

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11th August 2024, Year B/2



ANGELICO, Fra, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1437

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

94 Joseph Street
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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am - 2:00pm and Friday: 9:00am - 1:00pm

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Look to Your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of Your poor ones for ever.
Arise O God, and defend Your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek You.

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2

Gospel: John 6:41-51

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Rosie Grima

SUNDAY 8:30am

†† Alvin & Alfred

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 19th Week Ordinary Time Maureen van Hoogenvest (For her Health)

Tuesday 8:00am 19th Week Ordinary Time † Rosie Grima

Wednesday 8.00am St Maximilian Kolbe

Thursday 8.00am ASSUMPTION OF † John Joseph Perry (Deceased's Birthday)
7.00pm BL VIRGIN MARY Thanksgiving Mass

Friday 8.00am 19th Week Ordinary Time Joseph Mathew (Birthday Blessings)

Saturday 8.30am ST HYACINTH OF POLAND Tony & Tina Almeida (For God's Blessing & Good Health)

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 this Thursday 15th 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:

Rosie Grima, Alvin & Alfred Jr, Dolora Santiago

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

John Joseph Perry

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2024

Confirmation: Sunday 3rd 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, Benjamin Santiago, 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: \$1102**
 Loose: \$719.75
 Tap & Go: \$280
 Smart Facility: \$140

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 2nd Collection.

BIBLE STUDY

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

PARISH LUNCH

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 11th September at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome.

MEN'S BARBEQUE

Saturday 17th 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 is being blessed by Bishop Vincent this Sunday after 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.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

2pm on Sunday 18th August at Campion College Chapel, 8-14 Austin Woodbury Place, Toongabbie. Celebrant is Fr Hugh Thomas. Mass will be followed by individual prayer for healing.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

Next weekend 17th/18th August, we will have our Catholic Mission collection to enable the House of Mercy in Mongolia to reach out to those experiencing homelessness and domestic violence. Please be generous.

KNOWN – WOMEN'S RETREAT

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

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY DINNER

This is a fundraiser for Our Lady's Rose Garden at the front of Our Lady of the Rosary Church at St Marys. It will be held Saturday 5th October at Mandavilla Function Centre, Horsley Park. Tickets are on sale from 4th August to 8th September, 2024. For further information see the flyer on the noticeboard.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

A Retreat for Men on Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th October at Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Email mensbranch@schoenstatt.org.au or ring Jim on 0432 487 927. Speakers will be Fr Pawel Barszczewski and Michael Dyczek. See flyer for more information.

MOUNT SCHOENSTATT HOLY HOUR

The Mount Schoenstatt community invite young and young adults for Holy Hour every fourth Sunday of the month from 7pm to 8pm at the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine, followed by a social gathering afterwards. There will be opportunities for praise and worship, prayer, reflection, confession and benediction. For more information, please contact Sr M Rita on 0493 026 628 or srrita@schoenstatt.org.au

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 – 10am to 3pm on Saturday 28th September at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys

These Modules are 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

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday 7th August 2024

**Cycle of Catechesis. The Spirit and the Bride.
5. Incarnate by the work of the Holy Spirit, from
the Virgin Mary. How to conceive and bear Jesus.**

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

With today's catechesis, we enter into the second phase of salvation history. After contemplating the Holy Spirit in the work of Creation, we will contemplate it for a few weeks in the work of Redemption, namely of Jesus Christ. So, let us move on to the New Testament, and see the Holy Spirit in the New Testament.

Today's theme is the Holy Spirit in the Incarnation of the Word. In the Gospel of Luke, we read: "*The Holy Spirit will come upon you*" – to Mary – "*and the power of the Most High will overshadow you*" (1:35). The evangelist Matthew confirms this fundamental fact that regards Mary and the Holy Spirit, saying that Mary "*was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit*" (1:18).

The Church took up this revealed fact and very soon positioned it at the heart of her Symbol of faith. In the Ecumenical Council of Constantinople, in 381 – which defined the divinity of the Holy Spirit – this article enters into the formula of the "Creed". It is therefore an *ecumenical* fact of faith, because all Christians profess together that same Symbol of faith. Catholic piety, since time immemorial, has drawn from it one of its daily prayers, the Angelus.

This article of faith is the foundation that enables us to speak of Mary as the quintessential *Bride*, who is a *figure of the Church*. Indeed, Jesus, as Saint Leo the Great writes, "just as He was born by the Holy Spirit from a virgin mother, so He makes the Church, His unblemished Bride, fruitful with the life-giving breath of the same Spirit". This parallelism is taken up in the Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen Gentium*, which says: "By her belief and obedience, [Mary] brought forth on earth the very Son of the Father, showing an undefiled faith, not in the word of the ancient serpent, but in that of God's messenger... The Church indeed,

contemplating her hidden sanctity, imitating her charity and faithfully fulfilling the Father's will, by receiving the Word in faith becomes herself a mother. By her preaching she brings forth to a new and immortal life the sons who are born to her in baptism, conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of God" (nos. 63-64).

Let us conclude with a practical reflection for our life, suggested by the insistence of the Scripture on the verbs "to conceive" and "to bear". In the prophecy of Isaiah we hear: "*Behold a young woman shall conceive and bear a son*" (7:14), and the Angel says to Mary, "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son" (Lk 1:31). Mary first conceived, then bore Jesus: first she welcomed Him into herself, in her heart and her flesh, then she gave birth to Him.

This happens for the Church: first she welcomes the Word of God, letting it "speak tenderly to her" (cf. Hos 2:14), and "fill [her] stomach" (cf. Ez 3:3), in accordance with two biblical expressions, and then she gives birth to it with her life and preaching. The second operation is sterile without the first.

The Church too, when faced with tasks beyond her strength, spontaneously asks the same question: "How is this possible?". How is it possible to proclaim Jesus Christ and His salvation to a world that seems to seek only well-being? The answer is also the same as then: "*You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you*" (Acts 1:8). Without the Holy Spirit the Church cannot move forward, the Church does not grow, the Church cannot preach.

What is said about the Church in general also applies to us, to every baptized person. All of us sometimes find ourselves, in life, in situations beyond our strength and ask ourselves: "How can I cope with this situation?". It helps, in such cases, to repeat to ourselves what the angel said to the Virgin: "*With God nothing will be impossible*" (Lk 1:37).

Brothers and sisters, let us too, every time, resume our journey with this comforting certainty in our hearts: "With God nothing will be impossible". And if we believe this, we will perform miracles. With God nothing will be impossible. Thank you.