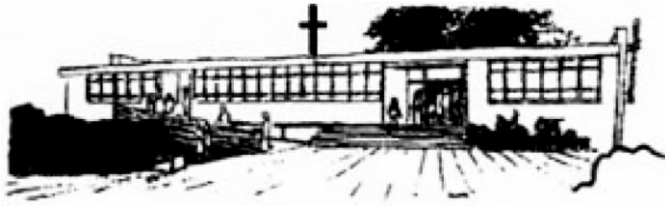


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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



PERUGINO, Pietro, Christ Giving the Keys to Peter, Sistine Chapel, Rome

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 ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in You, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 22:19-23

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, Your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of Your hands.

**Second Reading:** Romans 11:33-36

**Gospel:** Matthew 16:13-20

### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Giuseppi Suraci

**SUNDAY** 8:30am

† Thresiamma Kurian

10:00am

For the Parish

**Monday** 8:00am

**ST AUGUSTINE**

† Souls of Priests & Nuns in Purgatory

**Tuesday** 8:00am

**Passion of St John the Baptist**

† Peter Stofmeel

**Wednesday** 8.00am

**21<sup>st</sup> Week Ordinary Time**

† Angelo Spiteri

**Thursday** 8.00am

**21<sup>st</sup> Week Ordinary Time**

† Shelley Sutcliffe

**Friday** 8.00am

**21<sup>st</sup> Week Ordinary Time**

For God's Precious Infants

**Saturday** 8.30am

**Mass of the Virgin Mary**

† Dec. Mem. Of St Vincent de Paul

### 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:** Giuseppi Suraci, Peter Stofmeel, Shelley Sutcliffe, Bob Sakr, Raul Guerrero, John Chetham, Chloe

**DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:** Thresiamma Kurian, Souls of Priests & Nuns in Purgatory, Angelo Spiteri, Deceased Members of the St Vincent de Paul Society

### 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: \$800**  
                                  **Loose:     \$526**  
                                  **Tap & Go: \$230**  
                                  **Smart Facility: \$315**  
                                  **Donation: \$30**

### 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 MOVIE

There will not be a movie next Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September as it is Father's Day.

### 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.

### PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

We are taking nominations for three Parish Council Members. Registration Forms are at the back of the Church. Please return forms to one of the Priests or to the Office by 10<sup>th</sup> September.

### PARISH FETE

We are still in the process of selling items. We will publish our total figures when they are available.

### WYD FEEDBACK

The Bartolo Girls have prayed for our Parishioners who assisted them in their journey to Portugal. They look forward to sharing their journey with us when they return in September after visiting their family cultural roots in Malta.

### CATHOLIC MISSION

We collected \$694.65. Thank you for your generosity.

### 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.

### BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

Our priests never stop giving their lives in service to our community. They dedicate themselves to carrying out God's ministry for as long as they are able. This Father's Day, let us show our thanks and appreciation for our priests' lifelong gifts of faithful service. Your donation will help our Clergy Support Foundation to care for our priests and provide them with health and wellbeing support. Please give generously next weekend to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal or at [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal). Thank you.

### 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.

### CAMPION COLLEGE REGENCY BALL

The Champion College Student Association welcomes all young adults to attend their annual Ball on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Learn more and purchase tickets at: <https://www.campion.edu.au/event/campion-ball/>

### CAMPION COLLEGE EARLY OFFER SCHEME

This scheme allows prospective liberal arts students to fast track their Letter of Offer for 2024 and receive consideration for a first semester scholarship. Applications close 8<sup>th</sup> October. Learn more and apply at: <https://www.campion.edu.au/admission/early-offer-scheme/>

### 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' GENERAL AUDIENCE**

**Passion for Evangelisation: 18. St Juan Diego,  
Messenger of the Bl Virgin Mary of Guadalupe  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023**

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

The Virgin of Guadalupe appears dressed in the clothing of the indigenous, native peoples, she speaks their language, she welcomes and loves the local culture: Mary is Mother, and under her mantle every child finds a place. In Mary, God became flesh and, through Mary, He continues to incarnate Himself in the lives of peoples.

Our Lady in fact, proclaims God in the most suitable language; that is, the mother tongue. The Gospel is transmitted through the mother tongue. And I would like to say thank you to the many mothers and so many grandmothers who pass the Gospel on to their children and grandchildren: faith is passed on with life; this is why mothers and grandmothers are the first evangelizers. It is communicated, as Mary shows, in simplicity: Our Lady always chooses those who are simple, on the hill of Tepeyac in Mexico, as at Lourdes and Fatima: speaking to them, she speaks to everyone, in a language suitable for all, like that of Jesus.

Let us dwell then on the testimony of Saint Juan Diego, who is the indigenous man who received the revelation of Mary: the messenger of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Juan Diego was already a married adult when he embraced the faith. In December 1531, he was about 55 years old. While walking along, he saw the on a hill the Mother of God, who tenderly called out to him. And what does Our Lady call him? "My most beloved little child Juanito", taken from the name Juan. Then she sent him to the Bishop to ask him to build a church there where she had appeared.

Juan Diego, simple and willing, went with the generosity of his pure heart, but had to wait a long time. He finally spoke to the Bishop, who did not believe him. He met Our Lady again, who consoled him and asked him to try again. He returned to the Bishop and the Bishop, after listening to him, dismissed him and sent men to follow him. The trial of proclamation: despite zeal, the unexpected arrives, sometimes from the Church itself. To proclaim, in fact, it is not enough to bear witness to the good, it is necessary to know how to endure evil. A Christian does good, but also endures evil. Both go together; life is like that.

Even today, in so many places, inculturating the Gospel and evangelising cultures requires constancy and patience, not being afraid of conflict, not losing heart. I am thinking of a country where Christians are persecuted, and they can't practice their faith easily and

in peace. Juan Diego, discouraged because the bishop sent him away, asked Our Lady to dispense him and appoint someone more respected and more capable than him, but was invited to persevere. There is always the risk of surrender in the proclamation: something doesn't go right and one backs down, becoming discouraged and perhaps taking refuge in one's own certainties. Our Lady, on the other hand, while she consoles us, makes us go forward and thus allows us to grow, like a good mother who, while following her son's steps, launches him into the world's challenges.

Thus encouraged, Juan Diego returned to the Bishop, who asked him for a sign. Our Lady promises Juan one, and comforts him with these words: "Let nothing frighten you, let nothing trouble your heart: Am I not here, I who am your mother?" Often times when we are in desolation, in sadness, in difficulty, Our Lady says this to us, too, in our hearts. She is always close by us to console us and give us the strength to go on.

Then she asked him to go to the arid hilltop to pick flowers. It was winter, but, nevertheless, Juan Diego found some beautiful flowers, put them in his cloak and offered them to the Mother of God, who invited him to take them to the Bishop as proof. He goes, waits his turn patiently and finally, in the presence of the Bishop, opened his tilma – which is what the indigenous used to cover themselves – to show the flowers—and behold! The image of Our Lady appeared the fabric of the cloak, the extraordinary and living image that we are familiar with, in whose eyes the protagonists of that time are still imprinted. This is God's surprise: when there is willingness and when there is obedience, He can accomplish something unexpected, in the time and in ways we cannot foresee. And so, the shrine requested by the Virgin was built, and even today one can visit it.

Juan Diego left everything and, with the Bishop's permission, dedicated his life to the shrine. He welcomed pilgrims and evangelised them. This is what happens in Marian shrines, pilgrimage destinations, and places of proclamation, where everyone feels at home – because it is the house of their mother – and experiences nostalgia for home, that is, the longing for the place where you find the Mother, Heaven. Faith is welcomed in these places in a simple way, the faith is welcomed in a genuine way, in a popular way. And as she told Juan Diego, Our Lady listens to our cries and heals our sorrows. We should learn this: when there are difficulties in life, we go to our Mother; and when life is happy, we also go to our Mother to share these things. We need to go to these oases of consolation and mercy, where faith is expressed in a maternal language; where we lay down the labours of life in Our Lady's arms and return to life with peace in our hearts, perhaps with the peace of little children.