

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7th May 2023, Year A/1



ANGELICO, Fra, Virgen de la Grenada, 1395-1455

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, for He has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations He has shown His deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let Your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Orlando Surace

SUNDAY 8:30am

For the Andary Family

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am Patronage of B.V. Mary
over Order of Preachers

† Jose Cordovilla Descalzo

Tuesday 8:00am 5th Week of Easter

† Joe Depreira

Wednesday 8.00am St Antoninus Pierozzi

Healing from Operation

Thursday 8.00am 5th Week of Easter

Father Andrew Fornal (For Recovery)

Friday 8.00am 5th Week of Easter

† Baby Kurian

Saturday 8.30am Our Lady of Fatima

God's Blessing & Health for Jadwiga,
Barbara, Anna & their Families

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Carmencita Diaz Ramoy

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR: Orlando Surace, Jose
Cordovilla Descalzo, Joe Depreira, Baby Kurian

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2023

First Communion: 11th June

Sessions: Sundays after 10am Mass

Confirmation: Sunday 12th November

Registration & 1st Session: 30th July

ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

During the month of May there will be Rosary,
Litany of Our Lady and Benediction after all the
weekday Masses.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Father Andrew, Sr Mary Agnes, Sr Luisa, 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

POPE FRANCIS' MAY INTENTIONS

For Church Movements and Groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$638**
 Loose: \$594.50
 Tap & Go: \$260
 Smart Facility: \$295

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

Young People from Year 6 to under 18 years old are most welcome every Wednesday during the School Term from 3-5pm.

PARISH MOVIE

This Sunday 7th May at 1:30pm in the Parish Hall. "Bella" is a true story about two people falling in love because of an unborn child.

PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be at 12 noon this 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.

MEN'S NIGHT

Saturday 20th May after the 6pm Mass. All men over 18 are most welcome. Please RSVP to Andrew on 0420 581 427.

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.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Next weekend 13th/14th May we welcome Kylie Cullen to speak to us about the work of the Aid to the Church in Need, the only International Catholic Charity dedicated to supporting oppressed and persecuted Christians.

VINNIES SUPPORT CENTRES

St Vincent de Paul Support Centre is available to arrange food vouchers or other items. Call 8861 9770 if you need assistance. To find out more visit <http://vinnies.org.au/covidsupportnsw>

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. Call Bernard on 0416 106 871 or email bernard@foolishwisdom.com

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked. For more information, phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or email met@parracatholic.org

DIOCESAN SYNOD

Join the Diocese of Parramatta as we listen and respond to the Holy Spirit through the People of God in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Let us go forwards towards the horizon that awaits us. Learn more at parracatholic.org/synod2023 or from QR Code on Sign.

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.

Bishop Bede Heather Centre at Marian St, Blacktown is offering Modules 1-3 on Friday 9th June from 9.30am to 2.30pm.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Catechesis: The Journey to Hungary

Wednesday 3rd May 2023

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Three days ago I returned from my trip to Hungary. I wish to thank all those who prepared and accompanied this visit with prayer, and to renew my gratitude to the Authorities, the local Church, and the Hungarian people, a courageous people, rich in memory. During my stay in Budapest I was able to feel the affection of all Hungarians. Today I would like to tell you about this visit through two images: roots and bridges.

I went as a pilgrim to a people whose history—as St John Paul II said—has been marked by “many saints and heroes, surrounded by hosts of humble and hard-working people” (*Speech at the welcome ceremony, Budapest, 6 September 1996*). It’s true: I have seen so many humble and hard-working people proudly cherish the bond with their roots. And among these roots, as the testimonies during the meetings with the local Church and with the young people made clear, there are first and foremost the saints: saints who gave their lives for the people, saints who bore witness to the Gospel of love and who were lights in times of darkness; so many saints of the past who today exhort us to overcome the risk of defeatism and the fear of tomorrow, remembering that Christ is our future. The saints remind us of this: Christ is our future.

However, the solid Christian roots of the Hungarian people have been put to the test. Their faith was tested by fire. Indeed, during the atheist persecution of the 20th century, Christians were struck down violently, with bishops, priests, religious, and lay people killed or deprived of their freedom. And while attempts were made to cut down the tree of faith, the roots remained intact: there remained a hidden Church, but alive, strong, with the power of the Gospel. And in Hungary this last persecution, this communist oppression was preceded by the Nazi oppression, with the tragic deportation of a large Jewish population. But in that atrocious genocide, many distinguished themselves by their resistance and their ability to protect the victims; and this was possible because the roots of living together were firm.

But even today, as emerged in meetings with young people and the world of culture, freedom is under threat. With kid gloves, by a consumerism that anaesthetises, where one is content with a little material well-being and, forgetting the past, one “floats” in a present made to the measure of the individual. This is the dangerous persecution of worldliness, brought about by consumerism. But when the only thing that counts is

thinking about oneself and doing what one likes, the roots suffocate. This is a problem throughout Europe, where dedicating oneself to others, feeling a sense of community, feeling the beauty of dreaming together and creating large families are in crisis. The whole of Europe is in crisis. So let us reflect on the importance of preserving the roots, because only by going deep will the branches grow upwards and bear fruit. Each of us can ask ourselves, even as a people, each of us: what are the most important roots in my life? Where am I rooted?

After the roots comes the second image: bridges. Budapest, born 150 years ago from the union of three cities, is famous for the bridges that cross it and unite its parts. This recalled, especially in meetings with the authorities, the importance of building bridges of peace between different peoples. This is, in particular, the vocation of Europe, which is called, as a “bridge of peace,” to include differences and to welcome those who knock on its doors. In this sense, the humanitarian bridge created for so many refugees from neighbouring Ukraine is beautiful.

The country is also very committed to building “bridges for tomorrow”: there is great concern for ecological care—and this is a very, very beautiful thing about Hungary—ecological care and a sustainable future, and work is being done to build bridges between the generations, between the old and the young, a challenge that cannot be renounced by anyone today. There are also bridges that the Church, as emerged at the dedicated meeting, is called upon to stretch towards the people of today, because the proclamation of Christ cannot consist only in repeating the past, but always needs to be updated, so as to help the women and men of our time to rediscover Jesus. And, finally, recalling with gratitude the beautiful liturgical moments, the prayer with the Greek-Catholic community and the solemn Eucharistic Celebration that was so well attended, I think of the beauty of building bridges between believers: Sunday at Mass there were Christians of various rites and countries, and of different denominations, who work well together in Hungary. Building bridges, bridges of harmony and unity.

I was struck, on this visit, by the importance of music, which is a characteristic feature of Hungarian culture. Finally, I want to recall, at the beginning of the month of May, how very devoted the Hungarians are to the Holy Mother of God. Consecrated to her by the first king, Saint Stephen, they used to address her without pronouncing her name, out of respect, calling her only by the Queen’s titles. To the Queen of Hungary, therefore, we entrust that dear country; to the Queen of Peace, we entrust the building of bridges in the world; to the Queen of Heaven, whom we acclaim at this Easter time, we entrust our hearts that they may be rooted in the love of God.