

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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EASTER SUNDAY

31st March 2024, Year B/2



ANGELICO, Fra, Noli Me Tangere, 1440-42

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: The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.
To Him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43

Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

VIGIL SATURDAY

	7:30pm	Paschal Vigil	For the Parish
SUNDAY	8:30am		† Martin Chavez
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8.00am	Octave of Easter	† Jose Antony
Tuesday	8:00am	Octave of Easter	† Kelly Coleman
Wednesday	8.00am	Octave of Easter	Thanks for 60 years in Australia
Thursday	8.00am	Octave of Easter	† Piotr Zawadzki & Alina
Friday	8.00am	Octave of Easter	For God's Precious Infants
Saturday	8.30am	Octave of Easter	†† Dec. Mem. of St Vincent de Paul

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

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: Kelly Coleman, Paul Woodward

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR: Martin Chavez, Jose Antony, Piotr Zawadzki & Alina, Anna Sereda, Deceased Members of the St Vincent de Paul Society

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 7TH APRIL

Adoration from 2pm
Divine Mercy Devotion at 3pm

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2024

First Communion: Sunday 2nd June

Registration & 1st Session: 7th April

Confirmation: Sunday 3rd November

Registration & 1st Session: 21st July

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, 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.

*A Happy and Holy Easter to All Our Parishioners
From Fr Andrew, Fr Pawel, Fr Jacek & Fr Piotr*

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: \$875**
 Loose: \$1109.15
 Tap & Go: \$270
 Smart Facility: \$420
St Joseph Statue Donations Total: \$5520

TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

All contributions go to the 2nd Collection.

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 Wednesday 10th April at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome.

SRE VOLUNTEERS

We desperately need volunteers to share the Word of God with the children in our schools. If you can assist please ring the Parish Office and leave your name and phone number.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please return your Project Compassion boxes to the basket at the back of the Church. Thank you for helping to support vulnerable people around the world through your generosity.

ST JOSEPH STATUE

We are hopeful that our statue of St Joseph will arrive soon and we will then arrange a date to have it blessed. Thank you for your ongoing donations.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE

Take your copy of the Easter/Autumn Magazine from the back of the Church.

BISHOP VINCENT'S EASTER MESSAGE

Bishop Vincent's Easter message can be viewed online at: <https://youtu.be/3ghTzBEYqQA>

GRACE & SILENCE RETREAT FOR WOMEN

The Mount Schoenstatt Girls and Young Women ministry invite single women aged 20 to 40 discerning a vocation to marriage and family, single life or consecrated life to a series of silent retreat days beginning Sunday 7 April from 9.30am to 4.30pm at Bethany, 301 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Remaining sessions are 5 May and 2 June. Cost is \$25 per day or \$90 for the full series. For catering purposes, registrations close a week prior to each event. For details, contact Hannah on 0433 443 384.

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

HEALING, SIGNS & WONDERS

4th May from 9am to 5pm at 15 Park Road, Seven Hills. Damien Stayne, a Catholic Lay Minister from the UK, has an international ministry of preaching, physical healing and imparting the love of God. See flyer to register.

PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

Visit Fatima, Avilla, Lourdes, Venice, Florence, Assisi, & Rome with Fr Maria Raju Godavarthi from 23rd September to 9th October 2024. For enquiries and bookings call 1300 721 561. See the flyer for further information.

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 & Cycle 2 Training

Dates to be announced for future face-to-face training.

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' EASTER HOMILY

Holy Saturday 3rd April 2021

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

The women thought they would find a body to anoint; instead they found an empty tomb. They went to mourn the dead; instead they heard a proclamation of life. The Gospel tells us, the women “were seized with trembling and amazement” (Mk 16:8). Fear mingled with joy that took their hearts by surprise when they saw the great stone before the tomb rolled away and inside a young man in a white robe. Wonder at hearing the words: “Do not be afraid! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen” (v. 6). And a message: “He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him” (v. 7). May we too accept this message, the message of Easter. Let us go to Galilee, where the Risen Lord has gone ahead of us.

To go to Galilee means, to begin anew. For the disciples it meant going back to the place where the Lord first sought them out and called them to follow him. The place of their first encounter and the place of their first love. From that moment on, leaving their nets behind, they followed Jesus, listening to his preaching and witnessing the miracles he performed. Yet, though they were always with him, they frequently misunderstood his words and in the face of the cross they abandoned him and fled. Even so, the Risen Lord once more appears as the one who goes ahead of them to Galilee. He says to them: “Let us start over from where we began. Let us begin anew. I want you to be with me again, in spite of everything”. We learn to be amazed by the Lord’s infinite love, which opens new trails along the path of our defeats. This is how he is; and he invites us to Galilee to do this.

From the rubble of our hearts God can create a work of art. He never ceases to go ahead of us: in the cross of suffering, desolation and death, and in the glory of a life that rises again, a history that changes, a hope that is reborn. Let us listen to the Risen Lord as he invites us to begin anew and never lose hope.

Going to Galilee also means setting out on new paths. The women were looking for Jesus in the tomb; they went to recall what they had experienced with him, which was now gone forever. There is a kind of faith that can become the memory of something once beautiful, now simply to be recalled. Many people have an experience of Jesus as someone from the past, an old friend from their youth who is now far distant. A faith made up of habits, things from the past, lovely childhood memories, but no longer a faith that moves me, or challenges me. Going to Galilee means realizing that faith, if it is to be alive, must daily renew the first steps in amazement of the first encounter. And it must

continue to trust and embrace the humility of those who let themselves be surprised by God’s ways. Today the Lord invites us to let ourselves discover that God is alive and filled with surprises. Risen from the dead, Jesus never ceases to amaze us.

Faith is not an album of past memories; Jesus is not outdated. He is alive here and now. He walks beside you each day, in every situation you are experiencing, in every trial you have to endure, in your deepest hopes and dreams. He opens new doors when you least expect it, he urges you not to indulge in nostalgia for the past or cynicism about the present. Even if you feel that all is lost, please, let yourself be open to amazement at the newness Jesus brings: he will surely surprise you.

Galilee was an outpost: the people living in that diverse and disparate region were those farthest from the ritual purity of Jerusalem. Yet that is where Jesus began his mission. There he brought his message to those struggling to live from day to day, the excluded, the vulnerable and the poor. The Risen Lord is asking his disciples to go there even now: he asks us to go to Galilee, to the real “Galilee” of daily life, the streets we travel every day, the corners of our cities. There the Lord goes ahead of us and makes himself present in the lives of those around us, those who share in our day, our home, our work, our difficulties and hopes. In Galilee we learn that we can find the Risen One in the faces of our brothers and sisters, in the enthusiasm of those who dream and the resignation of those who are discouraged, in the smiles of those who rejoice and the tears of those who suffer, and above all in the poor and those on the fringes. We will be amazed how the greatness of God is revealed and how his beauty shines forth in the poor and simple.

Jesus, the Risen Lord, loves us without limits and is there at every moment of our lives. Having made himself present in the heart of our world, he invites us to overcome barriers, banish prejudices and draw near to those around us every day in order to rediscover the grace of everyday life. Let us recognize him here in our Galilees, in everyday life. With him, life will change. For beyond all defeats, evil and violence, beyond all suffering and death, the Risen One lives and guides history.

Dear sisters and brothers: if on this night you are experiencing an hour of darkness, a day that has not yet dawned, a light dimmed or a dream shattered, go, open your heart with amazement to the message of Easter: “Do not be afraid, he has risen! He awaits you in Galilee”. Your expectations will not remain unfulfilled, your tears will be dried, your fears will be replaced by hope. For the Lord always goes ahead of you, he always walks before you. And, with him, life always begins anew.