

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024, Year B/2



BASSANO, Jacopo, The Purification of the Temple, 1580

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

### ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ms. Jennifer Crowley - Principal

#### School Office Times

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

#### Address

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# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Entrance Antiphon:** My eyes are always on the Lord, for He rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

**First Reading:** Exodus 20:1-17

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, You have the words of everlasting life.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

**Gospel:** John 2:13-25

### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Elise & David Smith and their Family

**SUNDAY** 8:30am

† Teresita Pellejera Enriquez

10:00am

For the Parish

**Monday** 8.00am 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent

†† For the Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday** 8:00am 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent

†† For the Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday** 8.00am 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent

Victor Patos (Deceased's Birthday)

**Thursday** 8.00am 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent

God's Precious Infants

**Friday** 8.00am 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent

†† For the Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday** 8.30am 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent

†† Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul

### BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition: 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 let the Priest know.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday through Lent at 6pm.

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2024

**Reconciliation Sessions:** 11.30am in the Parish Hall

**First Communion:** Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

**Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session:** 7<sup>th</sup> April

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

**Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session:** 21<sup>st</sup> July

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Mariano Menezes, Teresita Pellejera Enriquez, Misha Jithin

**DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:** Victor Patos, Souls in Purgatory, Deceased Members of the St Vincent de Paul Society, John Francis Ryan

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

**SICK LIST: (Due to privacy laws) If you have anyone for the sick list, 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' MARCH INTENTIONS

#### For New Martyrs

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

**SECOND COLLECTION:**      **Envelopes: \$1146**  
   **Loose:     \$772.75**  
   **Tap & Go: \$350**  
   **Smart Facility: \$430**  
**St Joseph Statue Donations Total: \$4750**

### TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

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

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.

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

### PARISH MOVIE

This Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 1.30pm in the Parish Hall. Title of the movie is "McFarland, USA" Inspired by a true story, which follows coach Jim White, who forms a team of unlikely runners from a Latino high school. They bond to build a championship cross-country team and an enduring legacy.

### WESTERN DEANERY YOUNG ADULTS

The last Friday of the month at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

### ST JOSEPH STATUE

Fr Andrew has ordered our Statue, which we hope to have blessed on the Feast of St Joseph, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024. We will inform you of the final cost once it is available. Donations can be placed in the "Donation Box" at the back of the Church. Thank you for your donations.

### PROJECT COMPASSION

Your Project Compassion box will help to support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations. With your support Caritas has been able to help tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation in vulnerable communities.

### 24 HOURS FOR OUR LORD

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March from 6pm to Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 5pm at Mt Schoenstatt. See flyer on noticeboard.

### MEN AT THE SHRINE

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March from 8-9pm at Mt Schoenstatt. See flyer on noticeboard for more information.

### PENOLA OPEN NIGHT

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March from 4pm to 7pm. No bookings required. See [www.penolaexplains.catholic.edu.au](http://www.penolaexplains.catholic.edu.au)

### PARRAMATTA MEN'S ROSARY

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 10.30am in front of St Patrick's Cathedral.

### PASSION OF JESUS IN MARK'S GOSPEL

March 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm at St Finbar's Parish, 52 Levy Street, Glenbrook 2773. Presenter is Fr Joseph Lam PhD STD PD.

### MISSION ENHANCEMENT SOUL FOOD

The Mission Enhancement Team's Soul Food Podcast features life & faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen for FREE via our website on: [www.parracatholic.org/resources/soul-food](http://www.parracatholic.org/resources/soul-food)

### SHRINES OF OUR LADY PILGRIMAGE

Visit Fatima, Avilla, Lourdes, Avignon, Siena, Assisi, Loretto, Rotondo & Rome with Fr Richard Rosse from 21<sup>st</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024. Bookings close 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024. See flyer on notice board 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.

#### Cycle 1 Mandatory Training

Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown

Module 1: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March (10am – 11am)

Module 2: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March (10am – 11.30am)

Module 3: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March (10am – 11.30am)

#### Cycle 2 Renewal Mandatory Modules 4-5

Coming in May & June. Further information to follow.

For the direct link to training dates and to register: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

Go to <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au> if you would like to complete the modules online.

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

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

Cycle of Catechesis. Vices and Virtues.

9. Envy and Vainglory

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today we examine two deadly vices that we find in the great lists that the spiritual tradition has left us: envy and vainglory.

Let us start with envy. If we read Holy Scripture (cf. *Gen 4*), it appears to us as one of the oldest vices: Cain's hatred of Abel is unleashed when he realizes that his brother's sacrifices are pleasing to God. Cain was the firstborn of Adam and Eve, he had taken the largest share of his father's inheritance; yet, it is enough for Abel, the younger brother, to succeed in a small feat, for Cain to become enraged. The face of the envious man is always sad: he's always looking down; but in reality, he sees nothing, because his mind is wrapped up in thoughts full of wickedness. Envy, if unchecked, leads to hatred of the other. Abel would be killed at the hands of Cain, who could not bear his brother's happiness.

Envy is an evil that has not only been investigated in the Christian sphere: it has attracted the attention of philosophers and wise men of every culture. At its basis is a relationship of hate and love: one desires the evil for the other, but secretly desires to be like him. The other is the epiphany of what we would like to be, and what we actually are not. His good fortune seems to us an injustice: surely, we think to ourselves, we would deserve his successes or good fortune much more!

At the root of this vice is a false idea of God: we do not accept that God has His own "math," different from ours. For example, in Jesus' parable about the workers called by the master to go into the vineyard at different times of the day, those in the first hour believe they are entitled to a higher wage than those who arrived last; but the master gives everyone the same pay, and says, "Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?" (*Mt 20:15*). We would like to impose our own selfish logic on God; instead, the logic of God is love. The good things

He gives us are meant to be shared. This is why St. Paul exhorts Christians, "Love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor" (*Rom 12:10*). Here is the remedy for envy!

And now we come to the second vice we examine today: vainglory. It goes hand in hand with the demon of envy, and together these two vices are characteristic of a person who aspires to be the centre of the world, free to exploit everything and everyone, the object of all praise and love. Vainglory is an inflated and baseless self-esteem. The vainglorious person possesses an unwieldy "I": he has no empathy and takes no notice of the fact that there are other people in the world besides him. His relationships are always instrumental, marked by the dominating the other. His person, his accomplishments, his achievements must be shown to everyone: he is a perpetual beggar for attention. And if at times his qualities are not recognized, he becomes fiercely angry. Others are unfair, they do not understand, they are not up to it. In his writings, Evagrius Ponticus describes the bitter affair of a certain monk struck by vainglory. It happened that, after his first successes in the spiritual life, he already felt that he had arrived, so he rushed into the world to receive its praise. But he did not realize that he was only at the beginning of the spiritual path, and that a temptation was lurking that would soon bring him down.

To heal the vainglorious, spiritual teachers do not suggest many remedies. For in the end, the evil of vanity has its remedy in itself: the praise the vainglorious man hopes to reap from the world will soon turn against him. And how many people, deluded by a false self-image, have then fallen into sins of which they would soon be ashamed!

The finest instruction for overcoming vainglory can be found in the testimony of St. Paul. The Apostle always reckoned with a defect that he could never overcome. Three times he asked the Lord to deliver him from that torment, but finally Jesus answered him, "My grace is sufficient for you; for strength is fully manifested in weakness." From that day Paul was set free. And his conclusion should also become ours: "I will therefore gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me" (*2 Cor 12:9*).