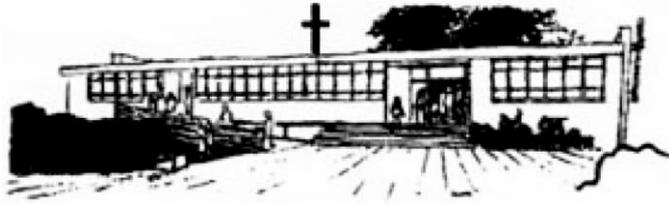


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

10th March 2024, Year B/2



STOM, Matthias, Christ and Nicodemus, 1640-50

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

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Responsorial Psalm: Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget You!

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Mariano Menezes

SUNDAY 8:30am

†† Irene, Frank & Anjela Barglik

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8.00am 4th Week of Lent

†† For the Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday 8:00am 4th Week of Lent

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Wednesday 8.00am 4th Week of Lent

Thanksgiving Mass for Prayers answered through the Intercession of St Joseph

Thursday 8.00am 4th Week of Lent

Heidi Isbitzki (Birthday Blessings)

Friday 8.00am 4th Week of Lent

†† For the Souls in Purgatory

Saturday 8.30am 4th Week of Lent

†† Beato Toledo & Luis Julio Ching

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

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 let the Priest know.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mariano Menezes, Kelly Coleman

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR: Irene, Frank & Anjela Barglik, Souls in Purgatory, Beato Toledo & Luis Julio Ching, John Francis Ryan

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday - 23rd/24th March - Masses as usual

Monday 25th - Wednesday 27th March - Mass 8am

Reconciliation for Easter - Monday 25th March
9am to 12noon & 5pm to 7.30pm

Holy Thursday March 28th - 7pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday March 29th - Stations of the Cross - 11am
Passion of Christ - 3pm

Holy Saturday March 30th - Paschal Vigil - 7.30pm

Easter Sunday March 31st - Masses at 8.30am & 10am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday through Lent at 6pm.

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

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2024

Sessions for Reconciliation 11.30am Sundays

First Communion: Sunday 2nd June

Registration & 1st Session: 7th April

Confirmation: Sunday 3rd November

Registration & 1st Session: 21st July

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: \$690**
 Loose: \$883.50
 Tap & Go: \$230
 Smart Facility: \$370

St Joseph Statue Donations Total: \$4915

TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

All contributions go to the 2nd 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 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Our next Lunch will be this Wednesday 13th March at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome.

ST JOSEPH STATUE

Fr Andrew has ordered our Statue, which we hope to have blessed on the Feast of St Joseph, 19th March 2024. 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, etc. in vulnerable communities.

MEN AT THE SHRINE

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

ST JOSEPH'S LENTEN MISSIONS 16-20 MARCH

The Dominican Fathers from Glebe will be preaching at our Saturday Vigil Mass, Sunday Masses and during our 8am morning Masses from Monday to Wednesday, with Adoration from 7am as usual.

Evening Sessions from Monday to Wednesday, also with the Dominican Fathers, will begin with Adoration and Reconciliation from 6pm followed by Mass and Conference at 7pm. Please join us.

PENOLA OPEN NIGHT

Monday 11th March from 4pm to 7pm. No bookings required. See www.penolaemuplains.catholic.edu.au

MEGA GARAGE SALE

Saturday 16th March from 8am to 12pm at Our Lady of the Way Parish, 19 Troy Street, Emu Plains.

PARRAMATTA MEN'S ROSARY

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

PASSION OF JESUS IN MARK'S GOSPEL

March 12th & 19th 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

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding Mandatory Training.

Under the Children's Guardian Act 2019 and the NSW Child Safe Standards **all** volunteers in parishes are required to complete their Safeguarding Training.

Cycle 1 Mandatory Training

Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown

Module 1: Tuesday 5th March (10am – 11am)

Module 2: Tuesday 12th March (10am – 11.30am)

Module 3: Tuesday 19th 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

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

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday 6th March 2024

Cycle of Catechesis. Vices and Virtues.

10. Pride

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today we come to the last of the vices: pride. The ancient Greeks defined it with a word that could be translated "excessive splendor." Indeed, pride is self-exaltation, conceit, vanity. The term also appears in that series of vices that Jesus lists to explain that evil always comes from the heart of man (cf. *Mark* 7:22). The proud man is one who thinks he is much more than he really is; one who frets about being recognized as greater than others, always wants to see his own merits recognized, and despises others, deeming them inferior to himself.

From this first description, we see how the vice of pride is very close to that of vainglory, which we presented last time. However, if vainglory is a disease of the human self, it is still a childish disease when compared to the havoc pride is capable of. In analyzing the follies of man, the monks of antiquity recognized a certain order in the sequence of evils: one begins with the grossest sins, such as gluttony, and arrives at the more disturbing monsters. Of all vices, pride is the great queen. It is no accident that, in the *Divine Comedy*, Dante places it in the very first level of purgatory: those who give in to this vice are far from God, and the correction of this evil requires time and effort, more than any other battle to which the Christian is called.

In fact, within this evil lies the radical sin, the absurd claim to be like God. The sin of our first parents, recounted in the book of *Genesis*, is for all intents and purposes a sin of pride. The tempter tells them, "when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God" (*Gen.* 3:5). Writers on spirituality are especially attentive in describing the consequences of pride in everyday life, to illustrate how it ruins human relationships, to point out how this evil poisons that feeling of fraternity that should instead unite men.

Here then is the long list of symptoms that reveal a person's succumbing to the vice of pride. It is an evil with an obvious physical appearance: the proud man is haughty, he has a "stiff neck," that is,

he has a stiff neck that does not bend. He is a man easily led to scornful judgment: with no reason, he passes irrevocable judgments on others, who seem to him hopelessly inept and incapable. In his haughtiness, he forgets that Jesus in the Gospels assigned us very few moral precepts, but on one of them he was uncompromising: never judge. You realize that you are dealing with a proud person when, on offering him a little constructive criticism, or making a completely harmless remark, he reacts in an exaggerated manner, as if someone had offended his majesty: he goes into a rage, shouts, interrupts relations with others in a resentful manner.

There is little one can do with a person suffering from pride. It is impossible to talk to them, much less correct them, because ultimately they are no longer present to themselves. One must be patient with them, because one day their edifice will collapse. An Italian proverb goes, "Pride goes on horseback and comes back on foot." In the Gospels, Jesus deals with a lot of proud people, and He often went to expose this vice even in people who hid it very well. Peter flaunts his full-throated faithfulness: "Even if everyone forsakes you, I will not!" (cf. *Mt* 26:33). Instead, he will soon be like the others, fearful in the face of death that he did not imagine could be so close. And so the second Peter, the one who no longer lifts his chin but weeps salty tears, will be healed by Jesus and will finally be fit to bear the burden of the Church. Before he flaunted a presumption that was better not flaunted; now he is a faithful disciple whom, as a parable says, the master can put "in charge of all his possessions" (*Luke* 12:44).

Salvation comes through humility, the true remedy for every act of pride. In the *Magnificat*, Mary sings of the God who by His power scatters the proud in the sick thoughts of their hearts. It is useless to steal anything from God, as the proud hope to do, because after all He wants to give us everything. This is why the apostle James, to his community wounded by infighting originating in pride, writes, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble" (*Jas.* 4:6).

So, dear brothers and sisters, let us take advantage of this Lent to fight against our pride.