

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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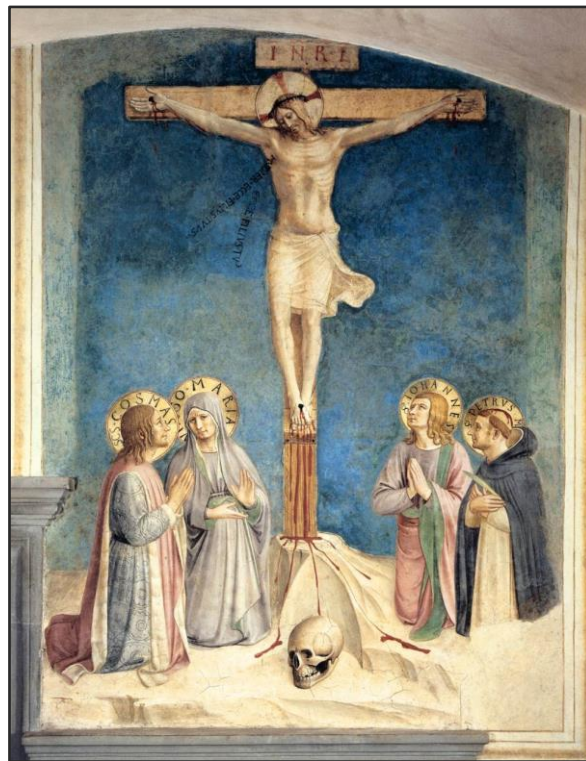
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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10th September 2023, Year A/1



ANGELICO, Fra, Crucifixion (Cell 38) 1441/42

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

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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: You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right;
Treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to His voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Orlando Surace

SUNDAY 8:30am

Carmel Lobow (Birthday Blessings)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 23rd Week Ordinary Time

Thanksgiving

Tuesday 8:00am Most Holy Name of Mary

† Odile St Lambert

Wednesday 8.00am St John Chrysostom

Thanksgiving

Thursday 8.00am EXULTATION OF THE CROSS

† Klemens & Thea Blazek

Friday 8.00am Our Lady of Sorrows

† Leonides Ortaleza

Saturday 8.30am St Cornelius & St Cyprian

Michael Van Hesden (For his Health)

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 12th November

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

John Chetham, Chloe, Angela Tantini

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Orlando Surace, Odile St Lambert, Klemens & Thea Blazek, Leonides Ortaleza

POPE FRANCIS' SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS

For People Living on the Margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

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.

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PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$695**
 Loose: \$1060.05
 Tap & Go: \$240
 Smart Facility: \$140
 Donation: \$110

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 every Wednesday during the School Term from 3-5pm. All young people from Year 6 up to under 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 this Wednesday 13th September at St. Mary's Band Club. All are welcome. If you need a lift, please ring the Office.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Nominations close this weekend. Registration Forms are at the back of the Church. Please return forms to one of the Priests or to the Office by today.

PARISH FETE

Our total profit for the fete so far is \$12,864.78. We may still sell another item. Well done and thank you to our Parish and our local community.

BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

We donated \$1325 to support our sick and retired Priests. Thank you for your generosity.

DADS AT THE SHRINE

An hour of adoration on Wednesday 13th September at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa. Please see the Flyer on the noticeboard for further information.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS.

Sunday 17th September at 2pm at Our Lady of the Rosary, St Marys. Celebrant: Fr Hugh Thomas CSsR.

ARISE WOMEN'S RETREAT

"Talitha Koum, Little Girl I Say Arise"

A day of reflection, inspiration and encounter with Jesus Christ. From 8.30am to 8.30pm on Saturday 16th September at St Finbar's Catholic Church, Glenbrook. Cost is \$100 and all meals are included. See Flyer at back of Church for more information and bookings.

CAMPION COLLEGE REGENCY BALL

The Campion College Student Association welcomes all young adults to attend their annual Ball on 16th 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 8th October. Learn more and apply at: <https://www.campion.edu.au/admission/early-offer-scheme/>

FEAST OF ST PADRE PIO OF PIETRELCINA

Novena and Mass on Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd September at 7pm.

Procession followed by the Feast Day Mass, Veneration and Blessing by the Relic of St Padre Pio on Sunday 24th September 10am.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

The Parish of Kingswood and the Diocese of Parramatta are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to build and support safe communities for all people.

You can find out more about the work in this area at www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023

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

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Catechesis: The Journey in Mongolia

Wednesday 6th September 2023

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

On Monday I returned from Mongolia. I would like to express my appreciation to those who accompanied me on my visit with prayer, and to reiterate my gratitude to the authorities, who solemnly welcomed me: in particular Mr. President Khürelsükh, and also the former President Enkhbayer, who gave me the official invitation to visit the country. I think back with joy of the local Church and the Mongolian people: a noble and wise people, who showed me great warmth and affection. Today I would like to take you to the heart of this journey.

One might ask: why did the Pope go so far to visit a small flock of the faithful? Because it is precisely there, far from the spotlight, that we often find the signs of the presence of God, who does not look at appearances, but at the heart, as we have heard in the passage from the prophet Samuel (cf. *1 Sam 16:7*). The Lord does not look for the centre-stage, but the simple heart of those who desire him and love him without ostentation, without wanting to tower above others. And I had the grade of meeting, in Mongolia, a humble Church, and a joyful Church, which is in the heart of God, and I can testify to their joy of finding themselves also at the centre of the Church for a few days.

That community has a touching history. It came about, by the grace of God, from the apostolic zeal of a few missionaries who, impassioned by the Gospel, went about thirty years ago to that country they did not know. They learned the language and, despite coming from different nations, gave life to a united and truly Catholic community. This is the meaning of the word "catholic", which means "universal". But it is not a universality that homogenizes, but rather a universality that is inculturated. This is catholicity: an embodied universality, "inculturate", which embraces the good where it is found and serves the people with whom it lives. This is how the Church lives: bearing witness to the love of Jesus meekly, with life before words, happy with its true riches: service to the Lord and to brethren.

This is how that young Church was born: in the spirit of charity, which is the best witness of faith. At the end of my visit, I had the joy of blessing and opening the "House of Mercy", the first charitable work to be established in Mongolia as an expression of all the components of the local Church. A house that is the calling card of those Christians, but that asks every one

of our communities to be a house of mercy: that is, an open place, a welcoming place, where the sufferings of each person can enter without shame in contact with God's mercy, that lifts up and heals. This is the witness of the Mongolian Church, with missionaries from various countries who feel at one with the people, happy to serve them and to discover the beauty already there. Because these missionaries did not go to proselytize; this is not evangelical. They went to live there like the Mongolian people, to speak their language, to take on the values of that people and to preach the Gospel in the Mongolian style, with Mongolian words. They went and they were "inculturated": they took on the Mongolian culture to proclaim the Gospel in that culture.

I was able to discover something of this beauty, also by meeting some people, listening to their stories, appreciating their religious quest. In this regard, I am grateful for last Sunday's interreligious and ecumenical meeting. Mongolia has a great Buddhist tradition, with many people who live their religiosity in a sincere and radical way, in silence, through altruism and mastery of their own passions. Just think of how many hidden seeds of goodness make the garden of the world flourish, while we usually only hear about the sound of falling trees! And this is a... people, we too, like scandal: "But look what barbarism, a tree has fallen, what a noise it made!" "But do you not see the forest that grows every day?", because growth is silent. It is decisive to be able to discern and recognize the good. Often, however, we appreciate others only to the extent that they correspond to our ideas. And this is why it is therefore important to turn our gaze upwards, towards the light of goodness. Only in this way, starting from the recognition of the good, can we build a common future; only by valuing others can we help them to improve.

I was in the heart of Asia, and this did me good. It is good to enter into dialogue with that vast continent, to glean its messages, to know its wisdom, its way of looking at things, to embrace time and space. It was good for me to meet the Mongolian people, who cherish their roots and traditions, who respect the elderly and live in harmony with the environment: they are a people who contemplate the sky and feel the breath of creation. Thinking of the boundless and silent expanses of Mongolia, let us be stirred by the need to extend the confines of our gaze, please: broaden the horizons, look high and low, look and do not fall prisoner to trivial things. Let us expand the boundaries of our gaze, so that we may be able to see the good in others and be capable of broadening our horizons and let us also open our heart; we need to make our heart grow and expand, in order to understand, to be close to every person and every civilization. Thank you.