



# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Entrance Antiphon:** How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity,  
And wisdom and strength and honour.  
To Him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46

### VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		†† All Souls
SUNDAY	8:30am		†† All Souls
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	34 <sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time	†† All Souls
Tuesday	8:00am	34 <sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time	†† All Souls
Wednesday	8.00am	34 <sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time	†† All Souls
Thursday	8.00am	ST ANDREW	†† All Souls
Friday	8.00am	34 <sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time	†† Bronislaw & Stanislaw Blazek
Saturday	8.30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary	†† Dec. Mems. of St Vincent de Paul

### BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to one of the Priests or ring 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. Confessions are also available during Adoration. Please let the Priest know.

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Midnight, 8.30am & 10am

**Reconciliation:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
9am to 12noon & 5pm to 7.30pm

### RECENTLY DECEASED: Kirt Tonna

### DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Bronislaw & Stanislaw Blazek, Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

### POPE FRANCIS' NOVEMBER INTENTIONS

#### For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Father Andrew, Sr Louisa, Jonathon Ansell, Tony Bogdanovic, Marianne Callaghan, Margaret Colville, Frances Gunn, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Danny Patos, Shayla, Benjamin Santiago, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Cynthia Sulvita, Charley 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 at the end of each month to keep the names on the sick list.**

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## PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

### NOVEMBER MASSES

One Mass each day in November will be offered for our Deceased. When you fill out your November Mass Envelope place it in the basket on the Sanctuary near the altar and fill in the Remembrance Book with the names of your friends and relatives.

**SECOND COLLECTION:**      **Envelopes: \$725**  
   **Loose:      \$540.50**  
   **Tap & Go: \$320**  
   **Smart Facility: \$Nil**

**St Joseph Statue Donations Total: \$2197**

### 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.

### ST JOSEPH STATUE

Donations can be placed in the silver "Donation Box" at the back of the Church. We are planning to have the new Statue blessed on the Feast of St Joseph, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Thank you for your donations.

### BISHOP VINCENT'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This weekend we have the Bishop's Christmas Appeal, to help our chaplains provide pastoral, spiritual and sacramental support to the seriously ill, lonely and distraught this Christmas. You can also donate at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal). Our quota is \$2726. Thank you for your generosity.

### ADVENT SERIES

Br Barry Donaghue cfc, D Min, will host presentations on Nov 29, Dec 6,13,20 from 7.30-9pm at Edmund Rice Centre, Winbourne, 1315 Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa. Cost is by donation. Please text Br Barry on 0478 408 337 or email [bgdonaghue@edmundrice.org](mailto:bgdonaghue@edmundrice.org)

### MUSIC AND READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS

The Christmas Story with favourite Carols, Handel's Hallelujah Chorus and O Holy Night.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm at St Finbars, 46 Levy Street, Glenbrook. Suggested donation: \$35 for a Family, \$15 for an individual. Enquiries 0421 105 017.

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in February 2024. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship at [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org) or on 0460 037 795. For an Application Form please see Aruna at the Parish Office.

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES IN 2024

Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website. For more information, email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

### PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

Fr Maria Raju will be leading the 18-day pilgrimage, which features Fatima, Lourdes, Turin, Milan, Padua, Venice, Florence, Assisi, Rotondo and Rome for an all-inclusive price of \$8790. For enquiries and bookings email [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au) or call 1300 721 561.

### SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

#### Safeguarding Mandatory 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.

**Cycle 1 Mandatory Modules 1-3 Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February** – 9.30am-2.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown

#### Cycle 2 Renewal Mandatory Modules 4-5

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> (4) & 29<sup>th</sup> (5) February** – 7-8.30pm at St Nicholas of Myra, 326 High St, Penrith

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – 10am-1.30pm at Holy Spirit Parish, Corner of Todd Road & Moore Street, St Clair

If you would like to complete your 6 points online go to at <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

For any questions please email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement & Education Officer at [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org)

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

**The Passion for Evangelisation:  
27. Proclamation is for Everyone**

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

After having seen, last time, that the Christian proclamation is joy, today let us focus on a second aspect: it is for everyone, Christian proclamation is a joy for everyone. When we truly meet the Lord Jesus, the wonder of this encounter pervades our life and demands to be taken beyond us. He desires this, that His Gospel is for everyone. Indeed, in it there is a "humanizing power", a fulfilment of life that is destined for every man and woman, because Christ was born, died, and rose again for everyone. For everyone: no-one excluded.

In Evangelii Gaudium we read that everyone has "a right to receive the Gospel. Christians have the duty to proclaim the Gospel without excluding anyone. Instead of seeming to impose new obligations, they should appear as people who wish to share their joy, who point to a horizon of beauty and who invite others to a delicious banquet. It is not by proselytizing that the Church grows, but 'by attraction'" (no. 14). Brothers, sisters, let us feel that we are at the service of the universal destination of the Gospel, it is for everyone; and let us distinguish ourselves for our capacity to come out of ourselves. A proclamation, in order to be true, must leave behind one's own selfishness – and let us also have the capacity to cross all borders. Christians meet on the parvis more than in the sacristy, and go "to the streets and lanes of the city" (*Lk*14:21). They must be open and expansive, Christians must be "extrovert", and this character of theirs comes from Jesus, who make his presence in the world a continuous journey, aimed at reaching out to everyone, even learning from some of his encounters.

In this sense, the Gospel reports Jesus' surprising encounter with a foreign woman, a Canaanite who begs him to cure her sick daughter (cf. *Mt* 15:21-28). Jesus refuses, saying that he was sent only "to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" and that "it is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs" (vv. 24, 26). But the woman, with the insistence typical of the simple, replies that "even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table" (v. 27). Jesus is struck by this and says, "woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire" (v. 28). The encounter with this woman has something unique about it. Not only does someone make Jesus change his mind, and a woman, foreign and a pagan, but the Lord himself finds confirmation that his preaching should not be limited to the people to whom he belongs, but open to all.

The Bible shows us that when God calls a person and makes a pact with some of them, the criterion is always this: elect someone to reach others, this is the criterion of God, of God's calling. All the Lord's friends have experienced the beauty, but also the responsibility and the burden of being "chosen" by him. And everyone has felt discouragement in the face of their own weaknesses or the loss of their certainties. But perhaps the greatest temptation is that of considering the calling received as a privilege: please, no, the calling is not a privilege, ever. We cannot say that we are privileged compared to others – no. The calling is for a service. And God chooses one in order to love everyone, to reach everyone.

It is also to prevent the temptation of identifying Christianity with a culture, with an ethnicity, with a system. In this way, though, it loses its truly Catholic nature, or rather for everyone, universal: it is not a little group of first-class, chosen people. Let us not forget: God chooses some to love all. This horizon of universality. The Gospel is not only for me, it is for everyone; let us not forget this. Thank you.