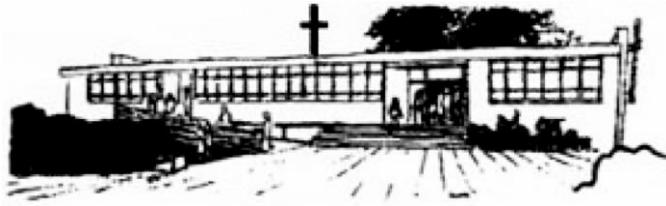


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

23rd April 2023, Year A/1



BUONINSEGNA, Duccio di, Road to Emmaus, 1308-11

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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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of His name.
O render Him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, You will show us the path of life.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Orlando Surace

SUNDAY 8:30am

† Gabriel Ghougassian

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 3rd Week of Easter

For Ophelia & Greg (For their Health)

Tuesday 8:00am ANZAC DAY

† Johnes Aycardo

Wednesday 8.00am ST MARK

† Peter Awit (Recently Deceased)

Thursday 8.00am St Louis Grignon
de Montfort

† Orlando Surace (Deceased's Birthday)

Friday 8.00am St Peter Chanel

† Nancy Perry (Recently Deceased)

Saturday 8.30am ST CATHERINE OF SIENA † Tadeusz Wojasinski

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to one of the Priests or contact 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.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2023

First Communion: 11th June

Sessions: Sundays after 10am Mass

Confirmation: Sunday 12th November

Registration & 1st Session: 30th July

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Peter Awit, Nancy Perry

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Orlando Surace, Gabriel Ghougassian, Johnes Aycardo, Tadeusz Wojasinski

POPE FRANCIS' APRIL INTENTIONS

For a Culture of Peace and Non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Jonathon Ansell, Marianne Callaghan, Margaret Colville, Frances Gunn, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Shayla, Benjamin Santiago, Barry Smith, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Cynthia Sulvita, 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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$885**
 Loose: \$380
 Tap & Go: \$240
 Smart Facility: \$335.05
 Donations: \$35

TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

All contributions go to the 2nd Collection.

First Collection contributions go to the Diocese to support the priests working in the Parishes.

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

Young People from Year 6 to under 18 years old are most welcome every Wednesday during the School Term from 3-5pm. Youth Group will recommence this Wednesday 26th April.

WESTERN DEANERY YOUNG ADULTS

Next meeting is Friday 5th May at 7pm. All over 18 and under 35 are most welcome to join us for Adoration, Dinner, Games and a Talk.

PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be at 12 noon Wednesday 10th May at St. Mary's Band Club. This is a good opportunity to meet other Parishioners in a social setting. All are welcome.

BERRIMA COACH TRIP

We have organised a coach to Penrose Park on Saturday 13th May, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Please ring the Parish Office or speak to Clare for information.

PARISH FETE

Will be held on 6th August. We need team leaders and people to run stalls and activities on the day. If you can contribute your assistance in any way, please fill out the sheet at the back of the Church.

BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

We will have another collection this weekend to make up our quota of \$2908. We have collected \$2380.40 so far. There is also a box at the back of the Church for your donations. Thank you for your generosity.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Please return your Boxes and thank you for your generosity.

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT CATHOLICS

Informal sessions for parents to answer questions about the R.E. Program taught at St Joseph's School and the Catholic Religion. Held in the Parish Hall under the Church from 7.30-9pm on 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th May. RSVP teresaprior1@hotmail.com or just show up.

WYD FUNDRAISING

Bake Sale & Mother's Day Gift Stall will be held the weekend of 13th/14th May after each Mass to support our three WYD Pilgrims.

CREIGHTON MODEL FERTILITY CARE

Free Introduction Session at 2pm Saturday 6th May at St Joseph's Kingswood. See Poster for contact phone, email & QR Code to register.

SCHOENSTATT FAMILY WEEKEND

23rd to 25th June. This weekend involves input for adults, a program for children, as well as time for games, recreation and prayer. There are limited spots available so call Bernard on 0416 106 871 or email bernard@foolishwisdom.com as soon as possible.

FREE CPR COURSE

This accredited course offered by Surf Life Saving NSW and the University of Sydney will be offered on: Saturday 13th May from 10am-12.30pm at St Thomas Aquinas Parish, 168 Hawkesbury Rd, Springwood. Monday 5th June from 4-6.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion St., Blacktown. Ring the Parish Office to register.

DIOCESAN SYNOD

Our Diocesan Synod will be held from 12th to 15th October 2023. Clergy, religious and laity will gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church.

From May to July all are invited to participate in deanery and parish listening consultations and to engage in opportunities to dialogue.

See Sign/Cards at the back of the Church with QR Code and website for further information.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding Training is **Mandatory for all who Volunteers in our Parishes.**

Email safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org to find Courses in the Diocese or for training online.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Catechesis: 9. Witness of Evangelization: The Martyrs
Wednesday 19th April 2023

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today we turn our attention not to a single figure, but to the host of martyrs, men and women of every age, language and nation who have given their life for Christ, who have shed their blood to confess Christ. After the generation of the Apostles, they were the quintessential “witnesses” of the Gospel. The first martyr was the deacon Saint Stephen, stoned to death outside the walls of Jerusalem. The word “martyr” derives from the Greek *martyria*, which indeed means witness. That is, a martyr is a witness, one who bears witness to the point of shedding their blood. However, very soon in the Church the word martyr began to be used to indicate those who bore witness to the point of shedding their blood. But it was used afterwards for one who gives their blood, who gives their life.

The martyrs are not to be seen as “heroes” who acted individually, like flowers blooming in a desert, but as the ripe and excellent fruit of the vineyard of the Lord, which is the Church. In particular, Christians, by participating assiduously in the celebration of the Eucharist, were led by the Spirit to base their lives on that mystery of love: namely, on the fact that the Lord Jesus had given his life for them, and therefore that they too could and should give their life for Him and for their brothers and sisters. A great generosity, the journey of Christian witness. Saint Augustine underlines this dynamic of gratitude. He said, “he performed the office of deacon; it was there that he administered the sacred chalice of Christ’s blood; there that he shed his own blood for the name of Christ. The blessed apostle John clearly explained the mystery of the Lord’s supper when he said, ‘Just as Christ laid down his life for us, so we too ought to lay down our lives for the brethren’ (1 Jn 3:16). Saint Lawrence understood this, my brethren, and he did it; and he undoubtedly prepared things similar to what he received at that table. He loved Christ in his life, he imitated him in his death” (Sermons 304, 14; PL 38, 1395-1397). In this way Saint Augustine explained the spiritual dynamism that inspired the martyrs. With these words: the martyrs love Christ in his life and imitate him in his death.

Let us remember all the martyrs who have accompanied the life of the Church. Today there are many martyrs in the Church; for confessing the Christian faith they are banished from society or end up in prison... there are many. Vatican Council II reminds us that “The Church considers martyrdom as an exceptional gift and as the fullest proof of love. By martyrdom a disciple is transformed into an image of his

Master by freely accepting death for the salvation of the world; as well as his conformity to Christ in the shedding of his blood” (Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen Gentium*, 42). The martyrs, in imitation of Christ and with his grace, turn the violence of those who refuse the proclamation into a great occasion of love, which goes as far as forgiveness of their own tormentors. Stephen, the first martyr, died praying, “Lord, forgive them, they know not what they do”. The martyrs pray for their tormentors.

Although martyrdom is asked of only a few, “nevertheless all must be prepared to confess Christ before men; to make the profession of faith even in the midst of persecutions, which will never be lacking to the Church, in following the way of the cross” (ibid., 42). Today there are many persecutions of Christians throughout the world. There are more martyrs today than in the first times. The martyrs show us that every Christian is called to the witness of life, even when this does not go as far as the shedding of blood, making a gift of themselves to God and to their brethren, in imitation of Jesus.

I would like to conclude by recalling the Christian witness in Yemen, a land that has for many years been afflicted by a terrible, forgotten war, that has caused many deaths and still causes many people, especially children, to suffer today. In this very land there have been shining witnesses of faith, such as that of the Missionary Sisters of Charity, who have given their life there. They are still present today in Yemen, where they offer assistance to the elderly sick and to people with disabilities. Some of them have suffered martyrdom, but the others continue, risking their lives, but they keep on going. In July 1998, Sister Aletta, Sister Zelia and Sister Michael, while returning home after Mass, were killed by a fanatic, because they were Christians. Shortly after the beginning of the still ongoing conflict, in March 2016, Sister Anselm, Sister Marguerite, Sister RegINETTE and Sister Judith were killed together with some laypeople who helped them in their work of charity among the least. They are the martyrs of our time. Among these laypeople killed, as well as Christians there were some Muslim faithful who worked with the religious sisters. It moves us to see how the witness of blood can unite people of different religions. One should never kill in the name of God, because for Him we are all brothers and sisters. But together one can give one’s life for others.

Let us pray, then, that we may never tire of bearing witness to the Gospel, even in times of tribulation. May all the martyr saints be seeds of peace and reconciliation among peoples, for a more humane and fraternal world, as we await the full manifestation of the Kingdom of Heaven, when God will be all in all (cf. 1 Cor 15:28). Thank you.