

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

24th March 2024, Year B/2



LORENZETTI, Pietro, Entry into Jerusalem, 1320

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: Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: My God, My God, why have You abandoned Me?

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1-15, 47

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Prepare for Coming Events for Family

SUNDAY 8:30am

Luke Mathews (Birthday Blessings)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8.00am

Monday of Holy Week

†† For the Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday 8:00am

Tuesday of Holy Week

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

Wednesday 8.00am

Wednesday of Holy Week

† Bishop Edward Kelly

Thursday 7.00pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

No Morning Mass

Friday 11.00am

Stations of the Cross

No Mass Today

3.00pm

Passion of the Lord

Saturday 7.30pm

Paschal Vigil

No Morning Mass

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

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.

EASTER SCHEDULE

Reconciliation for Easter – Monday 25th March
9am to 12noon & 5pm to 7.30pm

Holy Thursday March 28th – 7pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday March 29th – Stations of the Cross – 11am
Passion of Christ – 3pm

Holy Saturday March 30th – Paschal Vigil – 7.30pm

Easter Sunday March 31st – Masses at 8.30am & 10am

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kelly Coleman, Paul Woodward

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR: Bishop Edward Kelly, Deceased Members of the McIlvenna, Dobranski, McCaffrey & Colreavy Families, Souls in Purgatory

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2024

First Communion: Sunday 2nd June

Registration & 1st Session: 7th April

Confirmation: Sunday 3rd November

Registration & 1st Session: 21st July

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:** \$705
 Loose: \$615.25
 Tap & Go: \$260
 Smart Facility: \$375
 St Joseph Statue Donations Total: \$5355

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.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday. This collection provides welfare assistance to Christians in health, education, employment, housing, orphanages and Parishes. It also maintains over 70 churches and shrines. Parramatta Diocese contributed \$131,052.65 last year. Please be generous and remember the Christians in the Holy Land. Thank you.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 7TH APRIL

Adoration from 2pm

Divine Mercy Devotion at 3pm

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.

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

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 flyer for 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' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday 20th March 2024

Cycle of Catechesis. Vices and Virtues.

12. Prudence

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

We are devoting today's catechesis to the virtue of prudence. Along with justice, fortitude and temperance, it is one of the so-called cardinal virtues, which are not the exclusive prerogative of Christians, but rather belong to the heritage of ancient wisdom, in particular of the Greek philosophers. Therefore, one of the most interesting themes in the work of encounter and inculturation was precisely that of the virtues.

In medieval writings, the presentation of the virtues is not simply a list of the positive qualities of the soul. Returning to the classical authors in the light of Christian revelation, theologians imagined the septenary of virtues –three theological and four cardinal – as a sort of living organism, in which each virtue has a harmonious space to occupy. There are essential virtues and accessory virtues, like pillars, columns and capitals. Indeed, perhaps nothing better renders the idea of the harmony between man and his continual aspiration towards good than a medieval cathedral.

So, let us begin with prudence. It is not the virtue of the timorous person, always hesitant about what action to take. No, this is a mistaken interpretation. It is not even merely caution. Granting primacy to prudence means that the action of man is in the hands of his intelligence and freedom. The prudent person is creative: he or she reasons, evaluates, tries to understand the complexity of reality and does not allow him- or herself to be overwhelmed by emotions, idleness, pressures and illusions.

In a world dominated by appearances, by superficial thoughts, by the triviality of both good and bad, the ancient lesson of prudence deserves to be revived.

Saint Thomas, in the wake of Aristotle, called it "recta ratio agibilium". It is the capacity to govern actions in order to direct them towards good; for this reason, it is dubbed the "coachman of the virtues". Prudent are those who are able to choose:

as long as it remains in the books, life is always easy, but in the midst of the wind and waves of daily life it is another matter; often we are uncertain and do not know which way to go. The prudent do not choose by chance: first of all, they know what they want, then they weigh up the situations, seek advice, and with a broad outlook and inner freedom, they choose which path to embark upon. That is not to say they do not make mistakes: after all, we are all human. Unfortunately, in every environment there is someone who tends to dismiss problems with superficial jokes, or to incite controversy. Prudence is instead the quality of those who are called to govern: they know that to administer is difficult, that there are many points of view and one must try to harmonize them, that one must do not the good of some but of all.

Prudence also teaches that, as they say, "the perfect is the enemy of the good". Indeed, too much zeal in some situations can cause disasters: it can ruin a construction that would have needed gradualness; it can give rise to conflicts and misunderstandings; it can even trigger violence.

The prudent person knows how to safeguard the memory of the past, not out of fear for the future, but because he or she knows that tradition is a patrimony of wisdom. Life is made up of a constant overlapping of old and new things, and it is not good always to think that the world begins with us, that we have to deal with problems starting from scratch. Once one has decided on the goal to strive for, it is necessary to obtain all the means to reach it.

Many passages of the Gospel help educate us in prudence. For example: the prudent man builds his house on the rock, and the imprudent builds his on sand (cf. *Mt 7:24-27*). Wise are the damsels who carry oil for their lamps and foolish those who do not (cf. *Mt 25:1-13*). The Christian life is a combination of simplicity and shrewdness. Preparing His disciples for the mission, Jesus recommends: "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves" (*Mt 10:16*). As if to say that God does not only want us to be saints, He wants us to be intelligent saints, because without prudence, taking the wrong path is a moment's mistake!