

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

4th June 2023, Year A/1



SEMITECOLO, Niccolo, Holy Trinity, c. 1370

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: Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for He has shown us His merciful love.

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

Responsorial Psalm: Glory and praise for ever!

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: John 3:16-18

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Orlando Surace

SUNDAY 8:30am

God's Healing for Anthony Almeida

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am St Boniface

† Lino V Mapa

Tuesday 8:00am 9th Week Ordinary Time

Philmorr & PJ Galon (Birthday Blessings)

Wednesday 8.00am 9th Week Ordinary Time

† Annamma Antony

Thursday 8.00am 9th Week Ordinary Time

† Mamerto Cui Jr & Maynard Galam

Friday 8.00am St Ephraem

† Giuseppe Suraci (Recently Deceased)

Saturday 8.30am Mass of the Virgin Mary

† Rex Fernandez (Recently Deceased)

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: Next Sunday 11th June at 10am.

Please pray for our children.

Confirmation: Sunday 12th November

Registration & 1st Session: 30th July

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Giuseppi Suraci, Rex Fernandez, Stewart Wright, Peter Pourus, Ernest Carballo, Michel Chaghoury, Ann Fogarty, Peter Woodward

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Orlando Surace, Lino V Mapa, Annamma Antony, Mamerto Cui Jr & Maynard Galam

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, 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: \$565**
 Loose: \$574.55
 Tap & Go: \$240
 Smart Facility: \$185

TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

All contributions go to the 2nd 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 MOVIE

This Sunday 4th June at 1.30pm in the Parish Hall. Join us to watch Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe.

PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be at 12 noon Wednesday 14th 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 6th 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 to save our Catholic Hospital from being taken over by the ACT Government.

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

We have another Good Samaritan collection this weekend to make up our quota of \$2908. We have collected \$1332.35 so far. Thank you for being a Good Samaritan to our First Nation people.

ST ELISABETH CONVENT

Next weekend 10th/11th June the Sisters from St Elisabeth Convent in Minsk, Belarus will be visiting our Parish to sell religious articles and souvenirs from their Convent, to support vulnerable people they care for. Thank you for your generosity.

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 June at Holy Spirit Primary School, St Clair from 6.30-9.30pm. Register at www.parracatholic.org/synod2023

MULTICULTURAL MASS

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

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safe Parishes Week - 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 for the Mandatory Training at Bishop Bede Heather Centre at Marian St, Blacktown on Friday 9th 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

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 6th June at 10am to 1.30pm or
Wednesday 7th June at 10am to 1.30pm

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

**Passion for Evangelisation 15: Venerable Matteo Ricci
Wednesday 31st May 2023**

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today I would like to present another great example of apostolic zeal: we have spoken about Saint Francis Xavier, Saint Paul, the apostolic zeal of the great zealots; today we will talk about one – Italian, but who went to China: Matteo Ricci.

Originally from Macerata, in the Marches, after studying in the Jesuit schools and entering Society of Jesus in Rome, he was enthused by the reports of missionaries whom he had listened to and he grew enthusiastic, like so many other young people who felt the same, and he asked to be sent to the missions in the Far East. After the attempt by Francis Xavier, another twenty-five Jesuits had tried to enter China, without success. But Ricci and one of his confrères prepared themselves very well, carefully studying the Chinese language and customs, and in the end, they managed to settle in the south of the country. It took eighteen years, with four stages through four different cities, to arrive in Peking, which was the centre. With perseverance and patience, inspired by unshakeable faith, Matteo Ricci was able to overcome difficulties and dangers, mistrust and opposition. What was Matteo Ricci's secret? By what road did his zeal drive him?

He always followed the way of dialogue and friendship with all the people he encountered, and this opened many doors to him for the proclamation of the Christian faith. His first work in Chinese was indeed a treatise on friendship, which had great resonance. To enter into Chinese culture and life, he first dressed like the Buddhist bonzes, according to the customs of the country, but then he understood that the best way was to assume the lifestyle and robes of the literati. The intellectuals dressed like university professors, and he dressed that way. He studied their classical texts in depth, so that he could present Christianity in positive dialogue with their Confucian wisdom and the customs of Chinese society. And this is called an attitude of inculturation. This missionary was able to "inculturate" the Christian faith.

His excellent scientific knowledge stirred interest and admiration on the part of cultured men, starting from his famous map of the entire world as it was known at the time, with the different continents, which revealed to the Chinese for the first time a reality outside China far more extensive than they had thought. He showed them that the world was even larger than China, and they understood, because they were intelligent. But the mathematical and astronomical knowledge of Ricci and his missionary followers also contributed to a fruitful

encounter between the culture and science of the West and the East, characterized by dialogue and friendship. Indeed, Matteo Ricci's work would never have been possible without the collaboration of his great Chinese friends, such as the famous "Doctor Paul" (Xu Guangqi) and "Doctor Leon" (Li Zhizao).

Ricci's deepest motivation of all his efforts with scientific dialogue was to bear witness to his faith and the proclamation of the Gospel. The credibility obtained through scientific dialogue gave him the authority to propose the truth of Christian faith and morality, of which he spoke in depth in his principal Chinese works, such as *The true meaning of the Lord of Heaven* – as the book was called. They went to preach, they were active, they made political moves, all of that; but they prayed. It is what nourished the missionary life, a life of charity; they helped others, humbly, with total disinterest in honours and riches, which led many of his disciples and friends to embrace the Catholic faith. Because they saw a man who was so intelligent, so wise, so astute in getting things done, and so devout, that they said, "But what he preaches is true, because he bears witness to what he preaches with his own life". This applies to all of us Christians who are evangelizers. We can recite the Creed by heart, we can say all the things we believe, but if our life is not consistent with this, it is of no use. What attracts people is the witness of consistency: we Christians must live as we say, and not pretend to live as Christians but to live in a worldly way. Looking at these great missionaries, see that the greatest strength is consistency: they were consistent.

In the last days of his life, to those who were closest to him and asked him how he felt, "he replied that he was thinking at that moment whether it was greater the joy and gladness he felt inwardly at the idea that he was close to his journey to go and savour God, or the sadness that leaving his companions of the whole mission that he loved so much, and the service that he could still do to God Our Lord in this mission," This is the same attitude of the Apostle Paul, who wanted to go to the Lord, to find the Lord, but to stay "to serve you".

Matteo Ricci died in Peking in 1610, at 57, a man who had given all his life for the mission. The missionary spirit of Matteo Ricci constitutes a relevant living model. His love for the Chinese people is a model; but the truly timely path is coherence of life, of the witness of his Christian belief. He took Christianity to China; he is great because he is a great scientist, because he is courageous, because he wrote many books – but above all, he is great because he was consistent in his vocation, consistent in his desire to follow Jesus Christ. Brothers and sisters, today we, each one of us, let us ask ourselves inwardly, "Am I consistent, or am I a bit 'so-so'?" Thank you.