

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

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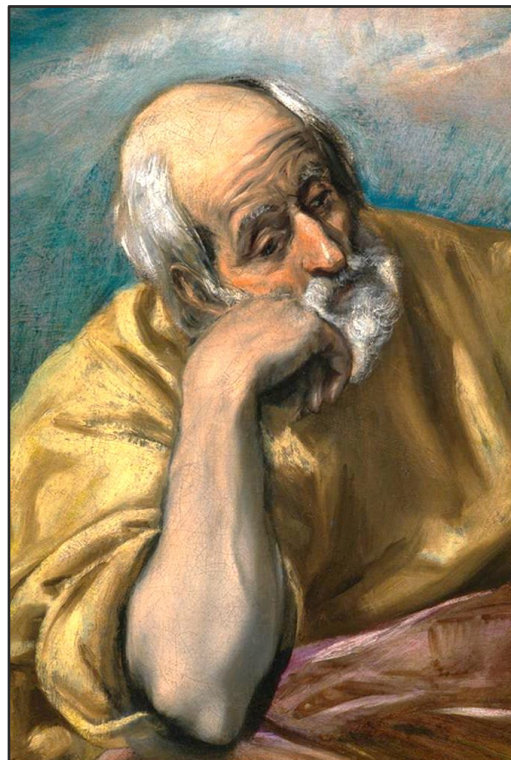
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## TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1<sup>st</sup> September August 2024, Year B/2



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### 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:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long.  
O Lord, You are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to You.

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

**Responsorial Psalm:** The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

**Second Reading:** James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

**Gospel:** Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Maryheart Gregory (Birthday Blsgs)
SUNDAY	8:30am		† Antonina Escarte (Dec.'s B'day)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	22 <sup>nd</sup> Week Ordinary Time	Larry Ritter (In Palliative Care)
Tuesday	8:00am	St Gregory the Great	† Denis Woodward
Wednesday	8.00am	22 <sup>nd</sup> Week Ordinary Time	† Rosie Grima
Thursday	8.00am	St Teresa of Calcutta	Trixy (Birthday Blessings)
Friday	8.00am	Bl Michael Czartorysky & Julia Syanislava Rodzininska	†† God's Precious Infants
Saturday	8.30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary	†† Dec. Mem. of St Vincent de Paul

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> November

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

Please keep our children in your prayers.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Dolora Santiago, Rosie Grima, Hiroaki Matsuzawa, Anafo Abangya

**DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:** Antonina Escarte, Denis Woodward, God's Precious Infants, Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

### POPE FRANCIS' SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS

#### For the Cry of the Earth

Let us pray that each of us listens with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Sr Louisa, Carolina Q. Alvarez, Jonathon Ansell, Tania Blazek, 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 Hoogenest, 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

*Happy Father's Day to all our Fathers.  
May the Lord bless you and keep you always in His love and care.  
Fr Andrew, Fr Pawel & Fr Piotr*

**SECOND COLLECTION:**      **Envelopes: \$1467**  
                                         **Loose:      \$776.50**  
                                         **Tap & Go: \$220**  
                                         **Smart Facility: \$315**  
**St Joseph Statue Donations Total: \$8724**

**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

Donations from the Tap & Go & two Smart terminals at the door, go towards the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection. Donations from the smart terminal at the creche go towards special project donations.

### 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 11<sup>th</sup> September at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome.

### PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

If you are new to the Parish, have not registered or want to update your information, please use the QR Code.



### PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

We are taking nominations for the Parish Council. Please find the Forms at the back of the Church. They need to be returned by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

### COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Calendars are on sale after weekend Masses at \$10 each. They make a lovely Christmas gift.

### FATHERS' DAY APPEAL

This 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](https://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal)  
Thank you for your generosity.

### FOOD FESTIVAL

Our profit from our Food Festival was \$10,132. Thank you all who contributed in any way.

### APPLE PHONE & WATCH FOUND

We have had an iPhone and an Apple watch handed in. Please speak to Father or call into the Parish Office if you have lost either.

### YOUNG ADULTS' FAITH FORMATION

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September from 7-8.30pm join Fr Tom Green at Minchinbury to discuss "How not to be a proselytizer", followed by fun, fellowship and pizza. See flyer at back of Church for more information.

### LAUNCH OF THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN

On Saturday 10 August, the Diocese of Parramatta launched the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church. Our pastoral plan represents the culmination of our Synod journey, where we have come together to listen, discern, and envision a path forward for our diocese over the past 16 months. Together, we can use this plan to revitalize our local community and shape the future of our Diocese. To download a copy of the Plan, visit [parracatholic.org/synodality](https://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** – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org)

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Catechesis. Sea and Desert

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today, I will postpone the usual catechesis and I would like to pause with you to think about the people who – even at this moment – are crossing seas and deserts to reach a land where they can live in peace and safety.

*Sea and desert*: these two words return in many testimonies I receive, both on the part of migrants, and of people who are engaged in coming to their aid. And when I say “sea”, in the context of migrations, I also mean ocean, lake, river, all the insidious bodies of water that so many brothers and sisters all over the world are forced to cross to reach their destination. And “desert” is not only that of sand and dunes, or rocks, but they are also those inaccessible and dangerous territories, such as forests, jungles, steppes where migrants walk alone, left to their own devices. Migrants, sea and desert. Today’s migratory routes are often marked by crossings of seas and deserts, which for many, too many people are deadly. Therefore, today I want to dwell on this drama, this pain. Some of these routes we know well, because they are often in the spotlight; others are little known.

I have spoken about the Mediterranean many times, because I am the Bishop of Rome and because it is emblematic: the *mare nostrum*, a place of communication between peoples and civilizations, has become a cemetery. And the tragedy is that many, the majority of these deaths, could have been prevented. It must be said clearly: there are those who work systematically and with every means possible to repel migrants. And this, when done with awareness and responsibility, is a grave sin. Let us not forget what the Bible tells us: “You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him” (*Ex 22:21*). The orphan, the widow and the stranger are the quintessential poor whom God always defends and asks to be defended.

Some deserts too, unfortunately, are becoming cemeteries of migrants. And even here it is not always a question of “natural” deaths. No. At times, they have been taken to the desert and abandoned. We all know the photograph of the wife and daughter of Pato, who died of hunger and thirst in the desert. In the time of satellites and drones, there are migrant men, women and children that no-one must see: they are hidden. Only God sees them and hears their cry. And this is a cruelty of our civilization.

Indeed, the sea and the desert are also biblical places, loaded with symbolic value. They are very important scenes in the history of the exodus, the great migration

of the people led by God through Moses from Egypt to the promised Land. These places witness the drama of the people fleeing oppression and slavery. They are places of suffering, fear, and desperation, but at the same time they are places of passage for liberation – they are places of passage for redemption, to reach freedom and the fulfilment of God’s promises (cf. *Message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2024*).

There is a Psalm which says to the Lord: “Thy way was through the sea / Thy path through the great waters” (77:19). And another says that He “led His people through the wilderness / for His steadfast love endures forever” (136:16). These words, blessed words tell us that, to accompany the people on their journey to freedom, God Himself crosses the sea and the desert; God does not remain at a distance; He shares in the migrants’ drama, God is there with the migrants, He suffers with them, He weeps and hopes with them, with the migrants. It will be good for us today: the Lord is with our migrants in the *mare nostrum*, the Lord is with them, not with those who repel them.

Brothers and sisters, we can all agree on one thing: migrants should not be in those seas and in those lethal deserts. But it is not through more restrictive laws, it is not with the militarization of borders, it is not with rejection that we will obtain this result. Instead, we will obtain it by extending safe and legal access routes for migrants, providing refuge for those who free from war, violence, persecution and various disasters; we will obtain it by promoting in every way a global governance of migration based on justice, fraternity and solidarity. And by joining forces to combat human trafficking, to stop the criminal traffickers who mercilessly exploit the misery of others.

I wish to acknowledge and praise the commitment of the many good Samaritans who do their utmost to rescue and save injured and abandoned migrants on the routes of desperate hope, in the five continents. These courageous men and women are a sign of a humanity that does not allow itself to be contaminated by the malign culture of indifference and rejection – it is our indifference and that attitude of rejection that kills migrants. I think of the many good people who are there on the front line, with Mediterranean Saving Humans and so many other associations who are fighting for civilization. We cannot be on the front line but we are not excluded; there are many ways to make a contribution, first and foremost prayer. And I ask you: do you pray for migrants, for those who come to our lands to save their lives?

Dear brothers and sisters, let us join our hearts and forces, so that the seas and deserts are not cemeteries, but spaces where God may open up roads to freedom and fraternity.