

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4th February 2024, Year B/2



JOHNSON, James, Healing of Peters Mother-in-law

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: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for He is the Lord our God.

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Matthew & Luke (For God's Blessing & and for their Conversion)

SUNDAY 8:30am

† Roger Azores

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8.00am St Agatha

Special Intention

Tuesday 8:00am St Paul Miki & Companions

Living & †† Dec. Mems of the McIlvenna, Dobranski, Colreavy & McCaffrey Families

Wednesday 8.00am 5th Week in Ordinary Time

† Bishop Edward Kelly

Thursday 8.00am St Josephine Bakhita

For God's Precious Infants

Friday 8.00am 5th Week in Ordinary Time

†† For the Souls in Purgatory

Saturday 8.30am St Scholastica

Phoebe Nicole Galon (Birthday Blessings)

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 14th February is Ash Wednesday. Masses will be at 8.00am and 7.00pm, with a School Liturgy of the Word at 12noon.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Doreen Ward

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR: Roger Azores, Dec. of the McIlvenna, Dobranski, Colreavy & McCaffrey Families, Bishop Edward Kelly, Souls in Purgatory

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2024

Reconciliation: Thursday 21st March

Registration & 1st Session: 11th February

Your child needs to be 8 years old and Baptised to register for the Reconciliation sessions.

First Communion: Sunday 2nd June

Registration & 1st Session: 7th April

Confirmation: Sunday 3rd November

Registration & 1st Session: 21st July

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.

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' FEBRUARY INTENTIONS

For the Terminally Ill

Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$530**
 Loose: \$630.20
 Tap & Go: \$200
 Smart Facility: \$285
St Joseph Statue Donations Total: \$4240

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

There will be no Bible Study on 7th February. It will resume Wednesday 14th February at 9.15am in the Parish Hall. All are most welcome.

PARISH MOVIE

This Sunday 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, is 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 on 21st & 28th February. See notice board for 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.

NEW DIOCESAN WEBSITE LAUNCHED

The new parracatholic.org website is now here with exciting new features and functionality including a comprehensive 'Find a Mass' function which includes Daily and Weekend Masses, Reconciliation and Adoration times; a centralised event calendar; Daily Mass readings and different ways you can contribute to the Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Check it out today!

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 31st January 2024

Cycle of Catechesis: Vices and Virtues

6. Wrath

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today we will pause to reflect on the vice of wrath. It is a particularly dark vice, and it is perhaps the easiest to detect from a physical point of view. The person dominated by wrath finds it difficult to hide this impulse: you can recognize it from the movements of his body, his aggressiveness, his laboured breathing, his grim and frowning expression.

In its most acute manifestation, wrath is a vice that concedes no respite. If it is born of an injustice suffered (or believed to be suffered), often it is unleashed not against the offender, but against the first unfortunate victim. There are men who withhold their rage in the workplace, showing themselves to be calm and composed, but at home they become unbearable for the wife and children. Wrath is a pervasive vice: it is capable of depriving us of sleep, of barring the way to reason and thought.

Wrath is a vice that destroys human relationships. It expresses the incapacity to accept the diversity of others, especially when their life choices diverge from our own. It does not stop at the misconduct of one person but throws everything into the cauldron: it is the other person, the other as he or she is, the other as such, who provokes anger and resentment. One begins to detest the tone of their voice, their trivial everyday gestures, their ways of reasoning and feeling.

When the relationship arrives at this level of degeneration, lucidity is lost. Wrath makes us lose lucidity, doesn't it? Because one of the characteristics of wrath, at times, is that sometimes it fails to mitigate with time. In these cases, even distance and silence, instead of easing the burden of mistakes, magnifies them. For this reason, the Apostle Paul – as we have heard – recommends to Christians to face up to the problem straight away, and to attempt reconciliation: “Do not let the sun go down on your anger” (*Eph 4:26*). It is important that everything dissipate immediately, before sundown. If some misunderstanding arises during the day, and two people can no longer understand each other, perceiving themselves as far apart, the night cannot be handed over to the devil. The vice would keep us awake at night, brooding over our reasons and the

unaccountable mistakes that are never ours and always the other's. It is like that: when a person is enraged, they always say that the other person is the problem. They are never capable of recognizing their own defects, their own shortcomings.

In the Lord's prayer, Jesus makes us pray for our human relations, which are a minefield: a plane that is never in perfect equilibrium. In life, we have to deal with trespassers who are in fault with us, just as we have never loved everyone in the right measure. To some we have not returned the love that was due to them. We are all sinners, all of us, and we all have accounts to settle: do not forget this. We are indebted, we all have accounts to settle, and therefore we all need to learn how to forgive so as to be forgiven. Men do not stay together if they do not also practice the art of forgiveness, as far as this is humanly possible. Wrath is countered by benevolence, openness of heart, meekness and patience.

There is one last thing to be said about wrath. It is a terrible vice, it was said, that is at the origin of wars and violence. The Proem of the Iliad describes the wrath of Achilles, which will be the cause of “infinite woes”. But not everything that stems from wrath is mistaken. The ancients understood well that there exists an irascible part of us that cannot and must not be denied. The passions are to some extent unconscious: they happen, they are life experiences. We are not responsible for the onset of wrath, but always for its development. And at times it is good for anger to be vented in the right way. If a person were never to anger, if a person did not become indignant at an injustice, if he did not feel something quivering in his gut at the oppression of the weak, it would mean that the person was not human, must less a Christian.

Holy indignation exists, which is not wrath but an inner movement, a holy indignation. Jesus knew it several times in His life (cf. *Mk 3:5*): He never responded to evil with evil, but in His soul, He felt this sentiment, and in the case of the merchants in the Temple, He performed a strong and prophetic action, dictated not by wrath, but by zeal for the house of the Lord (cf. *Mt 21:12-13*). We must distinguish well: zeal, holy indignation, is one thing; wrath, which is bad, is another.

It is up to us, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to find the right measure for the passions. To educate them well so that they turn to good and not to evil. I invoke the joy and peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ on you. God bless you! Thank you.