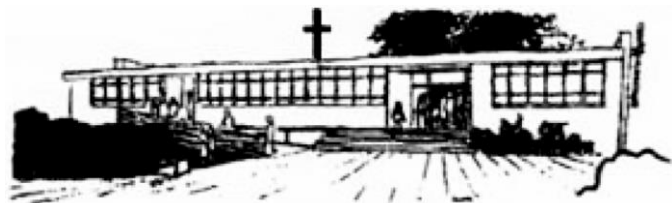


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20<sup>th</sup> August 2023, Year A/1



ANGELICO, Fra, Coronation of the Virgin, 1434-35

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:** Turn Your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of Your anointed one; one day within Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

**Responsorial Psalm:** O God, let all the nations praise you!

**Second Reading:** Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

**Gospel:** Matthew 15:21-28

### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Gerado Gaudiosi

**SUNDAY** 8:30am

† Adriano & Celerina Reyes

10:00am

For the Parish

**Monday** 8:00am St Pius X

† Antonia & Domingo Santiago

**Tuesday** 8:00am Queenship of Bl Virgin Mary

Lejan & Trixy (Wedding Ann.)

**Wednesday** 8.00am St Rose Flores of Lima

† Benita (Dec. Birthday)

**Thursday** 8.00am ST BARTHOLOMEW

† Benita Azores

**Friday** 8.00am 20<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time

† Lila Hulme

**Saturday** 8.30am Mass of the Virgin Mary

Holy Souls & Sinners

### 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 are also available during Adoration. Please let the Priest know.

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2023

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

Sessions are Sundays after 10am Mass, at 11.30am.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Peter Stofmeel, Shelley Sutcliffe, Bob Sakr, Raul Guerrero, John Chetham, Chloe

**DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:** Gerado Gaudiosi, Adriano & Celerina Reyes, Antonia & Domingo Santiago, Benita Azores, Lila Hulme, Virginia Sayago

### POPE FRANCIS' AUGUST INTENTIONS

**For World Youth Day**

We pray World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

**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, Cynthia Sulvita, Charley 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

**SECOND COLLECTION:**    **Envelopes: \$775**  
                                  **Loose:     \$356.20**  
                                  **Tap & Go: \$310**  
                                  **Smart Facility: \$310**  
                                  **Donation: \$300**

### **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 every Wednesday during the School Term from 3-5pm. All young people from Year 6 up to eighteen years old are welcome to a time of Fun, Games, Reflection and Afternoon Tea.

### **PARISH LUNCH**

Our next Lunch will be at 12 noon Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome. If you need a lift, please ring the Office.

### **WESTERN DEANERY YOUNG ADULTS**

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Adoration, Dinner and Fellowship, with a talk by Fr Jacek Buda OP "The Supreme Witness". Young Adults from 18 up to 35 are most welcome.

### **PARISH FETE**

Thank you to all those assisting and participating in any way in our Parish Fete last Sunday. We will publish our total figures when they are available.

### **ST JOHN BOSCO RELIC**

From 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> August the St John Bosco relic statue will be at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys. See details and the itinerary on the noticeboard.

### **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. Contact the parish office to register.

### **CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS**

2pm this Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys. Celebrant is Fr Hugh Thomas CSsR.

### **CATHOLIC MISSION**

Timor-Leste has limited access to medical care, causing health conditions, often resulting in death.

This weekend Catholic Mission offers you the opportunity to partner with Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters at the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality. Donate by third collection or at [catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor) Thank you for your generosity.

### **ARISE WOMEN'S RETREAT**

"Talitha Koum, Little Girl I Say Arise"

8.30am to 8.30pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September at St Finbar's Catholic Church, Glenbrook. See Flyer on noticeboard for further information and booking details.

### **FAITHLIFE – SYNODAL SPIRITUALITY**

Pope Francis has invited the Church to be more 'synodal'. Sign up for the FaithLIFE the course on synodal spirituality with Sr Patty Andrew, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team (MET). 6:30pm to 8:30pm on Tuesdays: 29<sup>th</sup> August and 5<sup>th</sup> September. at Bishop Bede Heather Centre: 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown NSW 2148. RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/faithlife/>

### **SOUL FOOD PODCAST**

The Mission Enhancement Team's Soul Food Podcast features life & faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen now for FREE via r Spotify: <https://pfparra.org.au/soulfood/>

### **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> To book face to face training sessions in the Diocese and for any questions please email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement & Education Officer at [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org)

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' ANGELUS

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today's Gospel narrates a particular prodigious deed of Jesus: He walks at night on the waters of the lake of Galilee toward his disciples who are crossing the lake in a boat (cf. *Mt* 14:22-33). The question is: Why did Jesus do this? Like a show? No! But why? Maybe because of an urgent, unforeseeable need to help his disciples who were blocked by a headwind? No, because he himself had planned everything, He had made them depart that evening. The text even says he "made them" (cf. v. 22). Maybe he did it to give them a demonstration of his greatness and power? But it is not that simple with him. So, why did he do it? Why did he want to walk on the waters?

There is a message that is not evident, a message we need to grasp. In fact, at that time, great expanses of water were held to be the haunts of evil powers that man was not able to master. Particularly when storms made them turbulent, these abysses were symbols of chaos and recalled the darkness of the underworld. Now, the disciples found themselves in the middle of the lake when it was dark. They are afraid of sinking, of being sucked in by evil. And comes Jesus here, walking on the waters, that is, over the powers of evil. He walks on top of the powers of evil and says to his disciples: "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid" (v. 27). This is the message Jesus gives us. This is the meaning of the sign: the powers of evil that frighten us, that we cannot master, take on smaller proportions immediately with Jesus. By walking on the waters, He wants to say, "Do not be afraid. I put your enemies under my feet" – a beautiful message – I put your enemies under my feet – not people! – not that type of enemy, but death, sin, the devil – these are the enemies of the people, our enemies. And Jesus tramples on these enemies for us.

Today, Christ repeats to each of us, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid!" Take heart because I am here, because you are no longer alone on the turbulent waters of life. And so, what should we

do when we find ourselves on the open sea at the mercy of headwinds? What should we do when we face the fear of the open sea, when we see only darkness and we feel we are going under? We need to do two things that the disciples do in the Gospel. What do the disciples do? They call on and welcome Jesus. At the worst moments, in the darkest of storms, call on Jesus and welcome Jesus.

The disciples call on Jesus: Peter walks a little on the waters toward Jesus, but then gets frightened. He sinks and then cries out: "Lord, save me!" (v. 30). Invoke Jesus, call on Jesus. This prayer is beautiful. It expresses the certainty that the Lord can save us, that he conquers our evil and our fears. I invite you to repeat it now all together. Three times together: Lord, save me! Lord, save me! Lord, save me!

And then the disciples welcome, first they call on, then they welcome Jesus into the boat. The text says that as soon as he got into the boat, "the wind ceased" (v. 32). The Lord knows that the boat of our life, as well as the boat of the Church, is threatened by headwinds, and that the sea on which we sail is often turbulent. He does not spare us the hard work of sailing, rather – the Gospel emphasizes – he pushes his disciples to depart. He invites us to face difficulties so they too might become salvific places, so Jesus can conquer them, so they become opportunities to meet him. In fact, in our moments of darkness, he comes to meet us, asking to be welcomed like that night on the lake.

So, let us ask ourselves: How do I react when I am afraid, in difficulties? Do I go ahead alone, with my own strength, or do I call on the Lord with trust? And what is my faith like? Do I believe that Christ is stronger than the adversarial waves and winds? But above all: Am I sailing with him? Do I welcome him? Do I make room for him in the boat of my life – never alone, always with Jesus? Do I hand the helm over to Jesus?

In the dark crossings, may Mary, the mother of Jesus, Star of the Sea, help us to seek the light of Jesus.