

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

26<sup>th</sup> March 2023, Year A/1



BONDONE, Giotto Di, Raising of Lazarus, 1304-06

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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# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Entrance Antiphon:** Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for You, O God, are my strength.

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 37:12-14

**Responsorial Psalm:** With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

**Second Reading:** Romans 8:8-11

**Gospel:** John 11:1-45

### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Orlando Surace

**SUNDAY** 8:30am

† Longest Reposed Soul in Purgatory

10:00am

For the Parish

**Monday** 8:00am 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

Marija Barclay (For Healing)

**Tuesday** 8:00am 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

† Dominic Reddington (Recently Dec.)

**Wednesday** 8.00am 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

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**Friday** 8.00am 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

† Martin Chavez

**Saturday** 8.30am 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

†† Members of St Vincent de Paul

### 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.

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2023

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

**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

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday through Lent at 6pm

### EASTER LITURGIES

**Holy Thursday:** 6<sup>th</sup> April – 7pm

The Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday:** 7<sup>th</sup> April 11am – Stations of the Cross

3pm – The Lord's Passion

**Holy Saturday:** 8<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm – The Paschal Vigil

**Easter Sunday:** 9<sup>th</sup> April Masses 8.30am & 10am

### Reconciliation for Easter:

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – 9am to noon and 5-7.30pm

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Dominic Reddington

**DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:** Orlando Surace,  
Longest Reposed Soul in Purgatory, Martin Chavez,  
Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

**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, 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' 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: \$645**  
   **Loose:     \$422.50**  
   **Tap & Go: \$300**  
   **Smart Facility: \$340**  
   **Donations: \$15**

### TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

All contributions go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> April at St. Mary's Band Club. This is a good opportunity to meet other Parishioners in a social setting. All are welcome.

### WESTERN DEANERY YOUNG ADULTS

Next meeting is Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 7pm. All over 18 and under 35 are most welcome to join us for Adoration, Dinner, Games and a Talk. Theme for the night is "A Waiting – The Blessed Hope."

### 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.

This weekend our SRE teachers will be available to answer questions.

### BERRIMA COACH TRIP

We have organised a coach to Penrose Park on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

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](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion).

### BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

Our Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park is preparing men who have been called by God to be good shepherds to serve His people. Our quota is \$2908. Please give generously to support our seminarians.

### AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Sisters of the Mother of God in Romania need our assistance to replace their heating system. Visit [www.aidtothechurch.org/monthlyproject](http://www.aidtothechurch.org/monthlyproject) to make an offering or learn more.

### CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April from 1-4pm at St Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall. This is an integrated course in the basics of Christianity leading to a renewed understanding of God's call to us to be Christian individuals and/or couples. Course is free.

### SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding Training is **Mandatory for all Clergy, Staff and everyone who Volunteers in our Parishes.**

Email [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org) to find Courses in the Diocese or for training online.

### 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 on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> May.

RSVP [teresaprior1@hotmail.com](mailto:teresaprior1@hotmail.com) or just show up.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

**POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE**

**Catechesis: 8. The 1<sup>st</sup> Way of Evangelization: Witness.  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023**

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today we will listen to the “*magna carta*” of evangelization in the contemporary world: Saint Paul VI’s Apostolic Exhortation *Evangeliî nuntiandi*. It was written in 1975 but it is as though it were written yesterday. Evangelization is more than just simple doctrinal and moral transmission. It is, first and foremost, witness – one cannot evangelize without witness – witness of the personal encounter with Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word in which salvation is fulfilled. The world is calling for evangelizers to speak to it of a God whom the evangelists themselves should know and be familiar with. It is not to transmit an ideology or a “doctrine” on God. It is to transmit God who is living in me: this is witness, and moreover, because modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses. The witness of Christ, then, is at the same time the first means of evangelization and an essential condition for its efficacy, so that the proclamation of the Gospel may be fruitful. Being witnesses.

It is necessary to remember that witness also includes professed faith, that is, convinced and manifest adherence to God the Father and Son and Holy Spirit, who created us out of love, and redeemed us. A faith that transforms us and our relationships, the criteria and the values that determine our choices. Witness, therefore, cannot be separated from consistency between what one believes and what one proclaims, and what one lives. One is not credible just by stating a doctrine or an ideology. A person is credible if there is harmony between what he or she believes and lives. Many Christians only say they believe, but they live something else, as if they did not. This is hypocrisy.

Every one of us is required to respond to three fundamental questions, posed in this way by Paul VI: “Do you believe what you are proclaiming? Do you live what you believe? Do you preach what you live?” Is there harmony: do you believe what you proclaim? We cannot be satisfied with easy, pre-packaged answers. We are called upon to accept the risk, albeit destabilized, of the search, trusting fully in the action of the Holy Spirit who works in each one of us, driving us ever further: beyond our boundaries, our barriers and our limits.

In this sense, the witness of a Christian life involves a journey of holiness, based on Baptism, which makes us sharers in the divine nature; in this way they are really made holy. A holiness that is not reserved to the few; that is a gift from God and demands to be received and made to bear fruit for ourselves and for others. Chosen

and beloved by God, must bring this love to others. Paul VI teaches that the zeal for evangelization springs from holiness, it springs from the heart that is filled with God. Nourished by prayer and above all by love for the Eucharist, evangelization in turn increases holiness in the people who carry it out. Without holiness, the word of the evangelizer will have difficulty in touching the heart of modern man, and “risks being vain and sterile”.

Therefore, we must be aware that the people to whom evangelization is addressed are not only others, those who profess other faiths or who profess none, but also ourselves, believers in Christ and active members of the People of God. And we must convert every day, receive the word of God and change our life: every day. And this is how the heart is evangelized. To bear this witness, the Church as such must also begin by evangelizing herself. The Church, by evangelizing herself is continually updated. She needs to listen unceasingly to what she must believe, to her reasons for hoping, to the new commandment of love. The Church, which is a People of God immersed in the world, and often tempted by idols, always needs to hear the proclamation of the works of God. This means that she has a constant need of being evangelized, she needs to read the Gospel, to pray and to feel the force of the Spirit changing her heart.

A Church that evangelizes herself in order to evangelize is a Church that, guided by the Holy Spirit, is required to walk a demanding path, a path of conversion and renewal. This also entails the ability to change the ways of understanding and living its evangelizing presence in history, avoiding taking refuge in the protected zones of the logic of “it has always been done this way”. They are the refuges that cause the Church to sicken. The Church must go forward, she must grow continually; in this way she will remain young. This Church is entirely turned to God, therefore a participant in his plan of salvation for humanity, and, at the same time, entirely turned towards humanity. The Church must be a Church that encounters the contemporary world, that weaves fraternal relationships, that generates spaces of encounter, implementing good practices of hospitality, of welcome, of recognition and integration of the other and of otherness, and that cares for the common home that is creation. The Church dialogues with the Lord, and allows the Holy Spirit, the agent of evangelization, to enter. Without the Holy Spirit we can only publicize the Church, not evangelize. It is the Spirit in us that drives us towards evangelization, and this is the true freedom of the children of God.

Dear brothers and sisters, I renew my invitation to you to read and re-read *Evangeliî nuntiandi*: I will tell you the truth, I read it often, because it is Saint Paul VI’s masterpiece, it is the legacy he left to us, to evangelize.