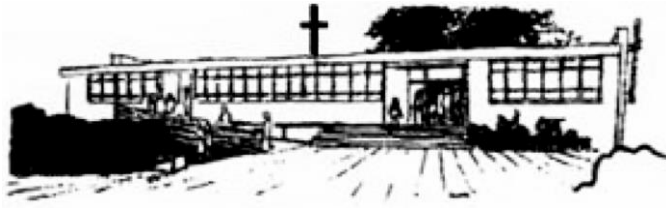


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## EASTER SUNDAY

9<sup>th</sup> April 2023, Year A/1



ANGELICO, Fra, Noli Me Tangere, 1440-42

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:** I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
You have laid Your hand upon me, alleluia.  
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43

**Responsorial Psalm:** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:1-4

**Gospel:** John 20:1-9

### VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:30pm	Holy Saturday	For the Parish
SUNDAY	8:30am	Easter Sunday	For the Parish
	10:00am	Easter Sunday	For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	Octave of Easter	† Brian Carpenter
Tuesday	8:00am	Octave of Easter	† Christopher Gilbert
Wednesday	8.00am	Octave of Easter	Thanksgiving Mass & Safe Flights for Family
Thursday	8.00am	Octave of Easter	† Perfecto Mendiola
Friday	8.00am	Octave of Easter	Ritchie Patos Conigrave (Thanksgiving & for his Health)
Saturday	8.30am	Octave of Easter	Thanksgiving Mass for Warren receiving his Sacraments

### 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.

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2023

**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

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Michael Callaghan

### DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Brian Carpenter, Christopher Gilbert, Perfecto Mendiola

### 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, 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.**

*A Happy and Holy Easter to All Our Parishioners  
From Fr Andrew, Fr Pawel & Fr Piotr*

**SECOND COLLECTION:**    **Envelopes:** \$720  
                                  **Loose:**     \$543.70  
                                  **Tap & Go:** \$240  
                                  **Smart Facility:** \$355  
                                  **Donations:** \$

**TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES**

All contributions go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection.

**BIBLE STUDY**

Will resume Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April in the Parish Hall. All are most welcome.

**YOUTH GROUP**

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

**PARISH LUNCH**

Our next Lunch will be at 12 noon on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April at St. Mary's Band Club. Sorry that the wrong date was published in last week's Bulletin. 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 13<sup>th</sup> May, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Please ring the Parish Office or speak to Clare to book or for information.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> May. RSVP [teresaprior1@hotmail.com](mailto:teresaprior1@hotmail.com)

**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 fill out the sheet at the back of the Church.

**PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES**

Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through the Project Compassion appeal. Please return your Project Compassion Boxes and thank you for your generosity.

**BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL**

We will have another collection after Easter 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.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

St Marys Conference is celebrating 80 years on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**GRACES OF THE SHRINE REFLECTION**

The Men's Ministry at the Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, Mulgoa, is hosting a reflection on 'Mission', one of the graces of the Schoenstatt Shrine on Sunday 16 April from 9am to 10.30am, with an optional Mass at 11am. Having found a home in our Shrine and having had a conversion of heart, how can we now go out in mission and tell the Good News? For more information, please contact Jim on 0432 487 927.

**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 via the website. For more information, phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017 or email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING**

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

Email [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org) to find Courses in the Diocese or for training online.

## CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

## POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Catechesis: "The Crucifix, well-spring of hope"

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

This past Sunday, the Liturgy had us listen to the Passion of the Lord. It ended with these words: "They sealed the stone" (cf. *Mt 27:66*). Everything seemed over. For the disciples, that boulder signified *the final end of their hope*. The Teacher was crucified, killed in the cruelest and most humiliating manner, hung upon the infamous gallows outside the city – a public failure, the worst possible ending at that time. For us today, there is nothing entirely strange regarding the discouragement that oppressed the disciples. Gloomy thoughts and feelings of frustration accumulate in us as well. Why is there so much indifference toward God? Why is there so much evil in the world? Why do inequalities continue to increase and why is that long-awaited peace not arriving? Why are we so attached to war, to treating each other badly? In each person's heart, how many expectations have faded; how many delusions there are! There is that feeling that times gone by were better and that in the world, perhaps even in the Church, things are not going the way they once did.... In short, even today, hope sometimes seems to be sealed behind the stone of mistrust. And I invite each one of you to think: Where is your hope? Is your hope alive, or have you sealed it up like a memory? Does your hope push you to walk or is it as if it is something that doesn't exist.

One image remained fixed in the minds of the disciples: *the cross*. That is where everything ended. But in a little while, they would discover a new beginning right there, in the cross. Hope is born and reborn in the black holes of our disappointed expectations – true hope, never disappoints. Let us think precisely about the cross: out of the most terrible instrument of torture, God wrought the greatest sign of his love. So today, *let us look at the tree of the cross so that hope might germinate in us* – that virtue that keeps us on our feet, that helps us move forward. It is not possible to live without hope. Where is my hope? It takes a bit of hope to be healed from the sadness that makes us ill – to be healed from the bitterness with which we pollute the Church and world. Brothers and sisters, let us look there, at the crucifix. And what do we see? We see *Jesus naked, Jesus stripped, Jesus wounded, Jesus tormented*. That's where our hope is.

In these two aspects, let us then grasp how hope, which seems to have died, is reborn. Firstly, let us see Jesus stripped of his clothing. In fact, "And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots" (v. 35). God is stripped – He who has everything allowed Himself to be stripped of everything. But that humiliation is the path of our

redemption. We find it difficult to bare ourselves, to be truthful. We always try to cover the truth because we do not like it. We clothe ourselves with outward appearances that we look for and take good care of, masks to disguise ourselves and to appear better than we are. And we adorn ourselves with appearances, with unnecessary things. But we do not find peace this way. Jesus reminds us that hope is reborn by being truthful about ourselves, by letting go of duplicity, by freeing ourselves from peacefully co-existing with our falsity. Sometimes, we are so used to telling ourselves lies that we live with the lies as if they are truth, and we end up being poisoned by our own falsity. We need to return to the heart, to the essentials, to a simple life, stripped of so many useless things that are surrogates of hope. Today, when everything is complex and we risk losing a sense of meaning, we need simplicity, we need to rediscover the value of sobriety, the value of renunciation, to clean up what is polluting our hearts and makes them sad. Each one of us can think of something useless that we can free ourselves from to find ourselves again. Look at the closet of your soul – how many useless things you have, how many stupid illusions. Let us return to simplicity, to things that are true.

Let us direct our second glance to the Crucifix and we see *Jesus who is wounded*. The cross displays the nails that pierce his hands and feet, his open side. But to the wounds in his body are added those of his soul. How much anguish, Jesus is alone, betrayed, handed over and denied by his own – by his friends and even his disciples – condemned by the religious and civil powers. Jesus even feels abandoned by God (cf. v. 46). In addition, the reason for his condemnation appears on the cross: "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews" (v. 37). Even though he had committed no crime, he was placed in the middle of two criminals, and they prefer the violent Barabbas over him (cf. *Mt 27:15-21*). In the end, Jesus is wounded in body and in soul. How does Jesus, naked, stripped of everything help me?

We too are wounded – who isn't in life? Who does not bear the scars of past choices, of misunderstandings, of sorrows that remain inside and are difficult to overcome? But also of wrongs suffered, sharp words, unmerciful judgements? God does not hide the wounds that pierced his body and soul, from our eyes. He shows them so we can see that a new passage can be opened with Easter: to make *holes of lights* out of our own wounds. Think about your wounds, the ones you alone know about, that everyone has hidden in their heart. Look at the Lord and you will see how holes of light come out of those wounds. Jesus does not incriminate on the cross, but loves. He loves and forgives those who hurt him (cf. *Lk 23:34*). Thus, he converts evil into good; thus, he converts and transforms sorrow into love.