis, rendering service to the Lord, very often gives you peace and joy. The anaesthesia of the spiritual senses, in the excitement and daze of those of the body, is a widespread syndrome in a society that cultivates the illusion of eternal youth, and its most dangerous feature is the fact that it is mostly unconscious. One does not realize one is anaesthetized. Numbed senses, without understanding what is happening: when they are numb, the inner senses, the senses of the Spirit that enable us to understand the presence of God or the presence of evil, cannot distinguish between them.

When you lose sensitivity of touch or of taste, you realize it immediately. Sensitivity of the soul, you can ignore for a long time, living without realizing that you have lost it. It is not simply a matter of thinking of God or religion. The insensitivity of the spiritual senses relates to compassion and pity, shame and remorse, fidelity and devotion, tenderness and honour, responsibility for oneself and for others. Insensitivity prevents you from understanding compassion, it stops you from understanding pity, it stops you from feeling shame or remorse for having done something bad. It is like that. Numbed spiritual senses are confusing, and one no longer feels those things, spiritually. In a society that exercises sensitivity primarily for enjoyment, there cannot but be a lack of attention to the frail, and the competition of the winners prevails. And this is how sensitivity is lost.

What does the revelation that kindles the sensitivity of Simeon and Anna consist? It consists in recognizing the sure sign of God's visitation in a child. They accept *not to be protagonists, but only witnesses*. And when one accepts not being a protagonist, but gets involved as a witness, things go well: that man or that woman is maturing well. God's visitation is not embodied in the lives of those who want to be protagonists and never witnesses; it does not bring them onto the scene as saviours: God does not take flesh in their generation, but in the generation to come. They lose the spirit, they lose the desire to live with maturity, and they live in a superficial way, not allowing themselves to feel things with the sensitivity of the Spirit. It is wonderful when we find elderly people like Simeon and Anna who safeguard this sensitivity to the Spirit, and who are capable of understanding different situations, just as these two understood the situation in front of them, which was the manifestation of the Messiah. The emotion and comfort of being able to see and announce that the history of their generation is not lost or wasted, precisely thanks to an event that takes on flesh and is manifested in the generation that follows. It is so important to go see the elderly, to listen to them and to speak with them, because there is this exchange of maturity between the young and the elderly. And in this way, our civilization advances in a mature way.

When an elderly person who is *open* to a young person who is *open*: he or she bids farewell to life while, so to speak, "handing over" life to the new generation. And this is the farewell of Simeon and Anna: "Now I can go in peace". The spiritual sensitivity of old age goes towards unity. This is certainly impossible for men, but possible for God. And nowadays we are in great need of the sensibility of the spirit, the maturity of the spirit; we need wise, elders, mature in spirit, who give hope for life!