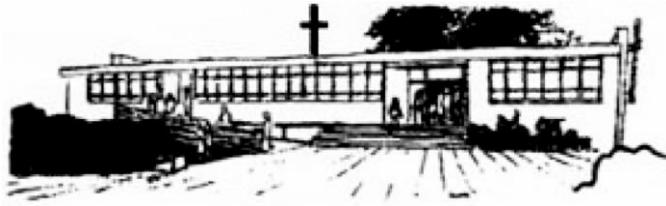


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15<sup>th</sup> October 2023, Year A/1



Domenico Ghirlandaio: St Luke the Evangelist 1486

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:** If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?  
But with You is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 25:6-10

**Responsorial Psalm:** I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

**Second Reading:** Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

**Gospel:** Matthew 22:1-14

### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm †† Edward & Gladys Young

**SUNDAY** 8:30am † Jon Burnitt

10:00am For the Parish

**Monday** 8:00am 28<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time † Jonathon Burnitt

**Tuesday** 8:00am St Ignatius of Antioch Thanks for Graces Received in Marriage

**Wednesday** 8.00am ST LUKE †† Souls of Priests & Nuns in Purgatory

**Thursday** 8.00am 28<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time †† Dec. Mem. of the Meybaum Family

**Friday** 8.00am 28<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time For Matthew

**Saturday** 8.30am Mass of the Virgin Mary Thanks for Graces Received in Marriage

### BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

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

### MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

### 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.

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Shirley Phelan

### DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Edward & Gladys Young, Jon Burnitt, Jonathon Burnitt, Souls of Priests & Nuns in Purgatory, Deceased Members of the Meybaum Family

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2023

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

Next session - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 5.30pm.

### 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, 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

### 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: \$750**  
   **Loose:      \$499.10**  
   **Tap & Go: \$220**  
   **Smart Facility: \$180**

**St Joseph Statue Donations Total: \$1090**

### 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 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 Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 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.

### 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, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Thank you for your donations.

### 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.

### NIGHT OF LIGHT

#### A Brighter Side of Halloween

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October from 4.30pm. Mums, Dads, Preschool and Primary kids are all welcome. Kids can dress up as their Favourite Saint or Bible Hero. See Flyer on the noticeboard or at the back of the Church for more information.

### WOMEN'S RECOLLECTION

Women's Recollection is on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Morning Session is held at St Joseph's Church and Hall, Kingswood; Evening Session is at Montgrove College, Orchard Hills. See the Flyer on the Noticeboard for details. All Ladies are welcome.

### CLEANING THE LORD'S HOUSE

If you have 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 & to 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.

### AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Parishes and Families are invited to take part in our annual "One Million Children Praying the Rosary" on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Free resources can be found at [www.aidtochurch.org/onemillionchildren](http://www.aidtochurch.org/onemillionchildren)

### BIBLICAL & THEOLOGICAL LECTURE

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, invite you to their Biblical and Theological Lecture on Tuesday 24 October from 7.30pm at the Parish Hall, 52 Levy Street, Glenbrook. Dr Debra Snoddy, lecturer in Biblical Studies at the Catholic Institute of Sydney, will be presenting on "Women in the Bible". Cost of entry is a donation. To RSVP, please contact [secretary@stfinbars.org.au](mailto:secretary@stfinbars.org.au)

### 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> 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**

**Catechesis: The Passion for Evangelisation:**

**St Josephine Bakhita: Witness of the Transforming Power of Christ's Forgiveness.**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

In our path of catechesis on apostolic zeal today we will let ourselves be inspired by the witness of Saint Josephine Bakhita, a Sudanese saint. Unfortunately, for months Sudan has been torn by a terrible armed conflict, of which little is spoken today; let us pray for the Sudanese people, so they might live in peace! But the fame of Saint Bakhita has exceeded every boundary and reached all those to whom identity and dignity is denied.

Born in Darfur – troubled Darfur! – in 1869, she was abducted from her family at the age of seven and made a slave. Her abductors called her “Bakhita”, which means “fortunate”. She passed through eight masters – each one sold her on to the next. The physical and moral suffering she suffered as a child left her with no identity. She suffered cruelty and violence: on her body she bore more than a hundred scars. But she herself testified: “As a slave I never despaired, because I felt a mysterious force supporting me”.

In the face of this, I wonder: what is Saint Bakhita's secret? We know that often a wounded person wounds in turn: the oppressed easily becomes an oppressor. Instead, the vocation of the oppressed is that of freeing themselves and their oppressors, becoming restorers of humanity. Only in the weakness of the oppressed can the force of God's love, which frees both, be revealed. Saint Bakhita expresses this truth very well. One day her tutor gave her a small crucifix and she, who had never owned anything, conserved her treasure jealously. Looking at it, she experienced inner liberation, because she felt understood and loved and therefore capable of understanding and loving: this is the beginning. Indeed, she went on to say: “God's love has always accompanied me in a mysterious way... The Lord loved me: you have to love everyone ... you have to have pity!”. This is Bakhita's soul. Truly, to pity means both to suffer with the victims of the great inhumanity in the world, and also to pity those who commit

errors and injustices, not justifying, but humanizing. This is the caress she teaches us: to humanize. When we enter the logic of fighting, of division between us, of bad feelings, one against the other, we lose our humanity. And very often we think we are in need of humanity, to be more humane. And this is. The work that Saint Bakhita teaches us: to humanize, to humanize ourselves and to humanize others.

Saint Bakhita, who became Christian, was transformed by the words of Christ she meditated on every day: “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do” (*Lk 23:34*). And so she said: “If Judas had asked Jesus for forgiveness, he too would have found mercy”. We can say that St Bakhita's life became a parable of forgiveness. How good it is to say to a person, “he was capable, she was capable of forgiving, always”. And she was always capable of forgiving; indeed, her life is an existential parable of forgiveness. To forgive because then we will be forgiven. Do not forget this: forgiveness, which is God's caress to all of us.

Forgiveness liberated her. Forgiveness first received through God's merciful love, and then the forgiveness given that made her a free, joyful woman, capable of loving.

Bakhita was able to experience service not as slavery, but as an expression of the free gift of self. And this is very important: made a servant involuntarily – she was sold as a slave – she then freely chose to become a servant, to bear on her shoulders the burdens of others.

Saint Josephine Bakhita, by her example, shows us the way to finally be free from our slavery and fears. She helps us to unmask our hypocrisies and selfishness, to overcome resentments and conflicts. And she encourages us, always.

Dear brothers and sisters, forgiveness takes away nothing but adds – what does forgiveness add? – dignity: forgiveness takes nothing from you but adds dignity to the person, it makes us lift our gaze from ourselves towards others, to see them as fragile as we are, yet always brothers and sisters in the Lord. Brothers and sisters, forgiveness is the wellspring of a zeal that becomes mercy and calls us to a humble and joyful holiness, like that of Saint Bakhita.