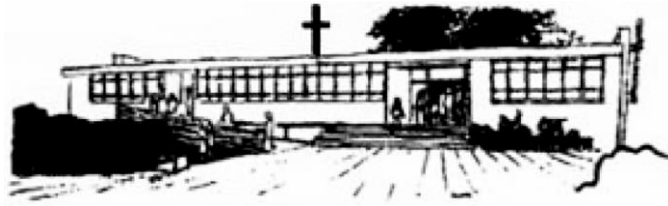


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Parish Priest

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EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148 (Calls Only)

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11th February 2024, Year B/2



Christ Cleans the Leper (Byzantine Mosaic)

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: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.
For You are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of Your name.

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Responsorial Psalm: I turn to You, Lord, in time of trouble, and You fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Joseph Mathew (Starting School)
SUNDAY	8:30am		† Doreen Ward
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8.00am	Bl Reginald of Orleans	†† For the Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	8:00am	Bl Jordan of Saxony	† Lino V Mapa
Wednesday	8.00am	ASH WEDNESDAY	† Leonardo Galon
	7.00pm	ASH WEDNESDAY	For the Parish
Thursday	8.00am	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	† Elsa Galon
Friday	8.00am	Friday after Ash Wednesday	† Marian Kubka
Saturday	8.30am	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	† Vincent Bartolo

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday through Lent at 6pm.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Doreen Ward, Hermoine Eberhaut, Teresita Pellejera Enriquez, Kay Sypher

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR: Lino V Mapa, Leonardo & Elsa Galon, Marian Kubka, Vincent Bartolo, Souls in Purgatory

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2024

Reconciliation: Thursday 21st March

Registration & 1st Session: 11th February @ 11.30am

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 are 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' 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: \$766**
 Loose: \$712.35
 Tap & Go: \$260
 Smart Facility: \$195
St Joseph Statue Donations Total: \$4405

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 LUNCH

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Our next Lunch will be this 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.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Sunday 18th February at 2pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys. Mass will be followed by individual prayer for healing. Celebrant is Fr Hugh Thomas CSsR.

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 noticeboard for more information.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please take a Project Compassion box home with you to help support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations. With your support Caritas Australia has been able to help tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation in vulnerable communities.

MAMRE SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP

CatholicCare Playgroup, which is free, is at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Road, Orchard Hills. For enquiries ring 8843 2506.

LENTEN MORNING RETREAT

Our Lady of the Rosary Retreat at Mt Schoenstatt, 30 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa on Saturday 24th February starting with Mass and Exposition from 9am. There are talks on the Eucharist by Fr Jeff Miller & Fr Ben Mackenzie. Retreat finishes with Benediction at 11.45am. \$5 Donation appreciated. Please register at 0459 185 517 or email denis.collins1937@gmail.com

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.

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

7. Sorrow

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today we will look at sorrow, understood as a despondency of the soul, a constant affliction that prevents man from feeling joy at his own existence.

First and foremost, it must be noted that, with regard to sorrow, the Fathers drew an important distinction: it is this. There is, in fact, a sorrow that is appropriate to Christian life, and that with God's grace can be changed into joy: obviously, this must not be rejected and forms part of the path of conversion. But there is a second type of sorrow that creeps into the soul and prostrates it in a state of despondency: it is this second kind of sorrow that must be fought, resolutely and with every strength, because it comes from the evil one. This distinction is found also in Saint Paul, who wrote to the Corinthians: "Godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation and brings no regret, but worldly grief produces death" (2 Cor 7:10).

There is, therefore, a friendly sorrow, that leads us to salvation. Think of the prodigal son of the parable: when he reaches the depths of his degeneracy, he feels great bitterness, and this prompts him to come to his senses and to decide to return home to his father (cf. Lk 15:11-20). It is a grace to lament over one's own sins, to remember the state of grace from which we have fallen, to weep because we have lost the purity in which God dreamed of us.

But there is a second sorrow, which is instead an ailment of the soul. It arises in the human heart when a desire or hope vanishes. Here we can refer to the account of the disciples of Emmaus, in the Gospel of Luke. Those two disciples leave Jerusalem with a disappointed heart, and they confide to the stranger who at one point accompanies them: "We had hoped that he – Jesus – was the one to redeem Israel" (Lk 24:21). The dynamic of sorrow is linked to the experience of loss, the experience of loss. In the heart of man, hopes arise that are sometimes dashed. It can be the desire to possess something that instead we are unable to obtain; but it can also be something important, such as an emotional loss. When this happens, it is as if man's heart falls from a precipice, and the sentiments he feels are discouragement, weakness of the spirit, depression and anguish. We all go through ordeals that generate sorrow in us,

because life makes us conceive dreams that are then shattered. In this situation, some, after a time of turmoil, rely on hope; but others wallow in melancholy, allowing it to fester in their hearts. Does one take pleasure in this? Sorrow is like taking a bitter candy, without sugar, unpleasant, and sucking that candy. Sorrow is taking pleasure in non-pleasure.

The monk Evagrius recounts that all vices aim at a pleasure, however ephemeral it may be, while sadness enjoys the opposite: of lulling oneself into endless sorrow. Certain protracted griefs, where a person continues to expand the void of one who is no longer there, are not proper to life in the Spirit. Certain resentful bitterness, where a person always has a claim in mind that makes them take on the guise of the victim, do not produce a healthy life in us, let alone a Christian one. There is something in everyone's past that needs to be healed. Sorrow can turn into an evil state of mind.

It is a devious demon, that of sorrow. The fathers of the desert described it as a worm of the heart, which erodes and hollows out its host. This is a good image: it lets us understand. A worm in the heart that consumes and hollows out its host. We must beware of this sorrow and think that Jesus brings us the joy of resurrection. But what must I do when I am sad? Stop and look: is this a good sorrow? Is it a sorrow that is not so good? And react according to the nature of the sorrow. Do not forget that sorrow can be a very bad thing that leads us to pessimism, that leads us to a selfishness that is difficult to cure.

Brothers and sisters, we must beware of this sorrow and think that Jesus brings us the joy of resurrection. However full life may be full of contradictions, of defeated desires, of unrealized dreams, of lost friendships but thanks to Jesus' resurrection we can believe that all will be saved. Jesus rose again not only for Himself, but also for us, to redeem all the happiness that has remained unfulfilled in our lives. Faith casts out fear, and the resurrection of Christ removes sadness like the stone from the tomb. Every Christian's day is an exercise in resurrection. Georges Bernanos, in his famous novel *Diary of a Country Priest*, has the parish priest of Torcy say this: "The Church has joy, all that joy that is reserved for this sad world. What you have done against her, you have done against joy". And another French writer, León Bloy, left us that wonderful phrase: "There is only one sadness, [...] that of not being holy". May the Spirit of the risen Jesus help us to defeat sorrow with holiness.