

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18th August 2024, Year B/2



ANGELICO, Fra, Coronation of the Virgin, 1434-35 2

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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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: Turn Your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of Your anointed one; one day within Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

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

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel: John 6:51-58

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		† Rosie Grima
SUNDAY	8:30am		† Beato Justiniano Toledo
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	20 th Week Ordinary Time	Living & †† Dec. Mem. of the McIlvenna, Colreavy, McCaffrey & Dobranski Families
Tuesday	8:00am	St Bernard	† Bishop Edward Kelly
Wednesday	8.00am	St Pius X	† Bishop Geoffrey Robinson
Thursday	8.00am	Queenship of Bl Virgin Mary	Lejan & Trixy (Wedding Anniversary)
Friday	8.00am	St Rose Flores of Lima	Marivic (Birthday Blessings)
Saturday	8.30am	ST BARTHOLOMEW	† Benita Azores

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2024

Confirmation: Sunday 3rd November

Sessions: After 10am Mass, at 11.30am.

Please keep our children in your prayers.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Rosie Grima, Dolora Santiago

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Beato Justiniano Toledo, Deceased Members of the McIlvenna, Colreavy, McCaffrey & Dobranski Families, Bishop Edward Kelly, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Benita Azores

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.

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.

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PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$1162**
 Loose: \$801.85
 Tap & Go: \$290
 Smart Facility: \$340

St Joseph Statue Donations Total: \$8620

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.

ST JOSEPH STATUE

Our St Joseph's statue has been blessed by the Bishop and fully paid for, the total cost being \$12,328.25 (incl. gst). Thank you for your support and donations.

FOOD FESTIVAL

Thank you to God, who provided us with a perfect day and to all who contributed to the success of our Food Festival. We will let you know the total proceeds when we have a final figure.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

2pm this Sunday 18th August at Campion College Chapel, 8-14 Austin Woodbury Place, Toongabbie. Celebrant is Fr Hugh Thomas.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

This weekend we are invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. During World Mission Sunday, we are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we are invited to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope or contribute online at catholicmission.org.au/Mongolia. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world. Please be generous.

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 until 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 on the noticeboard.

MOUNT SCHOENSTATT HOLY HOUR

Holy Hour every fourth Sunday of the month from 7pm to 8pm at the Shrine, followed by a social gathering, for young adults. There will be 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

MET FAITHLIFE SPIRITUALITY SHORT COURSE

Searching for a deeper understanding of spirituality? Hoping to find renewed ways of expressing your faith? Wanting to further discern God's call in your life? Sign up now for the 3-session with spiritual director Jeff Hood on Tuesdays 17 & 24 Sep & 1 Oct. Registration and details: met@parracatholic.org

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, 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' ANGELUS

Sunday 11th August 2024

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today (last Sunday) the Gospel of the liturgy (*Jn* 6:41-51) tells us about the reaction of the Judeans to the statement of Jesus, who says: "I have come down from heaven" (*Jn* 6:38). They are scandalized.

They murmur among themselves: "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" (*Jn* 6:42). And they murmur like this. Let us pay attention to what they say. They are convinced that Jesus cannot have come from heaven, because he is the son of a carpenter and because his mother and his relatives are common people, familiar, normal people, like so many others. "How could God manifest Himself in such an ordinary way?", they say. They are obstructed in their faith by their preconception of his humble origins and they are obstructed by the presumption, therefore, that they have nothing to learn from him. Preconceptions and presumptions, how much harm they do! They prevent sincere dialogue, a coming together of brothers and sisters: beware of preconceptions and presumptions. They have their rigid mindsets, and there is no space in their heart for what does not fit into them, for what they are unable to catalogue and file away in the dusty shelves of their security. And this is true: very often our securities are closed up, dusty, like old books.

And yet they are people who observe the law, who give alms, who respect fasts and times of prayer. Indeed, Christ has already performed various miracles (cf. *Jn* 2:1-11, 4, 43-54; 5:1-9; 6:1-25). How is it that all this does not help them to recognize in Him the Messiah? Why does it not help them?

Because they carry out their religious practices not so much in order to listen to the Lord, but rather to find in them the confirmation of what they think. They are closed to the Word of the Lord, and look for confirmation of their own thoughts. This is demonstrated by the fact that they do not even take the trouble to ask Jesus for an explanation; they limit themselves to murmuring among themselves against Him (cf. *Jn* 6:41), as though to reassure each

other of what they are convinced, and they shut themselves in, they are closed up in an impenetrable fortress. And so, they are unable to believe. The closure of the heart: how much harm it does, how much harm!

Let us pay attention to all of this, because at times the same thing can happen to us too, in our life and in our prayer: it can happen to us, that is, that instead of truly listening to what the Lord has to say to us, we look to Him and others only for a confirmation of what we think, a confirmation of our convictions, our judgements, which are prejudices. But this way of addressing God does not help us to encounter God, to truly encounter Him, nor to open ourselves up to the gift of His light and His grace, in order to grow in goodness, to do His will and to overcome failings and difficulties. Brothers and sisters, faith and prayer, when they are true, open the mind and the heart; they do not close them. When you find a person who is closed in their mind, in prayer, that faith and that prayer are not true.

Let us ask ourselves, then: in my life of faith, am I capable of being truly silent within myself, and listening to God? Am I willing to welcome His voice, beyond my own mindset, and also, with His help, to overcome my fears?

May Mary help us to listen with faith to the Lord's voice, and to do His will courageously.

After the Angelus

Dear brothers and sisters!

We have commemorated, in these days, the anniversary of the atomic bombing of the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. As we continue to commend to the Lord the victims of those events, and of all wars, let us renew our intense prayer for peace, especially for troubled Ukraine, the Middle East, Palestine, Israel, Sudan and Myanmar.

Let us pray for the victims of the tragic air crash in Brazil.

I wish you all a happy Sunday. And please, do not forget to pray for me. To all of you, thank you!