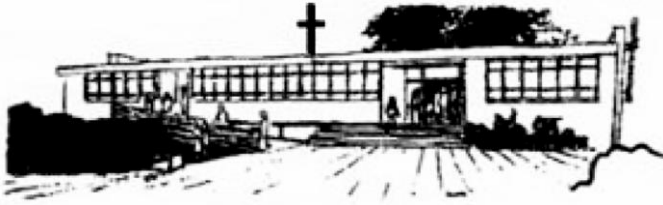


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

21st December 2025, Year A/2



PAOLO, Giovanni di, The Adoration of the Magi, detail, 1460

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

Mrs. Rochelle Borg – Principal

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Responsorial Psalm: Let the Lord enter; He is king of glory.

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Special Intention
SUNDAY	8:30am		†† Deceased Members of the Woodward & Hewitt Families
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	4 th Week of Advent	Mother Mary & Sr Sto Nini (Good Health)
Tuesday	8:00am	4 th Week of Advent	† Witold Blazek
Wednesday	8.00am 6.00pm	4 th Week of Advent CHRISTMAS VIGIL	†† Lino Mapa, Elsa & Leonardo Galon Private Intention
Thursday	12.00am 8.30am 10.00am	MIDNIGHT MASS CHRISTMAS DAY CHRISTMAS DAY	For the Parish Private Intention Private Intention
Friday	8.00am	ST STEPHEN	Grenville & Shirley (Wedding Anniversary)
Saturday	8.30am	ST JOHN	† Charley Tonna

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Brian Frederickson, Stephen Davies, Estrellita Cui

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Deceased Members of the Woodward & Hewitt Families, Witold Blazek, Lino Mapa, Elsa & Leonardo Galon, Charley Tonna

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Wednesday 24th December – 6pm
Thursday 25th December – Midnight (Carols begin at 11.30pm),
8.30am & 10am

Reconciliation: Monday 22nd December
9am to 12noon & 5pm to 7.30pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES – 1st JANUARY

Thursday 1st December 8am Mass and 6pm Mass followed by the Parish New Year's Get-together. Please bring a plate to share. Drinks will be provided.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Sr Louisa, Carolina Q. Alvarez, Jonathon Ansell, Tony Bogdanovic, Margaret Colville, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, Tony Jacobs, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, Lidya, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Nympha Miller, Karen Morvan, Michael Muema, Gary O'Brien, Shayla, Garry Smith, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Margaret Taylor, 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.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE LEO XIV GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday 17th December 2025

Cycle of Catechesis - Jubilee 2025. Jesus Christ our hope. IV. The Resurrection of Christ and the challenges of the contemporary world.

8. Easter as the refuge of the restless heart.

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning.

Human life is characterized by a constant movement that drives us to do, to act. Nowadays speed is required everywhere in order to achieve optimal results in a wide variety of fields. How does Jesus' resurrection shed light on this aspect of our experience? When we participate in his victory over death, will we rest? Faith tells us: yes, we will rest. We will not be inactive, but we will enter into God's repose, which is peace and joy. So, should we just wait, or can this change us right now?

We are absorbed by many activities that do not always leave us satisfied. A lot of our actions have to do with practical, concrete things. We have to assume responsibility for many commitments, solve problems and face difficulties. Jesus too was involved with people and with life, not sparing himself, but rather giving himself to the end. Yet we often perceive how too much doing, instead of giving us fulfilment, becomes a vortex that overwhelms us, takes away our serenity, and prevents us from living to the fullest what is truly important in our lives. We then feel tired and dissatisfied: time seems to be wasted on a thousand practical things that do not, however, resolve the ultimate meaning of our existence. Sometimes, at the end of days full of activities, we feel empty. Why? Because we are not machines, we have a "heart"; indeed, we can say that we *are* a heart.

The heart is the symbol of all our humanity, the sum of our thoughts, feelings and desires, the invisible centre of our selves. The Evangelist Matthew invites us to reflect on the importance of the heart, quoting this beautiful phrase of Jesus: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Mt 6:21).

It is therefore in the heart that true treasure is kept, not in earthly safes, not in large financial investments, which today more than ever before are out of control and unjustly concentrated at the

bloody price of millions of human lives and the devastation of God's creation.

It is important to reflect on these aspects, because in the numerous commitments we continually face, there is an increasing risk of dispersion, sometimes of despair, of meaninglessness, even in apparently successful people. Instead, interpreting life in the light of Easter, looking at it with the Risen Jesus, means finding access to the essence of the human person, to our heart: *cor inquietum*. With this adjective "restless", Saint Augustine helps us understand the human being's yearning for fulfilment. The full sentence refers to the beginning of the *Confessions*, where Augustine writes: "Lord, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you" (I, 1,1).

Restlessness is the sign that our heart does not move by chance, in a disordered way, without a purpose or a destination, but is oriented towards its ultimate destination, the "return home". The authentic approach of the heart does not consist in possessing the goods of this world, but in achieving what can fill it completely; namely, the love of God, or rather, God who is Love. This treasure, however, can only be found by loving the neighbour we meet along the way: brothers and sisters in flesh and blood, whose presence stirs and questions our heart, calling it to open up and give itself. Our neighbour asks us to slow down, to look them in the eye, to change our plans, perhaps even to change direction.

Dear friends, here is the secret of the movement of the human heart: returning to the source of its being, delighting in the joy that never fails, that never disappoints. No one can live without a meaning that goes beyond the contingent, beyond what passes away. The human heart cannot live without hope, without knowing that it is made for fullness, not for want.

Jesus Christ, with his Incarnation, Passion, Death and Resurrection, has given us a solid foundation for this hope. The restless heart will not be disappointed if it enters into the dynamism of the love for which it was created. The destination is certain, life has triumphed, and in Christ it will continue to triumph in every death of daily life. This is Christian hope: let us always bless and thank the Lord who has given it to us!