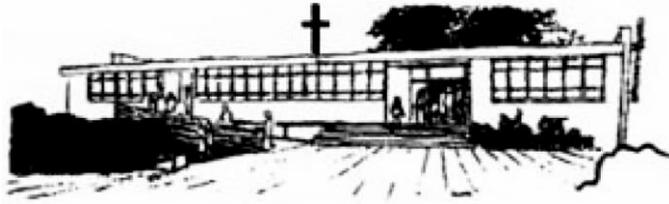


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8th January 2023, Year A/1



ANGELICO, Fra. Adoration of the Magi, 1423-24

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

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One has come;
and kingship is in His grasp, and power and dominion.

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore You.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Orlando Surace (Recently Dec.)
SUNDAY	8:30am		Thomas Houlihan (Dec. Ann.)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Rudi Isbitzki (Deceased Ann.)
Tuesday	8:00am	1st Week in Ordinary Time	Michael Corcoran (Dec. Ann.)
Wednesday	8.00am	1st Week in Ordinary Time	Marie Ward (Deceased Ann.)
Thursday	8.00am	1st Week in Ordinary Time	Justin Jose (Deceased Ann.)
Friday	8.00am	1st Week in Ordinary Time	Lois Green (Recently Deceased)
Saturday	8.30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary	Lois Green (Recently Deceased)

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 30th March

Registration & 1st Session: 19th February

First Communion: 11th June

Registration & 1st Session: 16th April

Confirmation: Sunday 12th November

Registration & 1st Session: 30th July

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Orlando Surace, Lois Green, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Jan Fornal

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES: Thomas Houlihan, Rudi Isbitzki, Michael Corcoran, Marie Ward, Justin Jose, Flora Toledo

POPE FRANCIS' JANUARY INTENTIONS For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

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, 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 at the end of each month to keep the names on the sick list.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$715**
 Loose: \$354.20
 Tap & Go: \$230
 Smart Facility: \$195
 Donation: \$

TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

All contributions go to the 2nd Collection.

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BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday at 9.15am in the Parish Hall. All are most welcome.

SUNDAY MORNING TEA

Ian and Kaitlin are having a well-earned couple of weeks off. Morning teas will resume 22nd January. Please thank them for their faithfulness.

LADIES' MORNING TEA

Next date will be Tuesday 7th February in the Parish Hall. All ladies of the Parish are most welcome.

PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be this Wednesday 11th January at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome.

BISHOP VINCENT PRESENTS TWO EVENTS

Friday 3rd February at St Patrick's Cathedral and Hall with Sr Nathalie Becquart XMCJ, one of the most influential women in the Vatican.

4pm-5.30pm – Walking Together: What Lies ahead on the Journey to a Synodal Church

7pm-8.30pm – Towards a Spirituality of Synodality
Register early at parracatholic.org/srnathalie as places are limited.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES

Courses for Readers, Ministers to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar begin 23rd February at Penrith. If you would like to serve the Lord in any of these Ministries please see Clare for the Form, which needs to be returned by 10th February.

LIFE OF EILEEN O'CONNOR

Sunday 15th January at Our Lady of the Rosary. See Notice Board for details.

POPE FRANCIS' CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA & UKRAINE TO IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

O Mary, Mother of God and our mother, in this time of trial we turn to you. You never cease to guide us to Jesus, the prince of peace. Amid evil and war, you remind us that God never abandons us, but continues to look upon us with love, ever ready to forgive us and raise us up to new life. He has given you to us and made your Immaculate Heart a refuge for the church and for all humanity.

O Loving Mother, hear our prayer: help us out of the depravity of war, inspire reconciliation, restore God's peace to the world, eliminate hatred, and teach us forgiveness. Queen of the Rosary, make us realise our need to pray and to love. Queen of Peace, obtain peace for our world from your Son, the Prince of Peace.

At this hour, we stand with you beneath the cross, entrusting to you the people of Ukraine and Russia. Mother of God and our mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the church and all humanity, especially the people of Russia and Ukraine. Accept this act that we carry out with confidence and love.

Grant that war may end and peace spread throughout the world. We trust that, through your Immaculate heart, peace will dawn once more. To you we consecrate the future of the whole human family, the needs and expectations of every people, the anxieties and hopes of the world. Through your intercession, may God's mercy be poured out on the earth and the gentle rhythm of peace return to mark our days. Amen.

CAMPION COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAM

10th to 13th or 17th to 20th January 2023. Open to ages 16 to 20. Attendance is fully funded but spaces are limited. Register at www.campion.edu.au/summer-program

WYD23 PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATIONS OPEN!

Registration for WYD23 in Lisbon has now opened. Young people aged 16-35 can register and pay their \$800 deposit to secure their place. Limited spaces are still available to join our team of 170 pilgrims with Bishop Vincent. Visit www.parrawyd.org

DADS AT THE SHRINE

Wednesday January 11th at Mt Schoenstatt from 8-9pm. All Dads welcome. See Notice Board for details.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

4th January 2023

Catechesis on Discernment: Spiritual Accompaniment

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

With today's catechesis, we will conclude the cycle dedicated to the theme of discernment, and we will do so completing the discourse on aids that can and must support the discernment process. One of these is spiritual accompaniment, important first and foremost for self-knowledge, which as we have seen is an indispensable condition for discernment. Looking at oneself in the mirror, alone, does not always help, as one can adjust the image. Instead, looking at oneself in the mirror with the help of another helps a great deal because the other tells you the truth, and in this way helps you.

God's grace in us always works on our nature. Thinking of a Gospel parable, we can always compare grace to the good seed and nature to the soil (cf. *Mk* 4:3-9). First of all, it is important to make ourselves known, without fear of sharing the most fragile aspects, where we find ourselves to be more sensitive, weak, or afraid of being judged. Making oneself known, manifesting oneself to a person who accompanies us on the journey of life. Not who decides for us, but who accompanies us. We are rich in fragility, all of us, the true richness which we must learn to respect and welcome, because when it is offered to God, it makes us capable of tenderness, mercy, and love. Those who do not feel fragile are harsh, dictatorial. People who humbly recognize their own frailties are more understanding with others. It is our most valuable treasure: indeed God, to make us like him, wished to share our own fragility to the utmost. Look at the crucifix: God who descended into fragility. Look at the Nativity scene, where he arrives in great human fragility. He shared our fragility.

Spiritual accompaniment helps to unmask misunderstandings in our consideration of ourselves and our relationship with the Lord. Recounting what we have lived or are searching for, in front of another person, helps to bring clarity to ourselves, bringing to light the many thoughts that dwell within us, and which often unsettle us with their insistent refrains. We discover with surprise different ways of seeing things, signs of goodness that have always been present in us. We can share our frailties with the one who accompanies us in the spiritual life, the teacher of spiritual life, be they a layperson or a priest.

He or she who accompanies does not substitute the Lord, does not do the work in the place of the person accompanied, but walks alongside him or her, encouraging them to interpret what is stirring in their heart, the quintessential place where the Lord speaks. It

is very important not to journey alone. There is a wise African saying which says: "If you want to arrive quickly, go alone; if you want to arrive safely, go with others", go in company, go with your people. This is important. In the spiritual life it is better to be accompanied by someone who knows about us and helps us. And this is spiritual accompaniment.

This accompaniment can be fruitful if, on both sides, one has experienced filiality and spiritual kinship. We discover we are children of God at the moment that we discover we are brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. It is essential to be part of a journeying community. We are not alone, we belong to a people, a nation, a city, a Church, a parish, a community on the move. One does not go by oneself to the Lord: this will not do. As in the Gospel account of the paralytic, we are often sustained and healed by the faith of someone else (cf. *Mk* 2:1-5) who helps us go forward, because we all at times have inner paralyses and it takes someone who helps us to overcome that conflict, with help. One does not go to the Lord by oneself, let us remember this clearly; other times we are the ones who take on this commitment on behalf of another brother or sister, and we are companions who help that other person. Without the experience of filiality and kinship, accompaniment can give rise to unrealistic expectations, misunderstandings, in the forms of dependence that leave the person in an infantile state.

The Virgin Mary is a great teacher of discernment: she speaks little, listens a lot, and cherishes in her heart (cf. *Lk* 2:19). And the few times she speaks, she leaves a mark. For example, in the Gospel of John there is a very short phrase uttered by Mary which is a mandate for Christians of all times: "Do whatever he tells you" (cf. 2:5). She always points to Jesus. Mary knows that the Lord speaks to the heart of each person and asks for these words to be translated into actions and choices. She knew how to do this more than any other person, and indeed she is present in the fundamental moments of Jesus' life, especially in the supreme moment of death on the Cross.

Discernment is a gift from God, which must always be asked for, without ever presuming to be expert and self-sufficient. Lord, give me the grace to discern in the moments of life, what I must do, what I must understand. Give me the grace to discern and give me the person who will help me to discern.

The voice of the Lord can always be recognized; it has a unique style it is a voice that pacifies, encourages and reassures in difficulties. The Gospel reminds us of this continually: "Do not be afraid" (*Lk* 1:30). If we trust in his word, we will play the game of life well, and we will be able to help others. As the Psalm says, his Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (cf. 119, 105).