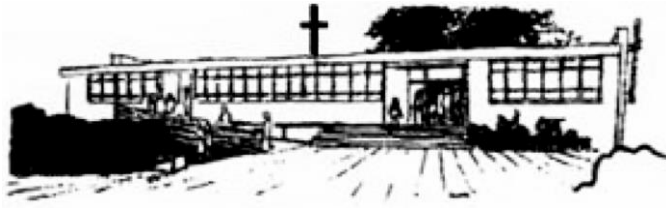


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19<sup>th</sup> February 2023, Year A/1



ANGELICO, Fra, Scenes from the Life of Christ, 1451-52

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 Lord, I trust in Your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in Your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

**First Reading:** Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is kind and merciful.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:38-48

### VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Orlando Surace (Recently Dec.)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:30am		Ophelia (For Fast Recovery)
	10:00am		For the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	8:00am	7 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	Marian Kubka, Marian Zawadzki & Barbara Blazek (Deceased Ann.)
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00am	7 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	Maggie Whittaker (Recently Dec.)
<b>Wednesday</b>	8.00am 7.00pm	ASH WEDNESDAY ASH WEDNESDAY	Fr Reuben Elago MSP (Rec. Dec.) For the Parish
<b>Thursday</b>	8.00am	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	Souls of Longest Staying Priest & Nun in Purgatory
<b>Friday</b>	8.00am	Friday after Ash Wednesday	Jason & Andrew Isbitzki (Birthday)
<b>Saturday</b>	8.30am	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	Cardinal George Pell (Rec. Dec.)

### 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, Maggie Whittaker, Fr Reuben Elago MSP, Cardinal George Pell, Jozef Kubka

**DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:** Marian Kubka, Marian Zawadzki, Barbara Blazek

### ASH WEDNESDAY – 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY

Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

Masses are at 8am and 7pm

Liturgy of the Word with St Joseph's School in attendance is at 12.30pm

**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, Benjamin Santiago, 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.

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

### POPE FRANCIS' FEBRUARY INTENTIONS

**For Parishes** – We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

**SECOND COLLECTION:**    **Envelopes: \$590**  
   **Loose:     \$370**  
   **Tap & Go: \$220**  
   **Smart Facility: \$185**  
   **Donations: \$20**

### 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.

### PARISH MOVIE

Next Parish Movie is Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm. Plan to come and enjoy an afternoon together. Movie will be announced closer to the date.

### YOUTH GROUP

Our Parish Youth Group will start on this Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February from 3-5pm. Young People from Year 6 to 18 years old are most welcome. If you would like to help with admin or afternoon tea please see Clare.

### PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be at 12 noon Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at St. Mary's Band Club. This is a good opportunity to meet other Parishioners in a social setting. All are welcome.

### MEN'S NIGHT

Our Men's Night is Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March after 6pm Mass. All men over 18 are most welcome. Please RSVP to Andrew at 0420 581 427.

### WESTERN DEANERY YOUNG ADULTS

Next meeting is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm. All over 18 and under 35 are most welcome. Theme for the night is "Movie Time".

### BERRIMA COACH TRIP

We are organising a trip to Berrima on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May, the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Please ring the office to book or speak to Clare for further information.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Every Friday through Lent at 6pm**

### DAYS OF FAST & ABSTINENCE

Abstinence from meat, and fasting, *must* be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast.

All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.

On all other Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

(a) prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.

(b) self-denial – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country; limiting use of social media, smart phones or television.

(c) helping others – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

### PASCHAL PRECEPT

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday, 22 February, and Trinity Sunday, 4 June, 2023 unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

### PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Please take your boxes home. Every dollar raised will help change the lives of some of the world's most vulnerable people.

### SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding Training in our Parish for all our Volunteers, who have not yet completed it, is on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February from 10am to 3pm and will cover all Three Modules. Morning Tea and Lunch will be provided. **This Course is Mandatory for all Clergy, Staff and everyone who Volunteers in our Parishes.** Fill in the Form at the back of the Church or register at [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

## CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

## POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

## Catechesis. 4. The First Apostolate

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

We continue our catechesis on evangelizing, which involves everything: the mind, the heart, the hands, going out... everything, the whole person is involved with this proclamation of the Gospel, and for this reason we talk about the passion for evangelizing. After having seen in Jesus the model and the master of proclamation, we turn today to the first disciples, to what the disciples did. The Gospel says that Jesus "appointed twelve, to be with Him, and to be sent out to preach" (*Mk* 3:14), two things: to be with him and to send them to preach. One would say: either one or the other, either stay or go. But for Jesus there is no going without staying and there is no staying without going. It is not easy to understand this, but that's the way it is.

Before sending the disciples on mission, Christ "calls them to Himself" (cf. *Mt* 10:1). The proclamation is born from the encounter with the Lord; every Christian activity, especially the mission, begins from there. Witnessing Him means radiating Him; but, if we do not receive His light, we will be extinguished; if we do not spend time with Him, we will bear ourselves instead of Him and it will all be in vain. So only the person who remains with Him can bring the Gospel of Jesus. Someone who does not remain with Him cannot bear the Gospel. Equally, however, there is no staying without going. Following Christ is not an inward-looking fact: without proclamation, without service, without mission, the relationship with Jesus does not grow. We note that in the Gospel the Lord sends the disciples before having completed their preparation: shortly after having called them, He is already sending them! This means that the mission experience is part of Christian formation.

Having called the disciples to Himself and before sending them, Christ addresses a discourse to them, known as the 'missionary discourse'—this is what it is called in the Gospel. It is found in chapter 10 of Matthew's Gospel and is like the 'constitution' of the proclamation. From that discourse, which I recommend you read today I draw out three aspects: why proclaim, what to proclaim and how to proclaim.

Why to proclaim: The motivation lies in a few words of Jesus, which it is good for us to remember: "Freely you have received, freely give" (v. 8). They are just a few words. The proclamation does not begin from us, but from the beauty of what we have received for free, without merit: meeting Jesus, knowing Him, discovering that we are loved and saved. It is such a great gift that we cannot keep it to ourselves, we feel the need to spread it. That is: we have a gift, so we are called to make a gift

of ourselves; there is in us the joy of being children of God, it must be shared with our brothers and sisters who do not yet know it! This is the reason for the proclamation. Going forth and bringing the joy of what we have received.

What to proclaim? Jesus says: "Preach as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'" (v. 7). This is what must be said, first and foremost. Never forget that God has always been close to the people. He said it to the people Himself: He said, "Look, God is as close to the nations as I am to you?" This closeness is one of the most important things about God. There are three important things: God is the One Who is Close, the One Who is Tender, the One Who is Merciful. This is the reality of God. We, in preaching, often urge people to do something, and that is fine; but let's not forget that the main message is that He is near: closeness, mercy, and tenderness. Accepting God's love is more difficult because we are inclined to do than to let ourselves be moulded, to speak than to listen. The proclamation must give the first place to God, and to give to others the opportunity to welcome Him, to realise that He is near.

How to proclaim. This is the aspect Jesus dwells on most: how to proclaim, what is the method, what should be the language for proclaiming; it's significant: He tells us that the manner, the style is essential in witnessing. Witnessing involves everything, mind, heart, hands, everything, the three languages of the person: the languages of thought, affection and work. One cannot evangelise only with the mind or only with the heart or only with the hands. Everything is involved. The important thing is testimony, as Jesus wants us to do. He says: "I send you out as sheep among wolves" (v. 16). He does not ask us to be able to face the wolves, that is, to be able to argue, to offer counter arguments, and to defend ourselves. No, He sends you out as sheep, as lambs. This is important. If you don't want to be sheep, the Lord will not defend you from the wolves. But if you are sheep, rest assured that the Lord, the Shepherd, will defend you from the wolves. He asks us to be meek and with the will to be innocent, to be disposed to sacrifice; this is what the lamb represents: meekness, innocence, dedication, tenderness. If I want to be the Lord's, I have to allow Him to be my shepherd; and He is not the shepherd of wolves, He is the shepherd of lambs, meek, humble, kind as the Lord is.

Jesus says, "Take no gold, nor silver, nor copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor a staff" (vv. 9–10). He says to go into the world and show Jesus with our witness, rather than talking about Jesus. The Lord sends all the disciples, but no one goes alone. The apostolic Church is completely missionary in unity. Go forth together, meek and good as lambs. May Jesus' words be our point of reference.