

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

16th April 2023, Year A/1



Divine Mercy Icon

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: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in Him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Orlando Surace

SUNDAY 8:30am

† Kenneth Shaw

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 2nd Week of Easter

Intentions of the McIlvenna & Dobranski Families & for Stephanie

Tuesday 8:00am 2nd Week of Easter

Holy Souls & Unrepentant Sinners

Wednesday 8.00am 2nd Week of Easter

† Armando Silverio Lugod

Thursday 8.00am St Agnes of Montepulciano

† Souls of Longest Staying Priest & Nun in Purgatory

Friday 8.00am St Anselm

† Michael Callaghan (Recently Deceased)

Saturday 8.30am 2nd Week of Easter

For the Andary Family

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to one of the Priests or contact the Parish Office.

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: 11th June

Registration & 1st Session: This Sunday 16th April

Confirmation: Sunday 12th November

Registration & 1st Session: 30th July

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Michael Callaghan, Anna Sereda

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR: Orlando Surace, Kenneth Shaw, Armando Silverio Lugod, Souls of Longest Staying Priest & Nun in Purgatory

POPE FRANCIS' APRIL INTENTIONS

For a Culture of Peace and Non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: 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.

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PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$780**
 Loose: \$440.45
 Tap & Go: \$350
 Smart Facility: \$330
 Donations: \$

TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

All contributions go to the 2nd Collection.

First Collection contributions go to the Diocese to support the priests working in the Parishes.

Second Collection contributions go directly to the Parish to support day to day operation of the Parish.

BIBLE STUDY

Will resume this Wednesday 19th April in the Parish Hall. All are most welcome.

YOUTH GROUP

Young People from Year 6 to under 18 years old are most welcome to our Youth Group every Wednesday during the School Term from 3-5pm. Group will recommence Wednesday 26th April.

WESTERN DEANERY YOUNG ADULTS

Next meeting is Friday 5th May at 7pm. All over 18 and under 35 are most welcome to join us for Adoration, Dinner, Games and a Talk.

PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be at 12 noon Wednesday 10th May at St. Mary's Band Club. This is a good opportunity to meet other Parishioners in a social setting. All are welcome.

BERRIMA COACH TRIP

We have organised a coach to Penrose Park on Saturday 13th 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 6th 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

Please return your Boxes and thank you for your generosity.

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND APPEAL

We collected \$995.05. Thank you for your generosity.

BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

We will have another collection this weekend to make up our quota of \$2908. We have collected \$1885.80 so far. There is also a box at the back of the Church for your donations. Thank you for your generosity.

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 from 7.30-9pm on 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th May. RSVP teresaprior1@hotmail.com or just show up.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

St Marys Conference is celebrating 80 years on this Tuesday 18th April with a commemorative Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary, followed by a light supper. Past members and anyone interested are invited. Ring Peter Morgan on 0417 403 248 for information.

SCHOENSTATT FAMILY WEEKEND

Coming up on 23rd to 25th June, this is a wonderful opportunity for families to spend quality time with each other. The weekend involves input for adults, a program for children, as well as time for games, recreation and prayer. There are very limited spots available so call Bernard on 0416 106 871 or email bernard@foolishwisdom.com as soon as possible.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website. For more information, phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or email met@parracatholic.org

FREE CPR COURSE

This accredited course offered by Surf Life Saving NSW and the University of Sydney will be offered on: Saturday 13th May from 10am-12.30pm at St Thomas Aquinas Parish, 168 Hawkesbury Rd, Springwood. Monday 5th June from 4-6.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion St., Blacktown. Ring the Parish Office to register.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

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

Email safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org to find Courses in the Diocese or for training online.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Catechesis: 9. Witness of Evangelization: St Paul 2
Wednesday 12th April 2023

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

After having seen, two weeks ago, St Paul's personal zeal for the Gospel, we can now reflect more deeply on the evangelical zeal as he himself speaks of it and describes it in some of his letters.

By virtue of his own experience, Paul is not unaware of the danger of a distorted zeal, oriented in the wrong direction. He himself had fallen into this danger before the providential fall on the road to Damascus. Sometimes we have to deal with a misdirected zeal, doggedly persistent in the observance of purely human and obsolete norms for the Christian community. We cannot ignore the solicitude with which some devote themselves to the wrong pursuits even within the Christian community itself; one can boast of a false evangelical zeal while actually pursuing vainglory or one's own convictions or a little bit of love of self.

What are the characteristics of true evangelical zeal according to Paul? One of these is *readiness to spread the Gospel*, translated by some as "zeal" – this person is zealous in carrying forward these ideas, these things – and referred to as a "shoe". Why? How is zeal for the Gospel related to what is worn on your feet? This metaphor picks up on a text from the prophet Isaiah, who says this: "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the one who brings good tidings, who publishes peace, who brings good tidings of good, who publishes salvation who says to Zion: 'Your God reigns'" (52:7).

Here too, we find reference to the feet of a herald of good news. Why? Because the one who goes to proclaim must move, must walk! But we also note that Paul, in this text, speaks of footwear as part of a suit of armour, following the analogy of the equipment of a soldier going into battle: in combat it was essential to have stability of footing in order to avoid the pitfalls of the terrain – because the adversary often littered the battlefield with traps – and to have the strength to run and move in the right direction. So the footwear is to run and to avoid all these things of the adversary.

Evangelical zeal is the support on which proclamation is based, and heralds are somewhat like the feet of the body of Christ that is the Church. There is no proclamation without movement, without 'going out', without initiative. This means there is no

Christian if not on the move; no Christian if the Christian does not go out of himself in order to set out on the journey and bear the proclamation. There is no proclamation without movement, without walking. One does not proclaim the Gospel standing still, locked in an office, at one's desk or at one's computer with copy-and-paste ideas taken from here and there. The Gospel is proclaimed by moving, by walking, by going.

The term used by Paul to denote the footwear of those who bear the Gospel is a Greek word denoting readiness, preparation, alacrity. It is the opposite of sloppiness, which is incompatible with love. In fact, elsewhere Paul says: "Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord" (*Rom 12:11*). This attitude was the one required in the Book of Exodus to celebrate the sacrifice of the Passover deliverance: "In this manner you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night" (12:11-12a).

A herald is ready to go, and knows that the Lord passes by in a surprising way. He or she must therefore be free from schemes and prepared for surprises. One who proclaims the Gospel cannot be fossilised in cages of plausibility or the idea that "it has always been done this way," but is ready to follow a wisdom that is not of this world, as Paul says when speaking of himself: "My speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God" (1 Cor 2:4-5).

This is why it is important to have this readiness for the newness of the Gospel, this attitude that involves momentum, taking the initiative, going first. It means not letting pass by the opportunities to promulgate the Gospel of peace that Christ knows how to give more and better than the world gives.

And for this reason I exhort you to be evangelizers who are moving, without fear, who go forward, in order to bring the beauty of Jesus, to bring the newness of Jesus who changes everything. "Yes, Father, He changes the calendar, because now we count the years beginning with Jesus..." But does He also change the heart? And are you disposed to let Jesus change your heart? Or are you a lukewarm Christian, who is not moving? Think about it: Are you an enthusiast of Jesus, are you going forward? Think about it a bit.