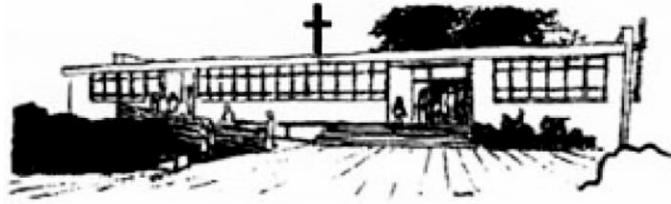


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15th January 2023, Year A/1



BACCHIACCA, Baptism of Christ, c. 1520

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 the earth shall bow down before You, O God, and shall sing to You, shall sing to Your name, O Most High!

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Responsorial Psalm: Here I am Lord; I come to do Your will.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Orlando Surace (Recently Dec.)

SUNDAY 8:30am

Lois Green (Recently Deceased)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 2nd Week in Ordinary Time

Souls of Longest Staying Priest & Nun in Purgatory

Tuesday 8:00am St Anthony

Thanksgiving & Good Health

Wednesday 8.00am St Margaret of Hungary

Lois Green (Recently Deceased)

Thursday 8.00am 2nd Week in Ordinary Time

Perla Ortaleza (Deceased Ann.)

Friday 8.00am 2nd Week in Ordinary Time

Mason Patos & Peter Conigrave (Birthday Blessings)

Saturday 8.30am St Agnes

Lois Green (Recently Deceased)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Available for an hour before 8.00am Masses during the week and before 8.30am Masses on the weekends.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Orlando Surace, Lois Green, Jan Fornal, Beryl Scott, Irene Harmon

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2023

Reconciliation: Thursday 30th March

Registration & 1st Session: 19th February

First Communion: 11th June

Registration & 1st Session: 16th April

Confirmation: Sunday 12th November

Registration & 1st Session: 30th July

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES: Perla Ortaleza

POPE FRANCIS' JANUARY INTENTIONS For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Jonathon Ansell, Michael & Marianne Callaghan, Margaret Colville, Frances Gunn, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Shayla, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Charley Tonna, Kelly 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: \$870**
 Loose: \$466.25
 Tap & Go: \$170
 Smart Facility: \$195
 Donation: \$65

TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

All contributions go to the 2nd Collection.

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BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday at 9.15am in the Parish Hall. All are most welcome.

SUNDAY MORNING TEA

Ian and Kaitlin are having a well-earned couple of weeks off. Morning teas will resume 22nd January. Please thank them for their faithfulness.

LADIES' MORNING TEA

Next date will be Tuesday 7th February in the Parish Hall. All ladies of the Parish are most welcome.

PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 8th February at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome.

BISHOP VINCENT PRESENTS TWO EVENTS

Friday 3rd February at St Patrick's Cathedral and Hall with Sr Nathalie Becquart XMCJ, one of the most influential women in the Vatican. See Notice Board for further information.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES

Courses for Readers, Ministers to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar begin 23rd February at Penrith. If you would like to serve the Lord in any of these Ministries please see Clare for the Form, which needs to be signed by Father Andrew and returned by 10th February.

LIFE OF EILEEN O'CONNOR

Sunday 15th January at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys. See Notice Board for details.

POPE FRANCIS' CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA & UKRAINE TO IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

O Mary, Mother of God and our mother, in this time of trial we turn to you. You never cease to guide us to Jesus, the prince of peace. Amid evil and war, you remind us that God never abandons us, but continues to look upon us with love, ever ready to forgive us and raise us up to new life. He has given you to us and made your Immaculate Heart a refuge for the church and for all humanity.

O Loving Mother, hear our prayer: help us out of the depravity of war, inspire reconciliation, restore God's peace to the world, eliminate hatred, and teach us forgiveness. Queen of the Rosary, make us realise our need to pray and to love. Queen of Peace, obtain peace for our world from your Son, the Prince of Peace.

At this hour, we stand with you beneath the cross, entrusting to you the people of Ukraine and Russia. Mother of God and our mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the church and all humanity, especially the people of Russia and Ukraine. Accept this act that we carry out with confidence and love.

Grant that war may end and peace spread throughout the world. We trust that, through your Immaculate heart, peace will dawn once more. To you we consecrate the future of the whole human family, the needs and expectations of every people, the anxieties and hopes of the world. Through your intercession, may God's mercy be poured out on the earth and the gentle rhythm of peace return to mark our days. Amen.

WYD23 PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATIONS OPEN!

Registration for WYD23 in Lisbon has now opened. Young people aged 16-35 can register and pay their \$800 deposit to secure their place. Limited spaces are still available to join our team of 170 pilgrims with Bishop Vincent. Visit www.parrawyd.org

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

We have our Safeguarding Training in our Parish for all our Volunteers, who have not yet completed it, on Saturday 25th February. It will run from 10am to 3pm and will cover All Three Modules. Morning Tea and Lunch are provided.

Register at safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org If you would prefer to complete the training online see Online Safeguarding sign on the Notice Board.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

11th January 2023**The Passion for Evangelization: The call to the apostolate (Mt 9:9-13)**

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today we begin a new cycle of catechesis, dedicated to an urgent and decisive theme for Christian life: the passion for evangelisation, that is, apostolic zeal. The community of the disciples of Jesus is born apostolic and missionary. The Holy Spirit moulds it outwardly – the Church moves out, that goes out – so that it is not closed in on itself, but turned outward, a contagious witness of Jesus – the faith is also contagious – reaching out to radiate His light to the ends of the earth. It can happen, however, that the apostolic ardour, the desire to reach others with the good news of the Gospel, diminishes, becomes tepid. When Christian life loses sight of the horizon of evangelization, horizon of proclamation, it grows sick: it closes in on itself, becomes self-referential, it becomes atrophied. Without apostolic zeal, faith withers. Mission, on the other hand, is the oxygen of Christian life: it invigorates and purifies it. Let us embark, then, on a process of rediscovering the evangelising passion, starting with the Scriptures and the Church's teaching, to draw apostolic zeal from its sources. Then we will approach some living sources, some witnesses who have rekindled within the Church the passion for the Gospel, so that they may help us to rekindle the fire that the Holy Spirit wants to keep burning within us.

I would like to begin with the call of the Apostle Matthew. And he himself tells the story in his Gospel. (cf. 9:9-13).

It all begins with Jesus, who, the text says, “sees a man.” Few people saw Matthew as he was: they knew him as the one who was “sitting at the tax booth” (v. 9). He was, in fact, a tax collector: that is, someone who collected taxes on behalf of the Romans. He was a collaborator, a traitor to the people. We can imagine the contempt the people felt for him: he was a “publican,” as they were called. But in the eyes of Jesus, Matthew is a man, with both his miseries and his greatness. Jesus goes to the person, to the heart, “This is a person, this is a man, this is a woman.” Jesus goes to the subject, the noun, never the adjective. And while there is distance between Matthew and his people, Jesus draws near to Him, because every man is loved by God. The Gospel says: “I have come for sinners, not for the righteous.” Jesus sees the other, whoever he may be, as the recipient of love, is the beginning of the evangelising passion.

How do we look upon others? How often do we see their faults and not their needs; how often do we label people according to what they do or what they think!

Even as Christians we say to ourselves: is he one of us or not? Jesus always looks at each person with mercy and indeed with predilection. And Christians are called to do as Christ did, looking like Him especially at the so-called “distant ones.” Matthew's account of the call ends with Jesus saying, “I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners” (v. 13). And if any one of us considers themselves righteous, Jesus is far away. He draws near to our limitations, to our miseries, to heal them.

It all starts, then, with the gaze of Jesus. “He sees a man,” Matthew. This is followed - second step - by a movement. Matthew was sitting at the tax office; Jesus said to him: “Follow me.” And “he rose and followed Him” (v. 9). We note that the text emphasises that “he rose.” Why is this detail so important? Because in those days he who was seated had authority over the others, who stood before him to listen to him or, as in that case, to pay tribute. He who sat, in short, had power. The first thing Jesus does is to detach Matthew from power: from sitting to receive others. He makes him leave a position of supremacy in order to put him on an equal footing with his brothers and sisters and open to him the horizons of service. This is what Christ does, and this is fundamental for Christians: do we disciples of Jesus, we Church, sit around waiting for people to come, or do we know how to get up, to set out with others, to seek others? No, you go to seek them out.

After getting up and following Jesus, where will Matthew go? First, Jesus goes to his home; there Matthew prepares “a great feast” for Him, in which “a large crowd of tax collectors” takes part (*Lk 5:29*). Matthew returns to his environment, but he returns there changed and with Jesus. His apostolic zeal does not begin in a new, pure, place, an ideal place, far away, but instead he begins there where he lives, with the people he knows. We do not have to wait until we are perfect and have come a long way following Jesus to bear witness to Him. Our proclamation begins today, there where we live by bearing every day the beauty of the Love that has looked upon us and lifted us up. And it is this beauty that will communicate the Lord Himself. We proclaim Jesus. We need to put Jesus in contact with the people, without convincing them but allowing the Lord to do the convincing.

I remember once, in a hospital in Buenos Aires, sisters from Korea came. They came down to visit the sick in the hospital, but they didn't speak a word of Spanish. The patients were happy, because they commented: “Well done! These nuns, bravo, bravo!” “But what did the sister say to you?” “Nothing, but with her gaze she spoke to me, they communicated Jesus,” not themselves, with their gaze, with their gestures. We can consider whether our gaze resembles that of Jesus, to attract the people, to bring them closer to the Church.