

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

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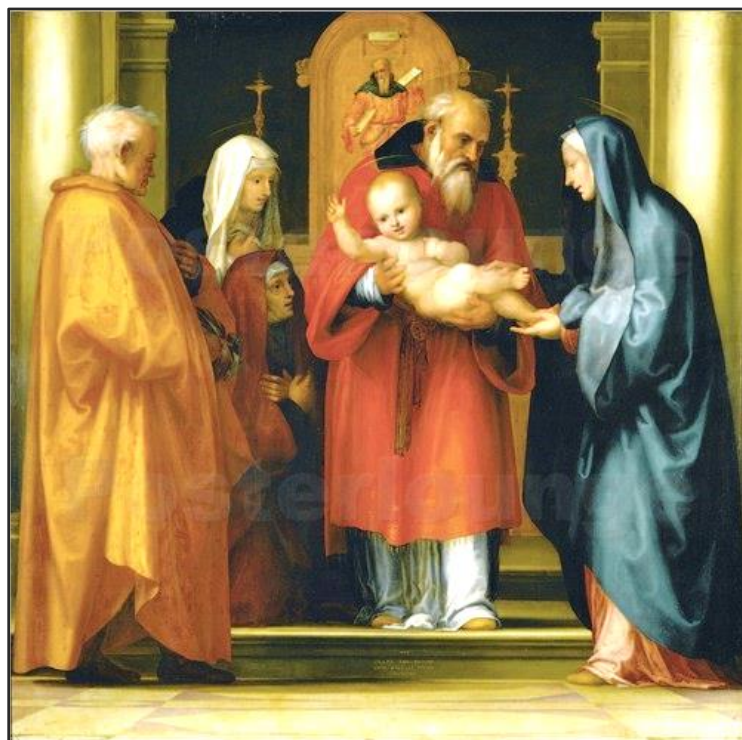
Assistant Priest

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29th January 2023, Year A/1



BARTOLOMEO, Fra, Presentation of Jesus at the Temple, 1516

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: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations,
To give thanks to Your holy name, and make it our glory to praise You.

First Reading: Zaphaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Responsorial Psalm: Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Orlando Surace (Recently Dec.)
SUNDAY	8:30am		Luis Sr & Julia Gutiza Ching (Dec.)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	4 th Week in Ordinary Time	Lois Green (Recently Deceased)
Tuesday	8:00am	St John Bosco	Margarita Chavez (Dec. Ann.)
Wednesday	8.00am	4 th Week in Ordinary Time	Joseph Antony (Deceased Ann.)
Thursday	8.00am	PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	Irene Harmon (Recently Dec.)
Friday	8.00am	4 th Week in Ordinary Time	For God's Precious Infants
Saturday	8.30am	St Catherine de Ricci	Dec. Mems. Of St Vincent de Paul

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 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

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Orlando Surace, Lois Green, Irene Harmon

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES: Margarita Chavez, Luis Sr & Julia Gutiza Ching, Joseph Antony, Dec. Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

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: \$850**
 Loose: \$360.30
 Tap & Go: \$150
 Smart Facility: \$255
 Donation: \$35

TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

All contributions go to the 2nd Collection.

QR CODE FOR DONATIONS ON PARISH WEBSITE



BIBLE STUDY

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

PARISH MOVIE

Sunday 5th February at 1.30pm. Come and enjoy an afternoon together. Our Movie "Ride Like a Girl."

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 at 12 noon on Wednesday 8th February at St. Mary's Band Club. All are welcome.

YOUTH GROUP

Our Parish Youth Group will start on Wednesday 22nd February from 3-5pm. Young people from Year 6 to 18 years old are most welcome. If anyone would like to help prepare afternoon tea please speak to Clare.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES

Courses for Readers, Ministers to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar begin 23rd February 7pm at Penrith Parish. If you would like to serve the Lord in any of these Ministries please see Charles or Clare for the Form, which needs to be signed by Father Andrew and returned by 10th 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 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th February from 7:30-9p.m. See poster on Notice Board. For more information and to R.S.V.P. email: 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 3rd 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 6th 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 25th 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 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

26th January 2023**The Passion for Evangelization: The Apostolic Zeal of the Believer. 3 Jesus, Teacher of Proclamation**

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today we look to Jesus as a teacher and model of proclamation. Let us be guided by the episode in which He preaches in the synagogue of His village, Nazareth. Jesus reads a passage from the prophet Isaiah (cf. 61:1-2) and then surprises everyone with a very short "sermon" of just one sentence. "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk. 4:21). This was Jesus' sermon: "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing". This means that for Jesus that prophetic passage contains the essence of what He wants to say about Himself. Five essential elements can be identified in this first announcement.

The first element is joy. Jesus proclaims, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me; He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor" (v. 18), that is, a proclamation of gladness, of joy. Good news: one cannot speak of Jesus without joy, because faith is a wonderful love story to be shared. When joy is lacking, the Gospel does not come through, because "Gospel" means "good news," a proclamation of joy.

We come to the second aspect: deliverance. Jesus says He was sent "to proclaim release to the captives". This means that one who proclaims God cannot pressure others, but relieve them: not impose burdens, but take them away; bearing peace, not bearing guilt. Of course, following Jesus involves asceticism and sacrifices; after all, if every good thing requires these things, how much more the decisive reality of life! Those who witness to Christ show the beauty of the goal rather than the toil of the journey. Any announcement worthy of the Redeemer must communicate liberation. Like that of Jesus. Today there is joy, because I have come to liberate.

The third aspect: light. Jesus says He came to bring "sight to the blind". It is striking that throughout the Bible, before Christ, the healing of a blind man never appears. It was indeed a promised sign that would come with the Messiah. But here it is not just about physical sight, but a light that makes one see life in a new way. There is a "coming into the light," a rebirth that happens only with Jesus. If we think about it, that is how Christian life began for us: with Baptism, which in ancient times was called "enlightenment." Jesus brings us the light of sonship: He is the beloved Son of the Father, living forever; with Him we too are children of God loved forever, despite our mistakes and faults. So life is no longer a blind advance toward nothingness; it is not a matter of fate or luck. It is not something that depends on chance or the stars, or even on health or

finances. Life depends on love, on the love of the Father, who cares for us, His beloved children. How wonderful to share this light with others! The life of each of us is an act of love. So many times we forget this, in the face of difficulties, in the face of bad news, even in the face of the worldly way of life.

The fourth aspect of the proclamation: healing. Jesus says He came "to set at liberty those who are oppressed". The oppressed are those who in who feel crushed by something: sickness, labours, burdens on the heart, guilt, mistakes, vices, sins. What is oppressing us above all is sin. The good news is that with Jesus, this ancient evil, sin, which seems invincible, no longer has the last word.

I can sin because I am weak. Each of us can do it, but that is not the last word. The Lord always has His hand outstretched. He wants us to hold on and let Him carry you. Jesus heals us from sin, always and gratuitously. He invites those who "labour and are heavy laden". He says in the Gospel (cf. Mt 11:28). To accompany someone to an encounter with Jesus is to bring them to the one Who lifts up life. That is to say, "I don't have answers to your problems, but Jesus knows you, loves you and can heal and soothe your heart. Go and leave them with Jesus."

Do not forget: God forgets all our sins. God forgives everything because He forgets our sins. We only have to draw near to the Lord and He forgives us everything. Jesus is waiting to forgive us and restore us always. He will always forgive and embrace you. This is the way to love the Lord. Jesus frees the soul from all debt. In the Bible it talks about a year when one was freed from the burden of debt: the Jubilee, the year of grace.

Jesus says he came "to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:19). Christ is the Jubilee of every day, every hour, drawing you near, to caress you, to forgive you. And the proclamation of Jesus must always bring the amazement of grace. It is not we who do great things, but rather the grace of the Lord who, even through us, accomplishes unexpected things.. The Gospel comes with a sense of wonder and newness that has a name: Jesus.

The last thing: This good news, which the Gospel says is addressed "to the poor" (v. 18). We often forget about them, yet they are the recipients explicitly mentioned, because they are God's beloved. Let us remember them, and let us remember that, in order to welcome the Lord, each of us must make him or herself "poor within." With that poverty that makes one say... "Lord, I am in need, I am in need of forgiveness, I am in need of help, I am in need of strength. This poverty that we all have: making oneself poor interiorly. You have to overcome any pretence of self-sufficiency in order to understand oneself to be in need of grace, and to always be in need of Him. Be needy for grace, forgiveness and joy. And He will draw near to you. Thank you.