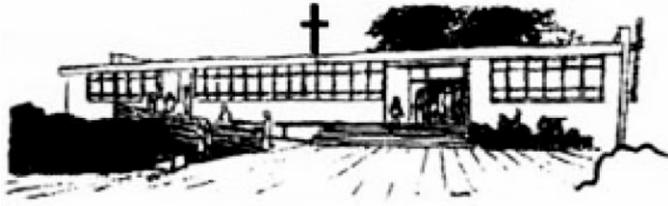


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023, Year A/1



GHIRLANDAIO, Domenico, Calling of the Apostles, 1481,  
Cappella Sistina, Vatican

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:** O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In His presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in His holy place.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

**Gospel:** Matthew 4:12-23

### VIGIL SATURDAY

	<b>6:00pm</b>		<b>Zygmunt Blazek (Dec. Ann.)</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:30am</b>		<b>Lois Green (Recently Deceased)</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>		<b>For the Parish</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Mr Kurian Kuriakose (Dec. Ann.)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Charley Tonna (Birthday Blessings)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>CONVERSION OF ST PAUL</b>	<b>Lois Green (Recently Deceased)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>AUSTRALIA DAY</b>	<b>Beryl Scott (Recently Deceased)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>St Timothy &amp; St Titus</b>	<b>Thanksgiving</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>ST THOMAS AQUINAS</b>	<b>Lois Green (Recently Deceased)</b>

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

### MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2023

**Reconciliation: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session: 19<sup>th</sup> February

**First Communion: 11<sup>th</sup> June**

Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session: 16<sup>th</sup> April

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

Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session: 30<sup>th</sup> July

### BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

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

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

**DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:** Zygmunt Blazek, Mr Kurian Kuriakose

### 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: \$576**  
                                  **Loose:     \$374.45**  
                                  **Tap & Go: \$220**  
                                  **Smart Facility: \$255**  
                                  **Donation: \$100**

### TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

All contributions go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection.

### QR CODE FOR DONATIONS ON PARISH WEBSITE



### BIBLE STUDY

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

### SUNDAY MORNING TEA

Resumes this week after 10am Mass. Thank you Ian and Kaitlin. If anyone is willing to give a hand, please see Ian.

### PARISH MOVIE

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 1.30pm. Come and enjoy an afternoon together. Movie to be confirmed next week.

### LADIES' MORNING TEA

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

### PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be at 12 noon on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome.

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES

Courses for Readers, Ministers to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar begin 23<sup>rd</sup> February 7pm at Penrith Parish. 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 10<sup>th</sup> February.

### CONVERSATIONS ABOUT CATHOLICS

Informal Sessions for all parents answering questions about the R.E. Program and the Catholic Religion held at St. Joseph's on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February from 7:30-9p.m. See poster on Notice Board. For more information and to R.S.V.P. email: [teresaprior1@hotmail.com](mailto:teresaprior1@hotmail.com)

### 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.

### BISHOP VINCENT PRESENTS TWO EVENTS

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at St Patrick's Cathedral and Hall. See Notice Board for further information.

### RED MASS

At St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta at 7pm on 6<sup>th</sup> February. See Notice Board for information.

### SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

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

Fill in the Form at the back of the Church or register at [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto: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

18<sup>th</sup> January 2023**The Passion for Evangelization: The Apostolic Zeal of the Believer. 2 Jesus, Model of Evangelization**

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today, let us look at the unsurpassable model of evangelization: Jesus. The Christmas Gospel defines him as the "Word of God" (cf. *Jn* 1:1). The fact that he is the Logos, that is, the Word, highlights an essential aspect of Jesus: He is always in relation, outgoing, never isolated. The word, in fact, exists to be transmitted, communicated. So it is with Jesus, the Eternal Word of the Father, reaching out to us, communicated to us. Christ not only has words of life, but makes his life a Word, a message: that is, he lives always turned toward the Father and toward us.

If we look at his days as described in the Gospels, we see that intimacy with his Father occupies first place. This is why Jesus gets up early and goes into deserted areas to pray (cf. *Mk* 1:35; *Lk* 4:42), to speak with his Father. He makes all of his decisions and most important choices after having prayed (cf. *Lk* 6:12; 9:18). Within this relationship, in prayer which connects him to the Father in the Spirit, Jesus discovers the meaning of his being human, of his existence in the world because he is on a mission to us, sent by the Father to us.

It is thus interesting to note the first public act that he accomplishes after the years of his hidden life in Nazareth. Jesus does not work a great wonder, he does not send an effective message, but he mingles with the people who were going to be baptized by John. In this way, he offers us the key by which he acts in the world: spending himself for sinners, he puts himself in solidarity with us without distance, in a total sharing of life. In fact, speaking about his mission, he will say that he did not come "to be served, but to serve and give his own life" (cf. *Mk* 10:45). Every day after praying, Jesus dedicates his entire day to the proclamation of the Kingdom of God and to people, above all to the poorest and weakest, to the sinners and to the sick (cf. *Mk* 1:32-39). So, Jesus is in contact with the Father in prayer and then he is in contact with all the people through his mission, by teaching the path to the Kingdom of God.

Now, should we want to represent his style of life with an image, it would not be difficult for us to find it: Jesus himself offers it, we have heard it, speaking of himself as the Good Shepherd, the one, who "lays down his life for the sheep" (*Jn* 10:11). In reality, to be a shepherd required time and a lot of dedication. It was a true and proper way of life: twenty-four hours a day, living with the flock, accompanying them to pasture, sleeping among the sheep, taking care of those who were weakest. In other words, Jesus does not do something for

us, but he gives everything, he gives his life for us. He is a shepherd for all of us.

To sum up the action of the Church in one word, the specific term "pastoral" is used. And to evaluate our "pastoralness" we need to confront ourselves with the model of Jesus the Good Shepherd. We can ask ourselves: do we imitate him, drinking from the wells of prayer so that our heart might be in harmony with his? Jesus himself clearly said to his disciples, "Without me you can do nothing" (*Jn* 15:5). By staying with Jesus, we discover that his pastoral heart always beats for the person who is confused, lost, far away. How many times do we express our attitude about people who are a bit difficult or with whom we have a bit of difficulty. Jesus always went to meet all the marginalized, sinners. He was accused of being with sinners so that he might bring God's salvation precisely to them.

If we want to train our apostolic zeal, we should always have chapter 15 of Luke before our eyes. There we discover that God does not remain contemplating the sheep pen, nor does he threaten them so they won't leave. Rather, if one leaves and gets lost, he does not abandon that sheep, but goes in search of it. The Lord suffers when we distance ourselves from his heart. He suffers for all who do not know the beauty of his love and the warmth of his embrace. He leaves the ninety-nine sheep who are safe and ventures out for the lost one, thus doing something both risky and unreasonable. And when we hear that someone has left the Church, what do we want to say? "Let them work it out?" No. Jesus teaches us to have nostalgia for those who have left. Jesus does not feel anger or resentment but pure longing for us. This is God's zeal.

Perhaps we see those who have left the flock as adversaries or enemies. When we meet them at school, at work, on the streets of our city, why don't we think instead that we have a beautiful opportunity to witness to them the joy of a Father who loves them and has never forgotten them? There is a good word for those who have left the flock and we have the honour and the burden of being the ones to speak that word. Because the Word, Jesus, asks this of us – to always draw near to everyone with an open heart because he is like that. Perhaps we have been following and loving Jesus for some time and have never wondered if we share his pastoral heart. In prayer, let us ask the grace of a pastoral heart, an open heart that draws near to everyone, so as to bear the Lord's message as well as to feel Christ's longing for them. If we Christians do not have this love that suffers and takes risks, we risk pasturing only ourselves. Shepherds who are shepherds of themselves, instead of being shepherds of the flock, are people who comb "exquisite" sheep. We do not need to be shepherds of ourselves, but shepherds for everyone.