ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st October 2023, Year A/1



CRIVELLI, Carlo, Madonna and Child; St Francis of Assisi,1471-72

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: All that You have done to us, O Lord, You have done with true judgement,

for we have sinned against You and not obeyed Your commandments.

But give glory to Your name and deal with us according to the bounty of Your mercy.

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Responsorial Psalm: Remember Your mercies, O Lord.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm † John Chetham

SUNDAY 8:30am † John Curtain

10:00am For the Parish

Monday 8:00am Holy Guardian Angels † Jose Loretta Descalzo

Tuesday 8:00am 26th Week Ordinary Time Thanksgiving

Wednesday 8.00am ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI †† Irene, Frank & Anjela Barglik &

†† Michael & Maria Paulinski

Thursday 8.00am St Faustina Kowalska Thanksgiving

Friday 8.00am 26th Week Ordinary Time For God's Precious Infants

Saturday 8.30am OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY †† Dec. Mems. 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 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

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR: John Curtain, Jose Loretta Descalzo, Irene, Frank & Anjela Barglik, Michael & Maria Paulinski, Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

During the month of October there will be Rosary, Litany of Our Lady and Benediction after all the weekday Masses.

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.

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

POPE FRANCIS' OCTOBER INTENTIONS For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$495

Loose: \$488.75 Tap & Go: \$270 Smart Facility: \$355 Donations: \$60

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 resume Wednesday 11th October 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 MOVIE

This Sunday 1st October at 1.30pm in the Parish Hall. Our movie is the Theatrical Release Edition of "Mother Teresa".

MEN'S BARBEQUE

Saturday 7th October after 6pm Mass. All men over eighteen are most welcome. Please RSVP to Andrew on 0420 581 427.

PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be at 12 noon Wednesday 11th October at St. Mary's Band Club. It is a great chance to catch up socially with other parishioners. All are welcome. If you need a lift, please ring the Office.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Available for \$10 after all weekend Masses. This calendar makes a lovely gift.

ST JOSEPH STATUE

Donations can be placed in the silver "Donation Box" at the back of the Church. We are planning to have the new Statue blessed on the feast of St Joseph, 19th March 2024. \$500 has already been donated.

NOVEMBER MASSES

One Mass each day in November will be offered for our Deceased. When you fill out your November Mass Envelope place it in the basket at the back of the Church and fill in the Remembrance Book with the names of your friends and relatives.

CLEANING THE LORD'S HOUSE

If anyone has a free hour on a Friday or Saturday morning, we would appreciate some help once every 4 or 5 weeks to clean the Church. Volunteers need to be willing to obtain a Working with Children Check & do Safeguarding Training as we often have our Sacramental Children help us. Our next Roster will begin in January 2024. Please speak to Clare or ring the Parish Office if you can help.

MT SCHOENSTATT

The Shrine at Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year from 7am to 8pm.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Parishes and Families are invited to take part in our annual "One Million Children Praying the Rosary" on 18th October 2023. Free resources can be found online including reflections for children. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/onemillionchildren to learn more and to register.

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 go to 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

The Apostolic Journey to Marseille for the "Rencontres Méditerranéennes"

Wednesday 27th September 2023

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

I went to Marseille at the end of last week to participate in the conclusion of the *Rencontres Méditerranéennes* (Mediterranean Meetings), which involved Bishops and mayors from the Mediterranean area, along with numerous young people, so that their outlook would be open to the future. In fact, the event that took place in Marseille was called "Mosaic of Hope". This is the dream, this is the challenge: that the Mediterranean might recover its vocation, that of being a laboratory of civilization and peace.

As we know, the Mediterranean is the cradle of civilization and a cradle is for life! It is not tolerable that it become a tomb, neither should it be a place of conflict. The Mediterranean Sea is the complete opposite of the clash between civilizations, war, human trafficking. It is the exact opposite because the Mediterranean is a means of communication between Africa, Asia, and Europe; between the north and the south, the east and the west, persons and cultures, peoples and tongues, philosophies and religions. Of course, the sea is always an abyss to overcome in some way, and it can even become dangerous. But its waters safeguard treasures of life; its waves and its winds carry vessels of all types.

From its eastern shore, two thousand years ago, the Gospel of Jesus Christ departed. Of course, the proclamation of the Gospel does not happen magically, neither is it accomplished once and for all. It is the fruit of a journey in which each generation is called to travel a piece, reading the signs of the times in which it lives.

The meeting in Marseille comes after similar meetings that took place in Bari in 2020, and in Florence last year. It was not an isolated event, but a step forward on the itinerary that began with the "Mediterranean Colloquia" organized by Giorgio La Pira, the Mayor of Florence, at the end of the 1950s. It is a step forward to respond today to the appeal launched by Saint Paul VI in his Encyclical "Populorum progressio", to promote "a more humane world community, where

all can give and receive, and where the progress of some is not bought at the expense of others." (n. 44). What came out of the Marseille event? What came out is an outlook on the Mediterranean that I would call simply *human*, not ideological, not strategic, not politically correct nor instrumental; no, human, that is, capable of referring everything to the primary value of the human person and his or her inviolable dignity. Then, at the same time, a hopeful outlook came out. Today, this is surprising—when you hear testimonies from those who have lived through inhuman situations, or who have shared them, and they themselves give you a "profession of hope". And also a fraternal outlook.

Brothers and sisters, this hope, this fraternity must not "evaporate"; no, rather, it needs to be organized, concretized through long, medium and short-term actions so that people, in complete dignity, can choose to emigrate or not to emigrate. The Mediterranean must be a message of hope.

There is another complementary aspect: hope needs to be restored to our European societies, especially to the new generations. In fact, how can we welcome others if we ourselves do not first have a horizon open to the future? How can young people, who are poor in hope, closed in on their private lives, worried about managing their own precariousness, open themselves to meeting others and to sharing? Our societies, many times sickened by individualism, by consumerism and by empty escapism, need to open themselves, their souls and spirits need to be oxygenized, and then they will be able to read the crisis as an opportunity and deal with it positively.

Europe needs to retrieve passion and enthusiasm. And I can say that I found passion and enthusiasm in Marseille: in its Pastor, Cardinal Aveline; in the priests and consecrated persons; in the faithful laity dedicated to charity, to education; in the People of God who showed great warmth during the Mass in the Vélodrome Stadium, I thank all of them and the President of the Republic, whose presence testified that all of France was paying attention to the event in Marseille. May Our Lady, whom the people of Marseille venerate as Notre Dame de la Garde, accompany the journey of the peoples of the Mediterranean so that this region might become what it has always been called to be – a mosaic of civilization and hope.