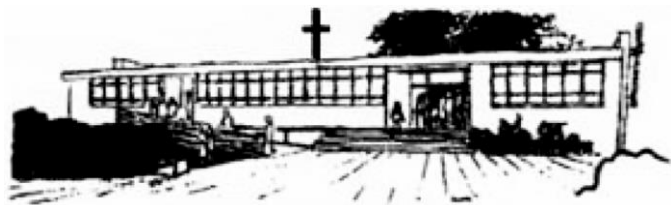


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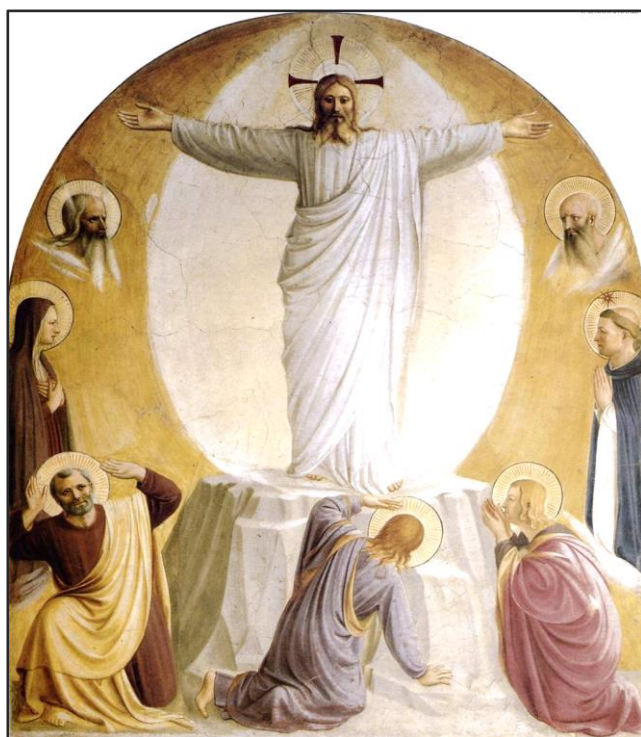
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TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

6th August 2023, Year A/1



ANGELICO, Fra. Transfiguration (Cell 6), 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

Address

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard:
This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him.

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

Second Reading: Peter 1:16-19

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Ophelia Paraan (For her Health)
SUNDAY	8:30am		† Geraldine Frances Finn
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	18th Week Ordinary Time	† Gill Waltisbuhl
Tuesday	8:00am	ST MARY OF THE CROSS	Maggie Isbitzki (Birthday Blessings)
Wednesday	8.00am	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	Maxi Walsh (For Healing)
Thursday	8.00am	ST LAWRENCE	Jim Warburton (For Healing)
Friday	8.00am	St Clare	† Geraldine Frances Finn
Saturday	8.30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary	Ophelia (Birthday Blessings)

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Geraldine Frances Finn, Brian Yardly, Shelley Sutcliffe, Bob Sakr, Raul Guerrero.

Confessions are also available during Adoration. Please let the Priest know.

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Gill Waltisbuhl, Gerado Gaudiosi

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2023

Confirmation: Sunday 12th November

Sessions are Sundays after 10am Mass, at 11.30am.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BL VIRGIN MARY

On the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Tuesday 15th August, Masses will be at 8.00am and 7.00pm. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

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, Barry Smith, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Peter Stofmeel, 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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

POPE FRANCIS' AUGUST INTENTIONS

For World Youth Day

We pray World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$739**
 Loose: \$544.05
 Tap & Go: \$240
 Smart Facility: \$305

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

Youth Group every Wednesday during the School Term from 3-5pm. All young people from Year 6 up to eighteen years old are welcome to a time of Fun, Games, Talk and Reflection and Afternoon Tea.

PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be at 12 noon Wednesday 9th August at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome. If you need a lift, please ring the Office.

PARISH FETE

We are very excited to be having our Parish Fete this weekend. Thank you to all those assisting and participating in any way. Have a blessed day.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

Please keep Fr Piotr and all the Pilgrims in our Diocese in your prayers as they attend WYD at Lisbon.

GET #ACTIVE4VOCATIONS – CITY2SURF

On Sunday 13th August, join the Parramatta Catholic Foundation #Active4Vocations team. Walk, stroll, jog, or run with our Holy Spirit seminarians, deacons, priests, and community. To register or donate visit tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations Funds raised support our Diocese's seminarians.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION

Course for Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Ministers at the Altar on Mondays, from 4th September to 6th November at Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. Contact the parish office to register.

DADS AT THE SHRINE

Wednesday 9th August from 8-9pm at the Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa. The hour begins with a time of brief reflection before a time of silent prayer. Confessions are available. The evening finishes with a cup of tea. All Dads are welcome. Ring Bernard on 0416 106 871 with any questions.

WOMEN'S RECOLLECTION

You are invited to our Women's Reflection on Thursday 17th August. Morning: at St Joseph's Church & Hall, Kingswood; Evening at Montgrove College, Orchard Hills.

See Flyer on the Noticeboard for details.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

2pm Sunday 20th August at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys. Mass will be followed by individual prayer for healing. Celebrant is Fr Hugh Thomas CSsR.

FAITHLIFE – SYNODAL SPIRITUALITY

Pope Francis has invited the Church to be more 'synodal'. But what does that mean as an expression of Christian spirituality? Sign up for the FaithLIFE three-night short course on synodal spirituality with Sr Patty Andrew, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team (MET). 6:30pm to 8:30pm on Tuesdays: 22nd and 29th August and 5th September. Downstairs at Bishop Bede Heather Centre: 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown NSW 2148. RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/faithlife/>

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.

If you would like to complete your 6 points online 'sign up' **now** at <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au> To book face to face training sessions in the Diocese and for any questions please email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement & Education Officer at maria.kervin@parracatholic.org

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' ANGELUS

Sunday 30th July 2023

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today the Gospel tells the parable of a merchant in search of precious gemstones, who, Jesus says, "on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it" (Mt 13:46). Let us pause a little on the actions of this merchant, who first *seeks*, then *finds* and finally *buys*.

This man's first action: to *seek*. He is an enterprising merchant, who does not stand still, but leaves his house and sets out in search of precious pearls. He does not say: "I am satisfied with the ones I have"; he looks for more beautiful ones. And this is an invitation for us not to close ourselves up in habit, in the mediocrity of those who are complacent, but to *revive desire*: to revive the desire, so that the desire to seek, to go on, is not extinguished; to cultivate dreams of good, to seek the newness of the Lord, because the Lord is not repetitive, He always brings newness, the newness of the Spirit; He always makes the realities of life new (cf. Rev 21:5). And we must have this attitude: to seek.

The merchant's second action is to *find*. He is a shrewd person who "has a keen eye" and knows how to recognize a pearl of great value. This is not easy. Let us think, for example, of the fascinating oriental bazaars, where the stalls, full of goods, are crowded along the walls of streets full of people; or of some of the stalls one sees in many cities, full of books and various objects. Sometimes in these markets, if one stops to look closely, one can discover treasures: precious things, rare volumes that, mixed in with everything else, one does not notice at first glance. But the merchant in the parable has a sharp eye and knows how to find, he knows how to "discern" to find the pearl. This too is a teaching for us: every day, at home, on the street, at work, on holiday, we have the possibility of discerning good.

And it is important to know how to find what counts: to train ourselves to recognize the precious gems of life and to distinguish them from junk. Let us not waste time and freedom on trivial things, pastimes that leave us empty inside, while life offers us every day the precious pearl of the encounter with God and with others! It is necessary to know how to recognize it: to discern in order to find it.

And the merchant's last action: he *buys* the pearl. Realizing its immense value, he sells everything, he

sacrifices all his goods just to have it. He radically changes the inventory of his warehouse; there is no longer anything other than that pearl: it is his only wealth, the meaning of his present and his future.

This too is an invitation for us. But what is this pearl for which one can renounce everything, the one of which the Lord speaks to us? This pearl is Him: it is the Lord! Seeking the Lord and finding the Lord, encountering the Lord, living with the Lord. The pearl is Jesus: He is the precious pearl of life, to be sought, found and made one's own. It is worth investing everything in Him because, when one encounters Christ, life changes like this, doesn't it? Your life ... you meet Christ and in this way your life changes.

Let us then resume the merchant's three actions: seeking, finding and buying – and ask ourselves some questions. *Seeking*: am I searching, in my life? Do I feel fine, accomplished, am I satisfied, or do I exercise my desire for good? Am I in spiritual retirement? How many young people are in retirement! The second action, *finding*: do I practise discerning what is good and comes from God, knowing how to renounce what leaves me with little or nothing? Finally, *buying*: do I know how to spend myself for Jesus? Is He in first place for me, is He the greatest good in life? It would be nice to say to Him today: "Jesus, You are my greatest good". Each one of you in your heart, say now: "Jesus, you are my greatest good".

May Mary help us to seek, find and embrace Jesus with all of ourselves.

After the Angelus

Dear brothers and sisters!

I ask you to accompany me with prayer in my journey to Portugal, which will begin next Wednesday, on the occasion of World Youth Day. A great many young people, from all continents, will experience the joy of the encounter with God and with their brothers and sisters, guided by the Virgin Mary, who after the annunciation "arose and went with haste" (Lk 1:39). I entrust the World Youth Day pilgrims and all young people of the world to Her, shining star of the Christian path.

Please, do not forget to pray for me.