

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

12th March 2023, Year A/1



BUONINSEGNA, Duccio di, Christ and the Samaritan Woman, 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

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for He rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Orlando Surace

SUNDAY 8:30am

† Jose Antony

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 3rd Week of Lent

†† Longest Staying Priest & Nun in Purgatory

Tuesday 8:00am 3rd Week of Lent

Heidi Isbitzki (Birthday Blessings)

Wednesday 8.00am 3rd Week of Lent

†† Jan & Stefania Zawadzki & Michal & Anastazja Kubic

Thursday 8.00am 3rd Week of Lent

†† Woodward & Hewitt Families

Friday 8.00am **ST PATRICK**

† Fay Durbidge

Saturday 8.30am 3rd Week of Lent

† Basilisa Ortaleza

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.

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Orlando Surace, Jose Antony, Jan & Stefania Zawadzki, Michal & Anastazja Kubic, Deceased Members of the Woodward & Hewitt Families, Fay Durbidge, Basilisa Ortaleza

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2023

Reconciliation: Thursday 30th March

Sessions after 10am Mass

First Communion: 11th June

Registration & 1st Session: 16th April

Confirmation: Sunday 12th November

Registration & 1st Session: 30th July

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday through Lent at 6pm, outdoors if weather permits.

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

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

NOVENA/FEAST OF ST JOSEPH

Our Novena will begin on Friday 10th to Saturday 18th March after 8am Mass during the week and after 8.30am Mass on the weekend.

On the Feast of St Joseph, Sunday 19th March, there will be Morning Tea after 10am Mass. Feel free to bring a plate to share.

POPE FRANCIS' MARCH INTENTIONS

For Victims of Abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$515**
 Loose: \$293.40
 Tap & Go: \$250
 Smart Facility: \$192
 Donations: \$

TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

All contributions go to the 2nd Collection.

BIBLE STUDY

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

YOUTH GROUP

Young People from Year 6 to 18 years old are most welcome to our Youth Group every Wednesday during the school term from 3-5pm.

PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be at 12 noon Wednesday 5th April at St. Mary's Band Club. This is a good opportunity to meet other Parishioners in a social setting. All are welcome.

VOLUNTEER SRE'S

Do you have at least 1 hour per week to spare?
Do you love working with children?
Do you love sharing the Word of God?
Then this may be you.
Call the Parish Office or speak to one of the Priests if you are interested and need more information.
On the weekend of 25th/26th March our SRE Coordinators will be available to answer questions.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

2pm on Sunday 19th March at St Nicholas of Myra, Penrith. Celebrant is Robin Koning SJ.

PASCHAL PRECEPT

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday, 22nd February, and Trinity Sunday, 4th June 2023 unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

PARISH CENSUS

Please fill in our Parish Census if you have not had an opportunity to do so. It is a simple questionnaire for Parish Records only. Place your census paper in the box at the back of the Church.

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.

TWENTY-FOUR HOURS FOR THE LORD

At Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa, from 6pm Friday 17th March, beginning with Mass to Saturday 18th March ending with Vigil Mass at 5pm. Reconciliation available 7.15pm Friday & 10am & 3pm on Saturday. Groups to lead prayer are welcome. Contact Paul at paulandramani@gmail.com

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought, exacerbated by climate change. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all Future Generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion.

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 office or speak to Clare for information.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding Training is **Mandatory for all Clergy, Staff and everyone 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: 6. The Second Vatican Council 1.

Wednesday 8th March 2023

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

The first “council” in the history of the Church was convened in Jerusalem over a matter linked to evangelization, namely the proclamation of the Good News to non-Jews. In the twentieth century, the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council presented the Church as the pilgrim People of God over time, and for her missionary nature. What does this mean? There is a bridge between the first and last Council, under the banner of evangelization, whose architect is the Holy Spirit. Today we listen to Vatican Council II to discover the evangelizing is always an *ecclesial service*, never solitary, never isolated, never individualistic. Evangelization is always carried out *in ecclesia*, that is in a community.

The evangelizer always transmits what he or she has received. Saint Paul was the first to write this: the gospel that he announced and the community received, and in which they remained steadfast, is the same that the Apostle had in turn received (cf. *1 Cor 15:1-3*). Faith is received and transmitted. This ecclesial dynamism of the transmission of the Message is binding and guarantees the authenticity of Christian proclamation. Paul writes to the Galatians: “Even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we preached to you, let him be accursed” (1:8).

The ecclesial dimension of evangelization constitutes a criterion for confirmation of apostolic zeal. A necessary confirmation, because the temptation of proceeding “alone” is always lurking. Equally dangerous is the temptation to follow pseudo-ecclesial paths, to adopt the worldly logic of numbers and polls, to rely on the strength of our ideas, programmes, structures, “relationships that count”. The fundamental thing is the strength that the Spirit gives you to proclaim the truth of Jesus Christ, to proclaim the Gospel.

We place ourselves more directly in the school of the Second Vatican Council, rereading some passages of the Decree *Ad gentes*, the document on the missionary activity of the Church. These texts of Vatican Council II fully retain their value even in our complex and plural context.

This document, *Ad gentes*, invites us to consider the love of God the Father as a wellspring, which “on account of His surpassing and merciful kindness and graciously calls us to share with Him His life and His divine goodness. He who created all things may at last be “all in all” (*1 Cor 15:28*), bringing about at one and the same time His own glory and our happiness”. This passage is fundamental, because it says that the love of the Father is destined for every human being. God’s love

is for everyone; no-one excluded: this is what the Lord says. And this love for every human being is a love that reaches every man and woman through the mission of Jesus, mediator of salvation and our redeemer and through the mission of the Holy Spirit, who works in everyone, both in the baptized and the non-baptized.

The Council reminds us that it is the task of the Church to continue the mission of Christ, who was “sent to preach the Gospel to the poor”. Therefore, “the Church, prompted by the Holy Spirit, must walk in the same path on which Christ walked: a path of poverty and obedience, of service and self-sacrifice to the death, from which death He came forth a victor by His resurrection” If it remains faithful to this “path”, the mission of the Church is “an epiphany, or a manifesting of God’s decree, and its fulfilment in the world and in world history”.

Apostolic zeal is a grace of God, that we must preserve. We must understand its meaning, because in the pilgrim and evangelizing People of God, there are no active or passive individuals. There are not those who preach, those who proclaim the Gospel in one way or another, and those who remain silent. All the baptized are agents of evangelization. If you do not evangelize, if you do not bear witness, if you do not give that witness of the Baptism you have received, of the faith that the Lord gave you, you are not a good Christian. Every baptized person participates in the mission of the Church and in the mission of Christ the King, Priest and Prophet. This task is one and the same everywhere even though it may be carried out differently according to circumstances. This redeems us from that restlessness that is not of God. The missionary zeal of the believer also expresses itself as a creative search for new ways of proclaiming and witnessing, new ways of encountering the wounded humanity that Christ took on. If a person says that he is an evangelizer, and does not have a servant’s heart, and believes himself to be a master, he is not an evangelizer, no ... he is wretched.

Returning to the fountainhead of the love of the Father and to the missions of the Son and the Holy Spirit leads us to recognize the gratuitousness of the gift of the fullness of life to which we are called, a gift for which we praise and thank God. This gift is not only for us, but rather it is to be given to others. And it also leads us to live ever more fully what we have received, by sharing it with others, with a sense of responsibility and travelling together along the roads, very often the tortuous and difficult ones of history, in vigilant and industrious expectation of its fulfilment. Let us ask the Lord for this grace, to take in hand this Christian vocation and to give thanks to the Lord for what he has given us, this treasure. And to try to communicate it to others.