

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4<sup>th</sup> August 2024, Year B/2



BELLINI, Giovanni, Transfiguration of Christ, 1480

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

During Morning Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.  
(Please let the Priest know.)

### ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ms. Jennifer Crowley - Principal

#### School Office Times

8:30am - 4:00pm - Monday to Friday

#### Address

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# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Entrance Antiphon:** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

**First Reading:** Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

**Gospel:** John 6:24-35

### VIGIL SATURDAY

	<b>6:00pm</b>		<b>† Klemens Blazek</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:30am</b>		<b>Andrew Anafo (Birthday Blessings)</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>		<b>For the Parish</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Dedication of the Mary Major Basilica</b>	<b>† Bishop Kevin Manning</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD</b>	<b>† Perfecto Feliza Daton</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time</b>	<b>† Frank Boyne</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>ST MARY OF THE CROSS</b>	<b>†† Klemens Blazek &amp; Matylda Kubka</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</b>	<b>†† Michal &amp; Stanislaw Szramiak</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>ST LAWRENCE</b>	<b>† Eduardo Devela</b>

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

For an hour before the 8am Masses during the week and before the 8.30am Masses at the weekend. Confessions are also available during Adoration. Please speak to the Priest.

### BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

### ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**This is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

Mass times on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August are:

8.00am & 7.00pm

School Mass will be at 9.00am

### MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Bishop Kevin Manning, Eduardo Devela

### DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Klemens Blazek, Perfecto Feliza Daton, Frank Boyne, Klemens Blazek & Matylda Kubka, Michal & Stanislaw Szramiak

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2024

**Confirmation:** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

**Sessions:** After 10am Mass, at 11.30am.

Please keep our children in your prayers.

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Sr Louisa, Jonathon Ansell, Tony Bogdanovic, Margaret Colville, Frances Gunn, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Nympha Miller, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Shayla, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Cynthia Sulvita, Charley Tonna, Maureen van Hoogenvest, David Wakeling, Mary Woodward.

**SICK LIST:** Due to privacy laws, if you have anyone for the sick list, please 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 Political Leaders

Let us pray that the political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

**SECOND COLLECTION:**      **Envelopes: \$1015**  
   **Loose:      \$557.45**  
   **Tap & Go: \$150**  
   **Smart Facility: \$295**  
**St Joseph Statue Donations Total: \$8180**

**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.

### TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

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

### BIBLE STUDY

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

### PARISH LUNCH

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome.

### MEN'S BARBEQUE

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August after 6pm Mass. All men over 18 are invited to come and enjoy an evening together.

### ST JOSEPH STATUE

Our St Joseph's statue and the grotto will be blessed by Bishop Vincent on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August after he celebrates the 10am Mass. The statue has been fully paid for and the total cost was \$12,328.25 (incl. gst). Thank you for your ongoing donations.

### INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

Our International Food Fair is on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August after 10am Mass. If you would like to help at a food stall or contribute in any way (set up, pack up, cook, etc.), please speak to one of the Parish Councillors or ring the Parish Office.

**You can either donate a cake mix towards our Food Fair or collect a packet to take home to cook. Cakes can be returned next Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning.**

### ST MARY MACKILLOP FEAST DAY

8<sup>th</sup> August at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney. See flyer on the noticeboard for further information.

### LAJKONIK DLA MARAYONG

Gala Concert to celebrate 10 years at Marayong, on 4<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm. See the flyer at the back of the Church for more information and reservations.

### SHALOM WORLD PRESENTS MARY MACKILLOP

The screening of Australia's first saint Mary Mackillop on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm on Shalom TV. Visit [shalomworld.org](http://shalomworld.org) or see flyer on the noticeboard for more information.

### KNOWN – WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August from 8.45am to 5.15pm at St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook. See flyer at back of the Church for more information.

### CLEANING THE LORD'S HOUSE & GROUNDS

We desperately need people to help us clean the Church and Grounds on a Saturday and the Parish Hall on a Tuesday morning. Please ring Clare on 0432 668 724 or the Parish Office.

### LAUNCH OF THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN

The launch and release of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church is on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August. For more information, visit [parracatholic.org/synodality](http://parracatholic.org/synodality).

### 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.

**Modules 1-3** – For new Volunteers who have not completed any safeguarding Training.

**Modules 4/5** – Renewal for those who completed Modules 1-3 two years ago.

For the direct link to training dates and to register:

<https://parracatholic.org/connect/?series=safeguarding-training>

To complete the modules online go to

<https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

For any questions, please email Maria Kervin, at [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org)

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' ANGELUS

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today the Gospel of the Liturgy tells us about the miracle of the loaves and fishes (cf. *Jn* 6:1-15). A miracle, that is a "sign", a "sign", whose protagonists perform three gestures that Jesus will come to repeat at the Last Supper. What are these gestures? *Offering, giving thanks, and sharing.*

The first: *to offer*. The Gospel tells us about a boy who has five loaves and two fish (*Jn* 6:9). It is the gesture with which we acknowledge we have something good to give, and we say our "yes", even if what we have is too little compared to what is needed. This is emphasized, during the Mass, when the priest offers the bread and wine on the altar, and each person offers himself, his own life. It is a gesture that may seem small, when we think of the immense needs of humanity, just like the five loaves and two fish in front of a crowd of thousands; but God makes it the material for the miracle, the greatest miracle there is – that in which He Himself makes Himself present among us, for the salvation of the world.

And so, we understand the second gesture: *giving thanks* (cf. *Jn* 6:11). The first gesture is *offering*, the second is *giving thanks*. It is saying to the Lord humbly, with also with joy: "All that I have is your gift, Lord, and to thank you I can only give back to you what You gave me first, together with your Son Jesus Christ, adding what I can; every one of us can add a little something. What can I give to the Lord? What little thing can I give? My feeble love". To give... to say to the Lord, "I love you"; but we, poor things, our love is so small, but if we give it to the Lord, the Lord receives it. *Offering, giving thanks, and the third gesture is sharing.*

In the Mass, it is the Communion, when together we approach the altar to receive the Body and Blood of Christ: the fruit of everyone's gift transformed by the Lord into food for all. It is a beautiful moment, that of communion, which teaches us to live every gesture of love as a gift of grace, both for those who give it and those who receive it.

Brothers, sisters, let us ask ourselves: do I truly believe that, by the grace of God, I have something unique to give to my brothers and sisters, or do I feel anonymously "one among many"? Am I active in giving good? Am I grateful to the Lord for the gifts with which He continuously manifests His love? Do I live sharing with others as a moment of encounter and mutual enrichment?

May the Virgin Mary help us to live every Eucharistic celebration with faith, and to recognize and savour every day the "miracles" of God's grace.

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**After the Angelus**

Dear brothers and sisters!

I assure my prayer for the victims of the major landslide that has swept through a village in the south of Ethiopia. I am close to that sorely tried population, and to those who are bringing relief.

And while there are many people in the world who suffer due to disasters and hunger, we continue to produce and sell weapons and burn resources fueling wars, large and small. This is an outrage that the international community should not tolerate, and it contradicts the spirit of brotherhood of the Olympic Games that have just begun. Let us not forget, brothers and sisters: war is defeat!

Today we celebrate World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, on the theme "Do not cast me off in my old age" (cf. Psalm 71:9). The abandonment of the elderly is indeed a sad reality to which we must not grow accustomed. For many of them, especially in these summer days, loneliness risks becoming a difficult burden to bear. The Day calls us to listen to the voice of the elderly who say, "Do not abandon me!", and to answer, "I will not abandon you!". Let us strengthen the alliance between grandparents and grandchildren, between young people and the elderly. Let us say "no" to the loneliness of the elderly! Our future depends a great deal on how grandparents and grandchildren learn to live together. Let us not forget the elderly.

I wish you all a good Sunday. And please, do not forget to pray for me.