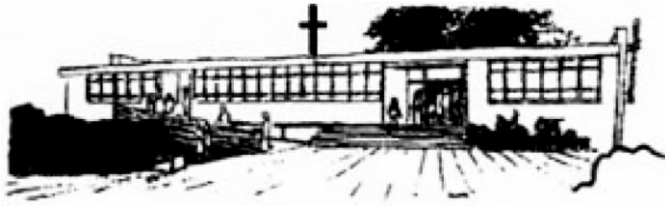


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

11<sup>th</sup> June 2023, Year A/1



WILLEMS, Jan, The Last Supper, 1524-25

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:** He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.  
**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.  
**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 10:16-17  
**Gospel:** John 6:51-58

### VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		For the Andary Family
SUNDAY	8:30am		God's blessings for Ethan Bobins
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	10 <sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time	† Vidal Jose Loretta Descalzo
Tuesday	8:00am	St Anthony of Padua	† Francois & Rosa Arik
Wednesday	8.00am	10 <sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time	For the McIlvenna & Dobranski Families
Thursday	8.00am	10 <sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time	† Elaine D'Arcy
Friday	8.00am	SACRED HEART OF JESUS	Holy Souls & Sinners
Saturday	8.30am	Immaculate Heart of Mary	† Najah Andary

### BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to the Priests or 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: This weekend at 10am Mass.**

Please pray for our children.

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

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

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Giuseppi Suraci, Stewart Wright, Peter Pours, Ernest Carballo, Michel Chaghoury, Ann Fogarty, Peter Woodward

### DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Vidal Jose Loretta Descalzo, Francois & Rosa Arik, Elaine D'Arcy, Najah Andary

### POPE FRANCIS' JUNE INTENTIONS

#### For the Abolition of Torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Father Andrew, Sr Louisa, 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, Peter Stofmeel, 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

**SECOND COLLECTION:**    **Envelopes: \$940**  
                                  **Loose:     \$376.20**  
                                  **Tap & Go: \$240**  
                                  **Smart Facility: \$30**

### **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 this 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. 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.

### **SAVE CALVARY HOSPITAL**

Archbishop Anthony Fisher is asking us to please sign the petition at [www.savecalvary.com.au](http://www.savecalvary.com.au) to save our Catholic Hospital from being taken over by the ACT Government.

### **BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL**

We have collected \$1658.75 towards our quota of \$2908. If you have not yet donated please feel free to use the black box at the back of the Church for your gift. Thank you for your generosity.

### **PRAYER FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Next weekend, to celebrate Safe Parishes Week, at all the weekend Masses there will be a prayer of blessing for all those who give so generously of their time as Volunteers in the Parish.

### **ST ELISABETH CONVENT**

The Sisters from Elisabeth Convent in Minsk, Belarus will visit our Parish on the mornings of Monday 26<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June. They will be selling religious articles and souvenirs from their convent to support vulnerable people they care for.

### **DIOCESAN SYNOD 2023 – JOIN BISHOP VINCENT AT A LISTENING EVENT!**

Over the next six weeks, Bishop Vincent is travelling throughout the Diocese and listening directly to people's stories and suggestions about our Church. Join him on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June at Holy Spirit Primary School, St Clair from 6.30-9.30pm. Register at [www.parracatholic.org/synod2023](http://www.parracatholic.org/synod2023)

### **MULTICULTURAL MASS**

At St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm. Celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long for the Parramatta Diocese and Sydney Archdiocese.

### **SAFEGUARDING TRAINING**

**Safeguarding Mandatory Training is Due Now.**

**Are you new to Parish Ministry this year and have not completed your Safeguarding Training?**

**Are you an existing volunteer and have not yet completed your 6 points of mandatory Safeguarding Training?**

Under the Children's Guardian Act 2019 and the NSW Child Safe Standards **all** volunteers in parish ministry are Mandatory Reporters and are required to have completed their Safeguarding Training. The Office of the Children's Guardian expects all volunteers in parish ministry have now met this Standard.

In the Diocese of Parramatta we commit to keeping children safe as well as adults at risk.

Register at [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org) for the Mandatory Training at Bishop Bede Heather Centre at Marian St, Blacktown on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June from 9.30am to 2.30pm.

If you would like to complete your 6 points online 'sign up' **now** at <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au> If you have any questions about the Safeguarding Training please email Maria Kervin, Education Officer at [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org)

**Safeguarding Renewal Modules 4 & 5** (for those who completed Modules 1,2 & 3 two years ago), 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

## CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

## POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

**Passion for Evangelisation 16: St Therese of the Child Jesus, Patron of the Missions**  
**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023**

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today let us allow the witness of St. Therese to help us. She was born 150 years ago, and I plan to dedicate an Apostolic Letter to her on this anniversary.

She is patroness of the missions, but she was never sent on mission. She was a Carmelite nun who lived her life according to the way of littleness and weakness: she defined herself as “a small grain of sand.” Having poor health, she died at the age of only 24. But though her body was sickly, her heart was vibrant, missionary. She recounts in her “diary” that her desire was that of being a missionary, and that she wanted to be one not just for a few years, but for the rest of her life, even until the end of the world. Therese was a “spiritual sister” to several missionaries: through her letters, her prayer, and by offering continuous sacrifices for them. Without being visible, she interceded for the missions, like an engine that, although hidden, gives a vehicle the power to move forward. However, she was often not understood by her fellow nuns: she received “more thorns than roses” from them, but she accepted everything lovingly, patiently, offering even these judgements and misunderstandings together with her illness. And she did this joyfully, for the needs of the Church, so that, as she said, “roses might fall on everyone,” especially the most distant.

Where did all this zeal, this missionary strength, and this joy of interceding come from? Two episodes that occurred before Therese entered the monastery help us to understand this.

The first concerns the day that changed her life, Christmas 1886, when God worked a miracle in her heart. Shortly after that, Therese would turn 14 years old. As the youngest child, she was pampered by everyone at home. Returning from midnight Mass, however, her very tired father did not feel like being there when his daughter opened her gifts, and said, “Good thing it’s the last year!” Therese, who was very sensitive and easily moved to tears, was hurt, and went up to her room and cried. But she quickly suppressed her tears, went downstairs and, full of joy, she was the one who cheered her father. What had happened? On that night, when Jesus had made himself weak out of love, her soul became strong: in just a few moments, she had come out of the prison of her selfishness and self-pity; she began to feel that “charity entered her heart, with the need to forget herself” (cf. *Manuscript A*, 133-134). From then on, she directed her zeal toward others, that they might find God, and, instead of seeking consolations for herself, she set out to “console Jesus, to make him loved by souls,”

because, as Therese, Doctor of the Church, noted, “Jesus is sick with love and ... the sickness of love cannot be cured except by love” (*Letter to Marie Guérin*, July 1890). This then was her daily resolution: to “make Jesus loved” (*Letter to Céline*, 15 October 1889), to intercede for others. She wrote, “I want to save souls and forget myself for them: I want to save them even after my death” (*Letter to Fr. Roullan*, 19 March 1897). Several times she said, “I will spend my heaven doing good on earth.”

Following the example of Jesus the Good Shepherd, her zeal was directed especially toward sinners, to “those far off.” This is revealed in the second episode. Therese learnt about a criminal, Enrico Pranzini, sentenced to death for horrible crimes: he had been found guilty of the brutal murder of three people, and was destined for the guillotine; but he did not want to receive the consolations of the faith. Therese took him into her heart and did all she could: she prayed in every way for his conversion, so that he, whom, with brotherly compassion she called “poor wretched Pranzini,” might demonstrate a small sign of repentance and make room for God’s mercy in which Therese trusted blindly. The execution took place. The next day, Therese read in the newspaper that Pranzini, just before laying his head on the block, “all of a sudden, seized by a sudden inspiration, turned around, grabbed a Crucifix that the priest handed to him and kissed three times the sacred wounds” of Jesus. The saint remarked, “Then his soul went to receive the merciful sentence of the One who declared that in Heaven there will be more joy for a single sinner who repents than for the ninety-nine righteous who have no need of repentance!” (*Manuscript A*, 135).

Such is the power of intercession moved by charity; such is the engine of mission! Missionaries, in fact – of whom Therese is patroness – are not only those who travel long distances, learn new languages, do good works, and are good at proclamation; no, a missionary is anyone who lives as an instrument of God’s love where they are. Missionaries are those who do everything so that, through their witness, their prayer, their intercession, Jesus might pass by.

This is the apostolic zeal that, let us always remember, never works by proselytism or constraint, but by attraction: one does not become a Christian because they are forced by someone, but because they have been touched by love. With so many means, methods, and structures available, which sometimes distract from what is essential, the Church needs hearts like Therese’s, hearts that draw people to love and bring people closer to God. Let us ask this saint for the grace to overcome our selfishness and for the passion to intercede that Jesus might be known and loved.