

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

24th November 2024, Year B/2



Christ Pantokrator, Righteous Judge & Lover of Mankind,
Cathedral of Cefala, Sicily

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

During Morning Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
(Please let the Priest know.)

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ms. Jennifer Crowley - Principal

School Office Times

8:30am - 4:00pm - Monday to Friday

Address

94 Joseph Street
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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

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is king; He is robed in majesty.
Second Reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8
Gospel: John 18:33-37

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		†† All Souls
SUNDAY	8:30am		†† All Souls
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	34 th Week Ordinary Time	†† All Souls
Tuesday	8:00am	34 th Week Ordinary Time	†† All Souls
Wednesday	8.00am	34 th Week Ordinary Time	†† All Souls
Thursday	8.00am	34 th Week Ordinary Time	†† All Souls
Friday	8.00am	34 th Week Ordinary Time	†† All Souls
Saturday	8.30am	ST ANDREW	†† All Souls

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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 speak to the Priest.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Tuesday 24th December – 6pm
 Wednesday 25th December – Midnight, 8.30am & 10am

Reconciliation: Monday 23rd December – 9am to 12noon & 5pm to 7.30pm

NOVEMBER MASSES

One Mass each day in November will be offered for our Deceased. When you fill out your November Mass Envelope place it in the basket at the back of the Church and fill in the Remembrance Book with the names of your friends and relatives. Names of deceased can be added through November and will be included in the Mass of the following day until the end of November.

POPE FRANCIS' NOVEMBER INTENTIONS For Those Who Have Lost a Child

Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Sr Louisa, Carolina Q. Alvarez, Jonathon Ansell, Tania Blazek, Tony Bogdanovic, Margaret Colville, Frances Gunn, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Nympha Miller, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Benjamin Santiago, Shayla, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Maureen van Hoogenvest, David Wakeling, Mary Woodward.

SICK LIST: Due to privacy laws, if you have anyone for the sick list, please 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.

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PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$835**
 Loose: \$685
 Smart Facility: \$720.10
 Carpet Donations: \$3046.10

SMART DONATION FACILITIES

Donations from the two Smart terminals at the door go towards the 2nd Collection. Donations from the Smart terminal near the creche go towards Special Project Donations.

SPECIAL PROJECT DONATIONS

Our Special Project Donations are now going towards Carpet for the Church. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.

BIBLE STUDY

Fr Andrew has given permission for anyone who wants to meet for Bible Study to do so while he is away on Wednesdays at 9.15am in the Parish Hall.

PARISH LUNCH

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 11th December at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

If you are new to the Parish, have not registered or want to update your information, please use the QR Code.



WESTERN DEANERY YOUNG ADULTS

This Friday 29th November at 7.00pm. Young people from 18 to 35 years old are welcome to enjoy an evening of Adoration, Discussion of the Life of St Paul, Dinner & Fellowship. See flyer at back of the Church for details.

MEN'S BARBEQUE

Saturday 30th November after 6pm Mass. All men over 18 are invited to come and enjoy an evening together.

CLEANING THE LORD'S HOUSE & GROUNDS

We need people to help arrange flowers and clean the Church on a Saturday morning. We also need assistance in the maintenance of the Church Grounds (mowing, edging and blower/vacuumping), anytime someone has time available. Please ring Clare on 0432 668 724 or the Parish Office.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Next weekend, 30th November/1st December, we have our Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Care's Houses to Homes, which helps homeless mothers and children find a safe place to call home and rebuild their lives. You can also donate at parracatholic.org/appeal Please give generously.

ADVENT REFLECTION MORNING

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish has organised an advent reflection morning at "Winbourne" Edmund Rice Centre, Mulgoa on Saturday 30th November. Please register as soon as possible for planning/catering purposes by ringing Denis on 0459 185 517.

YOUNG ADULTS' FAITH FORMATION

Sunday 1st December from 7-8.30pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 9 Ropes Creek Road, South Mt Druitt. Fr Sheldon Burke CRS will discuss Our Lady of Guadalupe, followed by games and pizza.

iWITNESS CONFERENCE

Thursday 12th to Sunday 15th December 2024 at Cobbity. This is a weekend of fun and spiritual transformation for young adults. See the flyer on the noticeboard for more information.

PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

A 16-day pilgrimage from 22nd April to 7th May 2025 visiting Fatima, Valladolid, Lourdes, Nice, Turin, Padua, Assisi, Rotondo and Rome. Cost is \$8990 + tips. For enquiries and bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

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.

Modules 1-3 – These Modules are for new Volunteers who have not completed any safeguarding Training.

Modules 4/5 – Renewal for those who completed Modules 1-3 two years ago.

For the direct link to training dates and to register:

<https://parracatholic.org/connect/?series=safeguarding-training>

To complete the modules online go to

<https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

For any questions, please email Maria Kervin, at maria.kervin@parracatholic.org

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday 20th November 2024

Cycle of Catechesis. The Spirit and the Bride. The Holy Spirit guides the people of God towards Jesus our hope. 14. The Bride's Gifts. The charisms, gifts of the Spirit for common use

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

In the last three catecheses, we talked about the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit, which is implemented in the sacraments, in prayer and by following the example of the Mother of God. But let us listen to what a famous text from Vatican II says: "It is not only through the sacraments and the ministries of the Church that the Holy Spirit sanctifies and leads the people of God and enriches it with virtues, but, 'allotting his gifts to everyone according as He wills'" (cf. *1 Cor 12:11*) (*Lumen gentium*, 12). We too have personal gifts that the Spirit gives to each one of us.

Therefore, the moment has arrived to talk also about this second way the Holy Spirit works, which is charismatic action. Two elements contribute to defining what charism is. A somewhat difficult word, I will explain it. First, the charism is the gift given "for the common good" (*1 Cor 12:7*), to be useful to everyone. It is not, in other words, destined principally and ordinarily for the sanctification of the person, but for the "service" of the community (cf. *1 Pt 4:10*). This is the first aspect. Secondly, the charism is the gift given "to one", or "to some" in particular, not to everyone in the same way, and this is what distinguishes it from sanctifying grace, from the theological virtues and from the sacraments, which instead are the same and common to all. The charism is given to a specific person or community. It is a gift that God gives you.

The Council explains this too. The Holy Spirit, it says, "distributes special graces among the faithful of every rank. By these gifts He makes them fit and ready to undertake the various tasks and offices which contribute toward the renewal and building up of the Church, according to the words of the Apostle: 'The manifestation of the Spirit is given to everyone for profit'" (*1 Cor 12:7*).

The charisms are the "jewels" or the ornaments that the Holy Spirit distributes to make the Bride of Christ more beautiful. One can thus understand why the Conciliar text ends with the following exhortation: "These charisms, whether they be the more

outstanding or the more simple and widely diffused, are to be received with thanksgiving and consolation for they are perfectly suited to and useful for the needs of the Church" (*LG 12*).

Pope Benedict XVI affirmed: "Anyone who considers the history of the post-conciliar era can recognize the process of true renewal, which often took unexpected forms in living movements and made almost tangible the inexhaustible vitality of the holy Church". And this is the charism given to a group, through a person.

We must rediscover the charisms, because this ensures that the promotion of the laity, and of women in particular, is understood not only as an institutional and sociological fact, but also in its biblical and spiritual dimension. Indeed, the laity are not the least, no, they laity are not a form of external collaborator or auxiliary troops of the clergy, no! They have their own charisms and gifts with which to contribute to the mission of the Church.

Let us add another thing: when we talk about the charisms, we must immediately dispel a misunderstanding: that of identifying them with spectacular or extraordinary gifts and capabilities; instead, they are ordinary gifts – each one of us has his or her own charism – that assume extraordinary value if inspired by the Holy Spirit and embodied with love in situations of life. Such an interpretation of the charism is important, because many Christians, when they hear talk of charisms, experience sadness or disappointment, as they are convinced that they do not possess any, and feel they are excluded or second-class Christians. No, they are not second-class Christians, no, each person has his or her own personal, and also community charism. Saint Augustine responded to these in his time with a very eloquent comparison: 'If you love,' he told his people, "If you love, it is not nothing that you have: if you love unity, whoever has anything in that unity has it also for you. In the body, the eye alone sees; but is it for itself alone that the eye sees? It sees both for the hand and the foot, and for all the other members".

This reveals the secret of why charity is defined by the Apostle as "a still more excellent way" (*1 Cor 12, 31*): it makes me love the Church, or the community in which I live and, in unity, all charisms, not just some, are "mine", just as "my" charisms, little though they may seem, belong to all and are for the good of all. Charity multiplies charisms; it makes the charism of one, of one individual person, the charism of all. Thank you!