

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25th August 2024, Year B/2



ANGELICO, Fra, Annalena Altarpiece, 1435

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: Turn Your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in You, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long.

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

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

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel: John 6:60-69

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Angelo Spiteri

SUNDAY 8:30am

† Lila Hulme

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 21st Week Ordinary Time

† Salvador Daria Toledo

Tuesday 8:00am St Monica

† Thresiamma Kurian

Wednesday 8.00am ST AUGUSTINE

† Antonia & Domingo Santiago

Thursday 8.00am Passion of St John the Baptist

† Adriano & Cererina Reyes

Friday 8.00am 21st Week Ordinary Time

†† Souls in Purgatory

Saturday 8.30am Mass of the Virgin Mary

Dilip Gregory (Deceased Ann)

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: Dolora Santiago, Rosie Grima, Hiroaki Matsuzawa

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR: Angelo Spiteri, Lila Hulme, Salvador Daria Toledo, Thresiamma Kurian, Antonia & Domingo Santiago, Adriano & Cererina Reyes, Souls in Purgatory, Dilip Gregory

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$1000**
 Loose: \$529.65
 Tap & Go: \$240
 Smart Facility: \$351
 St Joseph Statue Donations Total: \$8644

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.

WESTERN DEANERY YOUNG ADULTS

This Friday 30th August at 7.00pm. Young people from 18 to 35 years old are welcome to enjoy an evening of Adoration, Dinner & Fellowship. Our topic is "The Nature of Love" and the speaker is Dr Paul Morrissey.

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 ongoing donations.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

We collected \$774.30, which will go to the House of Mercy in Chuluunbaatar, Mongolia. You can still contribute at catholicmission.org.au/mongolia. Thank you for your generosity.

FATHERS' DAY APPEAL

Next weekend we have our Fathers' Day Collection to support our retired Priests, who never stop giving their lives in service to our Catholic Community. You can also donate at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal

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. 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. Please contact Sr M Rita on 0493 026 628 or srrita@schoenstatt.org.au

THE ANNUAL CAMPION BALL

Saturday 14th September 2024 at Campion College, Toongabbie. See flyer at the back of the Church for more information.

CAMPION EARLY OFFER SCHEME

Year 12 students interested in studying history, literature, philosophy or theology at Campion College, see flyer at back of the Church.

LAUNCH OF THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN

On Saturday 10 August, the Diocese of Parramatta launched the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church. Visit parracatholic.org/synodality for a copy.

SHRINES OF OUR LADY PILGRIMAGE

Fr Ananda Maddineni is organising a 16-day tour from 28th October to 12th November. See flyer on noticeboard for more information.

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 – Saturday 28th September from 10am to 3pm 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' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday 21st August 2024

Cycle of Catechesis. The Spirit and the Bride.

6. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me". The Holy Spirit in the Baptism of Jesus.

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today we will reflect on the Holy Spirit who comes upon Jesus in the baptism in the Jordan, and spreads from Him into His body, which is the Church. In the Gospel of Mark, the scene of Jesus' baptism is described thus: "In those days Jesus came up from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens opened and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, 'Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased'" (Mk 1:9-11).

The entire Trinity met at that moment, on the banks of the Jordan! There is the Father, who is present with His voice; there is the Holy Spirit, who descends upon Jesus in the form of a dove, and there is He Whom the Father proclaims to be His beloved Son, Jesus. It is a very important moment of Revelation and an important moment of salvation history. It will be good for us to reread this passage of the Gospel.

What happened that was so important in the baptism of Jesus that led all the Evangelists to recount it? We find the answer in the words Jesus utters, shortly afterwards, in the synagogue of Nazareth, clearly referring to the event in the Jordan: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me" (Lk 4:18).

In the Jordan, God the Father "anointed with the Holy Spirit"; that is, He consecrated Jesus as King, Prophet and Priest. In the Old Testament, kings, prophets and priests were anointed with perfumed oil. In the case of Christ, instead of physical oil, there is the spiritual oil that is the Holy Spirit; instead of the symbol there is the reality: there is the very Spirit who descends upon Jesus.

Jesus is filled with the Holy Spirit ever since the first moment of His incarnation. However, this was a "personal grace", incommunicable; now, instead, with this anointment, He receives the fullness of the gift of the Spirit, but for His mission which, as the head, He will communicate to His body, which is the Church, and to every one of us. This is why the Church is the new "regal people, prophetic people, and priestly people". The Hebrew term "Messiah"

and the corresponding Greek "Christ" - *Christós*, both referring to Jesus, mean "anointed". He was anointed with the oil of joy, anointed with the Holy Spirit. Our very name of "Christians" was explained by the Fathers in the literal sense: "Christian" means "anointed in imitation of Christ".

There is a Psalm in the Bible that speaks of a perfumed oil, poured on the head of the high priest Aaron, and which descends to the hem of his robe (cf. Ps 133:2). This poetic image of the descending oil, used to describe the happiness of living together as brothers, has become a spiritual reality and a mystical reality in Christ and in the Church. Christ is the head, our High Priest, the Holy Spirit is the perfumed oil, and the Church is the body of Christ.

We have seen why the Holy Spirit, in the Bible, is symbolized by wind and, indeed, takes its very name, *Ruah*, from it. In the Mass of Holy Thursday, consecrating the oil known as "Chrism", the bishop, referring to those who will receive the anointing in Baptism and Confirmation, says: "May those formed into a temple of your majesty by the holiness infused through this anointing and by the cleansing of the stain of their first birth be made fragrant with the innocence of a life pleasing to you". It is a use that dates back to Saint Paul, who wrote to the Corinthians: "For we are the aroma of Christ to God" (2 Cor 2:15). A person who lives his anointment with joy makes the Church fragrant and the community and family fragrant with this spiritual scent.

Sometimes Christians do not spread the fragrance of Christ, but the bad odour of their own sin. Sin distances us from Jesus, sin makes us become bad oil. And the devil usually enters via the pocket. However, this must not distract us from the commitment of realizing, as far as we are able and each in their own environment, this sublime vocation of being the good fragrance of Christ in the world. The fragrance of Christ emanates from the "fruits of the Spirit", which are "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Gal 5:22). Paul said this, and how good it is to find a person who has these virtues: love, a loving person, a joyful person, a person who makes peace, a magnanimous person, not mean, magnanimous, a benevolent person who welcomes everyone, a good person, a faithful person, a meek person, who is not proud, but meek... And someone will feel some of the fragrance of the Spirit of Christ around us, when we find these people. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to make us more aware that we are anointed, anointed by Him. Thank you.