



# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Entrance Antiphon:** Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple.  
Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth;  
Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**First Reading:** Zechariah 9:9-10

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

**Second Reading:** Romans 8:9, 11-13

**Gospel:** Matthew 11:25-30

### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

†† Marilyn & Brian Manton

**SUNDAY** 8:30am

† Geraldine Frances Finn

10:00am

For the Parish

**Monday** 8:00am 14<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time

Children of the Panozzo Family

**Tuesday** 8:00am St Benedict

† Armando Silverio Lugod

**Wednesday** 8.00am 14<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time

† Geraldine Frances Finn

**Thursday** 8.00am 14<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time

†† Piotr & Klemens Blazek

**Friday** 8.00am 14<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time

† Piotr Blazek

**Saturday** 8.30am St Bonaventure

† Golby Crowhurst

### BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

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

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Brian & Marilyn Manton, Geraldine Frances Finn, John Jacques

### MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

### DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Armando Silverio Lugod (Deceased's Birthday), Piotr & Klemens Blazek, Piotr Blazek, Golby Crowhurst, Gerardo Gaudiosi

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There is an opportunity to spend time with the Lord for an hour before the 8am Masses during the week and before the 8.30am Masses at the weekend.

### POPE FRANCIS' JULY INTENTIONS

#### For a Eucharistic Life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2023

**Confirmation: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session: 30<sup>th</sup> July

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Father Andrew, Sr Louisa, Jonathon Ansell, Tony Bogdanovic, Marianne Callaghan, Margaret Colville, Frances Gunn, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Danny Patos, Shayla, Benjamin Santiago, Barry Smith, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Peter Stofmeel, Cynthia Sulvita, Charley Tonna, Kelly Tonna, David Wakeling, Paul & Mary Woodward.

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## PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

**SECOND COLLECTION:**    **Envelopes: \$715**  
                                  **Loose:     \$400.05**  
                                  **Tap & Go: \$250**  
                                  **Smart Facility: \$200**

### **TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES**

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

First Collection contributions go to the Diocese to support our Priests.

Second Collection contributions go directly to the Parish to support day to day operation of the Parish.

### **BIBLE STUDY**

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

### **YOUTH GROUP**

Youth Group will recommence on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Thank you to all who contribute bottles and cans to provide our young people with afternoon tea which they enjoy each week.

### **PARISH LUNCH**

Our next Lunch will be at 12 noon this Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome. If you need a lift please ring the Office.

### **PARISH FETE**

Will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> August. If you can contribute your assistance in any way, please ring the Office.

We are receiving Quality Books, CD's/DVD's and Homewares during Office Hours or ring the Office to make arrangements for another time.

Plants can be dropped off from Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July; Cakes on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> after morning Mass, before evening Mass or on Sunday morning.

**Requirements:** If anyone has a Marquee (3x3 or 3x6) or a Bain-marie we could borrow on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August for the fete on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>, we would be grateful. Please ring Parish Office.

### **CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS**

At 2pm on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July at Our Lady of The Rosary Church, St Marys. Celebrant is Fr Brian Steele MGL

### **MEN'S NIGHT**

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July after 6pm Mass. All men over 18 are most welcome to attend a great evening together. RSVP Andrew 0420 581 427.

### **STELLA MARIS, APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA**

This weekend we pray for those who live and work at sea, and we have a collection to provide funds to give spiritual and practical support to seafarers visiting our ports. Please give generously.

### **REFLECTION DAYS FOR MEN**

**Growing Into the Places of the Heart:** Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 9-10.30am

**Becoming Who I Am:** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August 9am- 4pm  
See Flyer on Noticeboard for Details.

### **DIOCESAN LITURGICAL CONFERENCE 2023**

Saturday 15 July at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong. Fr Peter Williams AM VG will be the Keynote speaker as we celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Constitution on Sacred Liturgy. The conference will include a variety of workshops such as nourishing faith in children and discovering sacred art. Contact [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org). or visit [www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1041495](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1041495) to register.

### **VINNIES SUPPORT CENTRES**

St Vincent de Paul Support Centre is available to arrange food vouchers or other items. Call 8861 9770 if you need assistance. To find out more visit <http://vinnies.org.au/covidsupportnsw>

### **LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION**

Course for Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Ministers at the Altar. On Mondays, from 4<sup>th</sup> September to 6<sup>th</sup> November at Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. Go to [officeforworship.org.au](http://officeforworship.org.au) or see Parish Office for application form.

### **SAFEGUARDING TRAINING**

#### **Safeguarding Mandatory Training.**

Under the Children's Guardian Act 2019 and the NSW Child Safe Standards **all** volunteers in parish ministry are Mandatory Reporters and are required to have completed their Safeguarding Training.

If you would like to complete your 6 points online 'sign up' **now** at <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>  
Go to this same web site to find face to face sessions in the diocese.

Any questions please email Maria Kervin, Education Officer at [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org)

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

**POPE FRANCIS' ANGELUS**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023**

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward" (Mt 10:41). The word "prophet" appears three times. But what type of prophet? There are some who imagine a prophet to be some type of magician who foretells the future. But this is a superstitious idea and a Christian does not believe in superstitions, such as magic, tarot cards, horoscopes and other similar things. In parentheses, many, many Christians go to have the palms read... Please... Others depict a prophet as a character from the past only, who existed before Christ to foretell his coming. And yet, Jesus himself speaks today of the need to welcome prophets. Therefore, they still exist. But who are they? What is a prophet?

Each one of us, brothers and sisters, is a prophet. In fact, with Baptism, all of us received the gift of the prophetic mission (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1268). A prophet is the one who, by virtue of Baptism, helps others read the present under the action of the Holy Spirit. This is very important: to read the present not like news, no... to read it as enlightened and under the action of the Holy Spirit, who helps to understand God's plans and correspond to them. In other words, the prophet is the one who points Jesus out to others, who bears witness to him, who helps live today and to build the future according to his designs. So we are all prophets, witnesses of Jesus, so "that the power of the Gospel might shine forth in daily social and family life" (*Lumen Gentium*, 35). A prophet is a living sign who points God out to others. A prophet is a reflection of Christ's light on the path of the brothers and sisters. And so, we can ask ourselves: Do I, – each one of us – Do I, who am "a prophet by election" through Baptism, do I speak, and above all, do I live as a witness of Jesus? Do I bring a little bit of his light into the life of another person? Do I evaluate myself on this? I ask myself: What is my bearing witness like, what is my prophecy like?

In the Gospel, the Lord also asks to welcome the prophets. So it is important to welcome each other

as such, as bearers of God's message, each one according to his state and vocation, and to do it right where we live – that is, in the family, in the parish, in the religious community, in other places in the Church and in society. The Spirit has distributed gifts of prophecy in the holy People of God. This is why it is good to listen to everyone. For example, when an important decision needs to be made – let us think about this – it is good to pray first of all, to call on the Spirit, but then to listen and dialogue trusting that each person, even the littlest, because they have something important to say, a prophetic gift to share. Thus, the truth is sought and the climate is spread of listening to God and our brothers and sisters where people do not feel welcome because they say what I like, but they feel accepted and valued as the gifts they are.

Let us reflect on how many conflicts could be avoided and resolved in this way, listening to others with the sincere desire to understand each other! So, finally, let us ask ourselves: Do I know how to welcome my brothers and sisters as prophetic gifts? Do I believe that I need them? Do I listen to them respectfully, with the desire to learn? Because each of us needs to learn from others. Each of us needs to learn from others.

May Mary, Queen of Prophets, help us see and welcome the good that the Spirit has sown in others.

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**After the Angelus**

Dear brothers and sisters,

Let us not tire of praying for peace, especially for the people of Ukraine who are so beleaguered. And let us not neglect the other wars so often unfortunately forgotten, and the numerous conflicts and clashes that stain many parts of the world with blood. There are so many wars today. Let us take an interest in what is happening, let us help those who suffer and let us pray, because prayer is the gentle strength that protects and sustains the world.

I hope you all have a good Sunday and, please, do not forget to pray for me.