

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

14<sup>th</sup> May 2023, Year A/1



ANGELICO, Fra, Annalena Altarpiece 1430

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:** Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed His people, alleluia.

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17

**Responsorial Psalm:** Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 3:15-18

**Gospel:** John 14:15-21

### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Orlando Surace

**SUNDAY** 8:30am

† Dionisio Rogayan Sr

10:00am

For the Parish

**Monday** 8:00am 6<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter

† Mariam Arik

**Tuesday** 8:00am 6<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter

Blessing for Patos Family, especially  
Danny's Health

**Wednesday** 8.00am 6<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter

† Person Recently Deceased

**Thursday** 8.00am 6<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter

Father Andrew (For his Recovery)

**Friday** 8.00am 6<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter

† For Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday** 8.30am 6<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter

† Esperanza Bagay

### 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.

### 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.

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2023

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

Sessions: Sundays after 10am Mass

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

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

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Carmencita Diaz Ramoy

### ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

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

### DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Orlando Surace, Dionisio Rogayan Sr, Mariam Arik, Esperanza Bagay

**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:** \$540  
                                  **Loose:**     \$433.85  
                                  **Tap & Go:** \$200  
                                  **Smart Facility:** \$245  
                                  **Donations:** \$

### TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

All contributions go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be at 12 noon Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at St. Mary's Band Club. This is a good opportunity to meet other Parishioners in a social setting. All are welcome.

### 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 ring the Office.

We are receiving Quality Books, CD's/DVD's and Homewares during Office Hours or ring the Office to make arrangements for another time.

### MEN'S NIGHT

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 is this weekend after each Mass to support our three WYD Pilgrims.

### AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

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.

### BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

To be collected next weekend 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> May. Your compassionate generosity and prayers will support the Aboriginal Catholic Care at Emerton, a welcoming place where Aboriginal people can express their identity, share their culture and access practical support and developmental opportunities. Thank you for being a Good Samaritan to our First Nation people.

### CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

**Pentecost Celebrations** – Praise and Worship, Testimonies, the Word of God and Prayer Ministry. Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May at Servants of Jesus Centre, 15 Park Road, Seven Hills from 2-5.30pm Enquiries 9810 2499.

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

Visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://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](mailto: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. Join Bishop Vincent at Holy Spirit Primary School, St Clair on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm to have your say. To register for your local consultation and learn more visit [parracatholic.org/synod2023](http://parracatholic.org/synod2023)

### SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding Training is **Mandatory for all who Volunteer in our Parishes.**

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

**Safeguarding Renewal – Modules 4 & 5** will be offered at Bishop Bede Heather Centre on:

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 10am to 1.30pm or  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 10am to 1.30pm

Email [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org) to register.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

**POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE**

**Catechesis: Meeting Between Pope Francis & Pope Tawadros II, Head of the Coptic Orthodox Church**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

It is with great joy today that I greet His Holiness Tawadros II, Pope of Alexandria and Patriarch of the See of Saint Mark, and the distinguished delegation that is accompanying him.

His Holiness Tawadros accepted my invitation to come to Rome to celebrate with me the fiftieth anniversary of the historic meeting of Saint Paul VI and Pope Shenouda III in 1973. It was the first meeting between a Bishop of Rome and a Patriarch of the Coptic Orthodox Church, which culminated in the signing of a memorable joint Christological declaration, on 10 May precisely. In memory of this event, His Holiness Tawadros came to visit me for the first time on 10 May ten years ago, a few months after his and my election, and proposed to celebrate the "Day of Coptic-Catholic friendship" every 10 May, which since then we have celebrated every year. We call each other on the telephone, we send greetings, and we remain good brothers, we haven't quarrelled!

Dear friend and brother Tawadros, thank you for accepting my invitation on this dual anniversary, and I pray that the light of the Holy Spirit may illuminate your visit to Rome, the important meetings you will have here, and in particular our personal conversations. I thank you from my heart for your commitment to the growing friendship between the Coptic Orthodox Church and the Catholic Church.

Holiness, dear bishops, all of you, together with you I implore God Almighty, by the intercession of the Saints and Martyrs of the Coptic Church, that He may help us grow in communion, in a single and holy bond of faith, hope and Christian love. And speaking of martyrs of the Coptic Church, who are also ours, I want to recall the martyrs on the Libyan beach, who martyred a few years ago. I ask all of you present to pray to God that He may bless Pope Tawadros' visit to Rome and protect the entire Coptic Orthodox Church. May this visit hasten us to the blessed day when we will be one in Christ! Thank you.

**POPE FRANCIS ANGELUS**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

The Gospel of today's Liturgy (*Jn 14:1-12*) is taken from Jesus' last discourse before his death. The disciples' hearts are troubled, but the Lord speaks reassuring words to them, inviting them not to be afraid. He is not abandoning them but is going to prepare a place for them and to guide them towards that destination. The Lord today thus shows us all the wonderful place to go, and, at the same time shows us the way.

Jesus sees the disciples' distress and their fear of being abandoned. And so, he says: "I go to prepare a place for you ... that where I am you may be also" (vv. 2-3). Jesus uses the familiar image of home, the place of relationships and intimacy. In the Fathers' house, he says, there is space for you, you are welcome, and I am in Heaven to prepare a place for you! He prepares for us that embrace with the Father, the place for all eternity.

This Word is a source of consolation, and it is a source of hope for us. Jesus does not separate from us, but has opened the way for us, anticipating our final destination: the encounter with God the Father, in whose heart there is a place for each one of us. So, when we experience fatigue, bewilderment and even failure, let us remember where our life is headed. We must not lose sight of the destination, even if we run the risk of overlooking it, of forgetting the final questions, the important ones: where I am going? What is it worth living for? Without these questions, we compress our life into the present, we think we must enjoy it as much as possible and end up living day by day, without purpose, without a goal. Our homeland, instead, is in heaven (cf. *Phil 3:20*); let us not forget the greatness and the beauty of our destination!

At times, especially when there are major problems to face and there is the sensation that evil is stronger, we ask ourselves: what should I do, what path should I follow? Let us listen to Jesus' answer: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" (*Jn 14:6*). He is the way and therefore faith in him is not a "package of ideas" in which to believe, but rather a road to be travelled, a journey to undertake, a path with him. Jesus is the way that leads to unfailing happiness. Following Jesus and imitating him, especially with deeds of closeness and mercy towards others. This is the compass for reaching Heaven: loving Jesus, the way, becoming signs of his love on earth.

Let us live the present but let us not be overwhelmed; let us look to Heaven and remember the goal, let us think that we are called to eternity, to the encounter with God. And, from Heaven to the heart, let us renew today the choice of Jesus, the choice to love him and to walk behind him. May the Virgin Mary, who following Jesus has already arrived at the goal, sustain our hope.