

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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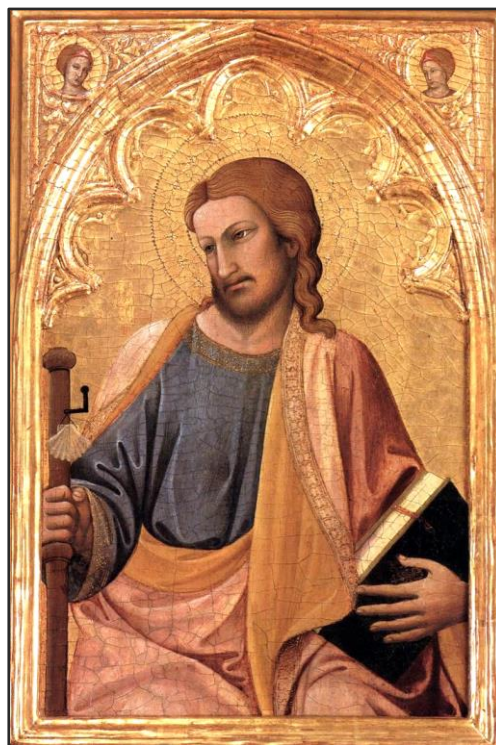
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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23rd July 2023, Year A/1



VENEZIANO, Antonia, Apostle James the Great, 1384

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

94 Joseph Street
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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am - 2:00pm and Friday: 9.00am - 1:00pm

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to You with willing heart,
and praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, You are good and forgiving.

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm † Geraldine Frances Finn

SUNDAY 8:30am † Mario Lazo

10:00am For the Parish

Monday 8:00am St Sharbel Makhluuf † Geraldine Frances Finn

Tuesday 8:00am ST JAMES † Herman Mulder

Wednesday 8.00am St Joachim & St Anne Matthew Schoemaker (Return to Christ)

Thursday 8.00am 16th Week Ordinary Time Luke Schoemaker (Return to Christ)

Friday 8.00am 16th Week Ordinary Time † Geraldine Frances Finn

Saturday 8.30am Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus St Joseph's Staff and Students

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

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

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.

CONFESSIONS

Available every Saturday after 8.30am Mass and before morning Mass during the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please let the priest know.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Geraldine Frances Finn, Brian Yardly, Shelley Sutcliffe

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Mario Lazo, Herman Mulder, Gerardo Gaudiosi

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2023

Confirmation: Sunday 12th November
Registration & 1st Session: 30th 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.

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' 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.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$615**
 Loose: \$503.20
 Tap & Go: \$260
 Smart Facility: \$250

TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

All contributions go to the 2nd 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 this Wednesday 26th July from 3-5pm. All young people from Year 6 up to eighteen years old are welcome to a time of Fun, Games, Talk and Reflection and Afternoon Tea.

PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be at 12 noon Wednesday 9th August 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 6th 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 29th July.

Cakes can be left in the Parish Hall on Saturday 5th after morning Mass or before evening Mass, or on Sunday morning.

REFLECTION DAY FOR MEN

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

GET #ACTIVE4VOCATIONS – CITY2SURF

On 13th August, join the Parramatta Catholic Foundation #Active4Vocations team. Walk, stroll, jog, or run with our Holy Spirit seminarians, deacons, priests, and community. To register or donate visit tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations Funds raised support our Diocese's seminarians.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

Please keep all the Pilgrims in our Diocese in your prayers as they attend WYD at Lisbon.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION

Course for Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Ministers at the Altar on Mondays, from 4th September to 6th November at Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. Contact the parish office to register.

DIOCESAN SYNOD

Our Diocesan Synod is from 12th to 15th October 2023 at which clergy, consecrated and laity will gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. The success of the Synod relies on your participation. Your submissions will be accepted at <https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/> until 31st July.

FAITHLIFE – SYNODAL SPIRITUALITY

Pope Francis has invited the Church to be more 'synodal'. But what does that mean as an expression of Christian spirituality? Sign up for the FaithLIFE three-night short course on synodal spirituality with Sr Patty Andrew, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team (MET). 6:30pm to 8:30pm on Tuesdays: 22nd and 29th August and 5th September. Downstairs at Bishop Bede Heather Centre: 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown NSW 2148. RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/faithlife/>

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

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' ANGELUS

Sunday 16th July 2023

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today the Gospel presents us the parable of the sower (cf. *Mt* 13:1-23). "Sowing" is a very beautiful image, and Jesus uses it to describe the gift of his Word. Let us imagine a seed: it is tiny, barely visible, but it makes plants grow that bear fruit. The Word of God is thus: think of the Gospel, a small book, simple and within reach of all, that produces new life in those who receive it. So, if the Word is the seed, we are the soil: we can receive it or not. But Jesus, the "good sower", does not tire of sowing it generously. He knows our terrain, he knows that the stones of our inconstancy and the thorns of our vices (cf. vv. 21-22) can suffocate the Word, yet he hopes, he always hopes that we can bear abundant fruit (cf. v. 8).

This is what the Lord does, and this is what we too are required to do: to sow tirelessly. But how can one do this, sow continually without tiring? Let us take a few examples.

Firstly parents, firstly parents: they sow goodness and faith in their children, and they are called to do so without being discouraged even if at times they seem not to understand or to appreciate their teachings, or if the mentality of the world is against them. The good seed remains, this is what counts, and it will take root in due time. But if, giving in to mistrust, they give up sowing and leave their children at the mercy of fashions and mobile phones, without dedicating time to them, without educating them, then the fertile soil will be filled with weeds. Parents, never tire to sow in your children!

Let us look, then, at the young: they too can sow the Gospel in the furrows of everyday life. For example, with prayer: it is a small seed that you cannot see, but with which you entrust everything you live to Jesus, and so he can make it ripen. But I am also thinking of the time to dedicate to others, to those most in need: it may seem wasted; instead, it is holy time, while the apparent satisfactions of consumerism and hedonism leave one empty-

handed. And I think of study: it is true, it is tiring and not immediately satisfying, like sowing, but is essential to build a better future for all.

We have seen parents, we have seen the young; now let us look at the sowers of the Gospel, many good priests, religious and laypeople engaged in proclamation, who live and preach the Word of God often without immediate success. Let us never forget, when we proclaim the Word, that even where it seems that nothing is happening, in reality the Holy Spirit is at work, and the kingdom of God is already growing, through and beyond our efforts. Therefore, go ahead joyfully, dear brothers and sisters! Let us remember the people who placed the seed of the Word of God in our life: each one of us, think of "how my faith began". Perhaps it germinated years after we encountered their examples, but it happened thanks to them!

In the light of all this, we can ask ourselves: do I sow goodness? Do I only care about reaping for myself, or do I also sow for others? Do I sow some seeds of the Gospel in everyday life: study, work, free time? Do I get discouraged or, like Jesus, do I continue to sow, even if I do not see immediate results? May Mary, whom we venerate today as the Blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel, help us to be generous and joyful sowers of the Good News.

After the Angelus

Dear brothers and sisters,

I want to recall that, eighty years ago, on 19 July 1943, some quarters of Rome, especially San Lorenzo, were bombed, and the Pope, the Venerable Pius XII, wanted to go among the devastated people. Unfortunately, today too these tragedies are repeated. How is this possible? Have we lost our memory? May the Lord have mercy on us and deliver the human family from the scourge of war. In particular, we pray for the dear Ukrainian people, who are suffering so much.

Please, do not forget to pray for me: I do so for you. Arriverderci.