

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12th November 2023, Year A/1



St Albert the Great

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

94 Joseph Street
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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: Let my prayer come into Your presence. Incline Your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Responsorial Psalm: My soul is thirsting for You, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

†† All Souls

SUNDAY 8:30am

†† All Souls

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am

32nd Week Ordinary Time

†† All Souls

Tuesday 8:00am

32nd Week Ordinary Time

†† All Souls

Wednesday 8.00am

ST ALBERT THE GREAT

†† All Souls

Thursday 8.00am

32nd Week Ordinary Time

†† All Souls

Friday 8.00am

St Elizabeth of Hungary

†† All Souls

Saturday 8.30am

Mass of the Virgin Mary

†† All Souls

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.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2023

Confirmation: This Sunday at 10.00am Mass

Please keep our children and their families in your prayers.

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 on the Sanctuary near the altar and fill in the Remembrance Book with the names of your friends and relatives. Names of deceased can be added through November and will be included in the Mass of the following day until the end of November.

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' NOVEMBER INTENTIONS

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$760**
 Loose: \$913.85
 Tap & Go: \$160
 Smart Facility: \$355
St Joseph Statue Donations Total: \$1747

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 up to 22nd November 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.

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. Thank you for your donations.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Sunday 19th November, 2pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys. Celebrant is Fr Brian Steele MGL

LOWANA SPRING FETE

Sunday 19th November from 8.30am to 2.30pm at MacKillop Centre, Collins Street, St Marys. See Flyer at the back of the Church for more details.

WOMEN'S RECOLLECTION

Women's Recollection is on Thursday 16th November. **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.

ADVENT SERIES

Br Barry Donaghue cfc, D Min, will host presentations on Nov 29, Dec 6,13,20 from 7.30-9pm at Edmund Rice Centre, Winbourne, 1315 Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa. Cost is donation. Please text Br Barry on 0478 408 337 or email bgdonaghue@edmundrice.org

KNOX PUBLIC LECTURE 2023

Truth and Peace: Timeless Twins

Presented by Dr Susan Connelly RSJ on Tuesday 28th November at 7.30pm via Zoom. See Flyer at the back of the Church.

PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

Fr Maria Raju will be leading the 18-day pilgrimage, which features Fatima, Lourdes, Turin, Milan, Padua, Venice, Florence, Assisi, Rotondo and Rome for an all-inclusive price of \$8790. For enquiries and bookings email pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au or call 1300 721 561.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES IN 2024

Getting married in 2024? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

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.

Cycle 1 Mandatory Modules 1-3 Monday 5th February – 9.30am-2.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown

Cycle 2 Renewal Mandatory Modules 4-5 Thursday 22nd (4) & 29th (5) February – 7-8.30pm at St Nicholas of Myra, 326 High St, Penrith
Sat 2nd March – 10am-1.30pm at Holy Spirit Parish, Cnr Todd Road & Moore Street, St Clair

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

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday 8th November 2023

The Passion for Evangelisation:

25. Madeleine Delbr el: the joy of faith among non-believers.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Among the many witnesses of the passion for the proclamation of the Gospel, those impassioned evangelizers, today I will present a twentieth-century French woman, the venerable servant of God Madeleine Delbr el. She was born in 1904 and died in 1964, a social worker, writer and mystic, and lived for more than thirty years in the poor, working class outskirts of Paris. Dazzled by the encounter with the Lord, she wrote: "Once we have come to know the word of God, we have no right not to receive it; once we have received it, we have no right not to let it be incarnated in us; once it has been incarnated in us, we have no right to keep it for ourselves: from that moment on, we belong to those who await it" (La santit  della gente comune, Milan 2020, 71). Beautiful: what she wrote is beautiful.

After an adolescence of agnosticism – she believed in nothing – at the age of around twenty Madeleine encountered the Lord, struck by the witness of some friends who were believers. She set out in search of God, giving voice to a profound thirst that she felt within, and came to learn that the "emptiness that cried out her anguish in her" was God who sought her (Abbagliata da Dio. Corrispondenza, 1910-1941, Milan 2007, 96). The joy of faith led her to evolve towards the choice of a life entirely given to God, in the heart of the Church and in the heart of the world, simply sharing in fraternity the life of the "street people". Thus, she poetically addressed Jesus: "To be with you on your path, we must go, even when our laziness begs us to stay. You have chosen us to stay in a strange balance, a balance that can be achieved and maintained only in movement, only in momentum. A bit like a bicycle, which does not stay upright unless its wheels turn. ... We can stay upright only by going forward, moving, in a surge of charity". It is what she calls the "spirituality of

the bicycle" (Umorismo nell'Amore. Meditazioni epoesie, Milan 2011, 56). Only on the move, on the go, do we live in the balance of faith, which is an imbalance, but it is like that: like the bicycle. If you stop, it does not stay upright.

Madeleine had a constantly outgoing heart, and she let herself be challenged by the cry of the poor. She felt that the Living God of the Gospel should burn within us until we have taken his name to those who have not yet found it. In this spirit, oriented towards the stirrings of the world and the cry of the poor, Madeleine felt called to "live Jesus' love entirely and to the letter, from the oil of the good Samaritan to the vinegar of Calvary, thus giving him love for love ... because, by loving him without reserve and letting ourselves be loved completely, the two great commandments of charity are incarnated in us and become but one" (La vocation de la charit , 1, Œuvres compl tes XIII, Bruy res-le-Ch tel, 138-139).

Finally, Madeleine teaches us yet another thing: that by evangelizing one is evangelized: by evangelizing we are evangelized. Therefore, she used to say, echoing Saint Paul: "Woe to me if evangelizing, I do not evangelize myself". Indeed, evangelizing evangelizes one. And this is a beautiful doctrine.

Looking at this witness of the Gospel, we too learn that in every personal or social situation or circumstance of our life, the Lord is present and calls to us to inhabit our own time, to share our life with others, to mingle with the joys and sorrows of the world. In particular, he teaches us that even secularized environments are helpful for conversion, because contact with non-believers prompts the believer to a continual revision of his or her way of believing and rediscovering faith its essentiality (cf. Noi dell'estrade, Milan 1988, 268s).

May Madeleine Delbr el teach us to live this faith "on the move", so to speak, this fruitful faith that makes every act of faith an act of charity in the proclamation of the Gospel.

Please pray for me. Thank you.