

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28th January 2024, Year B/2



BARTOLOMEO, Fra, Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, 1516

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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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: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations,
To give thanks to Your holy name, and make it our glory to praise You.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear His voice harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

VIGIL SATURDAY

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| | 6:00pm | | Grace Panozzo (Health & Conversion) |
| SUNDAY | 8:30am | | † Teresita De Jesus |
| | 10:00am | | For the Parish |
| Monday | 8.00am | 4 th Week in Ordinary Time | †† Maria & Zygmunt Blazek & Marijanna Pikula |
| Tuesday | 8:00am | 4 th Week in Ordinary Time | †† For the Souls in Purgatory |
| Wednesday | 8.00am | St John Bosco | Matthew (For Spiritual Help) |
| Thursday | 8.00am | 4 th Week in Ordinary Time | † Joseph Antony |
| Friday | 8.00am | PRESENTATION OF THE LORD | †† For the Souls in Purgatory |
| Saturday | 8.30am | Mass of the Virgin Mary | †† Dec. Mem. 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Teresita De Jesus, Robin Jones

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2024

Reconciliation: Thursday 21st March

Registration & 1st Session: 11th February

First Communion: Sunday 2nd June

Registration & 1st Session: 7th April

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR: Maria & Zygmunt Blazek, Marijanna Pikula, Joseph Antony, Souls in Purgatory, Dec. Members of St Vincent de Paul

Confirmation: Sunday 3rd November

Registration & 1st Session: 21st July

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.

All sessions follow 10.00am Mass at 11.30am in the Parish Hall

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

PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Please return your Palms by Monday 12th February to be burned ready for Ash Wednesday on 14th February.

POPE FRANCIS' JANUARY INTENTIONS

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$670**
 Loose: \$450.20
 Tap & Go: \$210
 Smart Facility: \$255
St Joseph Statue Donations Total: \$4170

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

Bible Study every Wednesday at 9.15am in the Parish Hall. All are most welcome.

PARISH MOVIE

Next Sunday 4th February at 1.30pm in the Parish Hall. Our Movie will be "Breakthrough". Please join us to watch this impossible true story.

PARISH LUNCH

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 14th February 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. We will inform you of the final cost once it is available. Donations can be placed in the silver "Donation Box" at the back of the Church. Thank you for your donations.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in February 2024. This is formation for anyone interested in serving in Liturgical Ministry. If you are interested in attending contact the Parish Office for an Application Form.

MAMRE SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP

CatholicCare Playgroup, which is free, commences Thursday 1st February from 10am to 12 noon at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Road, Orchard Hills. For enquiries ring 8843 2506.

ASPECTS OF THE EUCHARIST

Join Chris Ohlsen in the exploration of the aspects of the Eucharist at St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook. See notice board for more information.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES IN 2024

Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA TRIBUNAL

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm for enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Interviews are being conducted in person with Zoom and telephone appointments available in certain circumstances. Please contact the Tribunal office on (02) 8838 3480 or email tribunal@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.

Cycle 1 Mandatory Modules 1-3

Monday 5th February – 9.30am-2.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown

Saturday 17th February – 10am-3pm at Sacred Heart Parish, 9 Ropes Creek Road, Mt Druitt

Cycle 2 Renewal Mandatory Modules 4-5

Thursday 22nd (4) & 29th (5) February – 7-8.30pm at St Nicholas of Myra, 326 High St, Penrith

Saturday 2nd March – 10am-1.30pm at Holy Spirit Parish, Corner of Todd Road & Moore Street, St Clair

For the direct link to training dates and to register: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>

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 24th January 2024

Cycle of Catechesis: Vices and Virtues

5. Avarice

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today we will talk about avarice, that form of attachment to money that keeps man from generosity. It is not a sin that regards only people with large assets, but rather a transversal vice, which often has nothing to do with the bank balance. It is a sickness of the heart, not of the wallet.

The desert fathers' analysis of this evil showed how avarice could even take hold of monks, who, after renouncing enormous inheritances, in the solitude of their cell clung to objects of little value: they would not lend them, they did not share them and were even less willing to give them away. Those objects became for them a sort of fetish from which they could not detach themselves. A sort of regression to the state of children who clutch their toy repeating, "It's mine! It's mine!". In this claim there lurks a disordered relationship with reality, which can result in forms of compulsive hoarding and pathological accumulation.

To heal from this sickness, the monks proposed a drastic, though highly effective method: meditation on death. However much a person accumulates goods in this world, of one thing we can be absolutely sure: they will not enter the coffin with us. We cannot take property with us! Here the senselessness of this vice is revealed. The bond of possession we create with objects is only apparent, because we are not the masters of the world: this earth that we love is in truth not ours, and we move about it like strangers and pilgrims (cf. *Lev* 25:23).

These simple considerations allow us to realize the folly of avarice, but also its innermost reason. It is an attempt to exorcise the fear of death: it seeks securities that in reality crumble the very moment we hold them in our hand. Remember the parable of the foolish man, whose land had offered him a very abundant harvest, and so he lulled himself with thoughts of how to enlarge his storehouse to accommodate all the harvest. The man had calculated everything, planned for the future. He had not, however, considered the surest variable in life: death. "Fool!" says the Gospel. "This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?"

In other cases, it is thieves who render this service to us. Even in the Gospel they make a good number of

appearances and, although their work may be reprehensible, it can become a salutary admonition. Thus preaches Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount: "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal" (*Mt* 6: 19-20). Again, in the accounts of the desert fathers, the story is told of a thief who surprises the monk in his sleep and steals the few possessions he kept in his cell. When he wakes up, not at all disturbed by what has happened, the monk sets out on the thief's trail and, once he finds him, instead of claiming the stolen goods, he hands over the few things that remain, saying: "You forgot to take these!".

We may be the masters of the goods we possess, but often the opposite happens: they eventually take possession of us. Some rich men are no longer free, they no longer even have the time to rest, they have to look over their shoulder because the accumulation of goods also demands their safekeeping. They are always anxious, because a patrimony is built with a great deal of sweat, but can disappear in a moment. They forget the Gospel preaching, which does not claim that riches in themselves are a sin, but they are certainly a liability. God is not poor: He is the Lord of everything, but, as Saint Paul writes, "Though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that by His poverty you might become rich" (*2 Cor* 8:9).

This is what the miser does not understand. He could have been a source of blessing to many, but instead he has slipped into the blind alley of wretchedness. I remember a case of a man who I met in the other diocese, a very rich man, and his mother was sick. He was married. The brothers took turns to care for the mother, and the mother had a yoghurt in the morning. This man gave her half in the morning so as to give her the other half in the afternoon, and to save half the yoghurt. This is avarice, this is attachment to things. Then this man died, and the comments of the people who went to the vigil were: "But, you can see that this man has nothing on him, he left everything". And then, making a bit of a mockery, they would say: "No, no, they couldn't close the coffin because he wanted to take everything with him". This avarice makes others laugh: that in the end we must give our body and soul to the Lord and we must leave everything. Let us be careful! And let us be generous, generous with everyone and generous with those who need us most. Thank you.