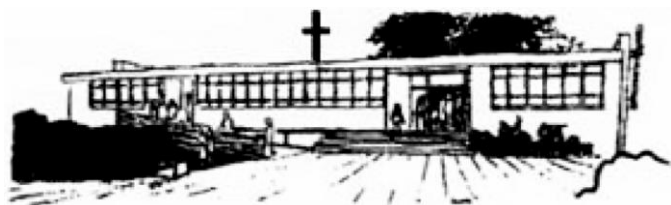


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP
Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP
Assistant Priest
Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148 (Calls Only)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

6th April 2025, Year C/1



Christ And The Woman Taken In Adultery (1612), Frans Francken the Younger

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

Mr. Alan Eisenhuth – Acting Principal

School Office Times

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

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading: Philippians 3: 8-14

Gospel: John 8:1-11

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† James Devine

SUNDAY 8:30am

Mariano Valladores (For Healing)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 5th Week of Lent

†† Giovanni & Vince Dimarti & Maria Sanmartino

Tuesday 8:00am 5th Week of Lent

† Michael Dodd

Wednesday 8.00am 5th Week of Lent

† George Keane

Thursday 8.00am 5th Week of Lent

† Maureen van Hoogenvest

Friday 8.00am 5th Week of Lent

David McDonald (Birthday Blessings)

Saturday 8.30am 5th Week of Lent

†† Nicanor Sr & Corazon Cauilan

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.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

George Keane, Maureen van Hoogenvest

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

James Devine, Michael Dodd, Giovanni & Vince Dimarti, Maria Sanmartino, Nicanor Sr & Corazon Cauilan, Anna Sereda

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday - 12th/13th April - Masses as usual

Monday 14th - Wednesday 16th April - Mass 8am

Reconciliation for Easter - Monday 14th April
9am to 12noon & 5pm to 7.30pm

Holy Thursday April 17th - 7pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday April 18th - Stations of the Cross - 11am
Passion of Christ - 3pm

Holy Saturday April 19th - Paschal Vigil - 6.30pm

Easter Sunday April 20th - Masses at 8.30am & 10am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday at 6pm during Lent.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 27TH APRIL

Adoration from 2pm & Mass at 3pm

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Sr Louisa, Carolina Q. Alvarez, Jonathon Ansell, Tony Bogdanovic, Margaret Colville, Frances Gunn, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, Tony Jacobs, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Nympha Miller, Karen Morvan, Shayla, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, 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.

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2025

Reconciliation: Thursday 10th April at 6pm

First Communion: 22nd June

Registration & 1st Session: Sunday 27th April

Confirmation: Thursday 6th November

Registration & 1st Session: Sunday 20th July

All Sessions will be after 10am Mass at 11.30am

POPE FRANCIS' APRIL INTENTIONS

For the Use of New Technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person and will help us face the crises of our times.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$790**
 Loose: \$881.25
 Smart Facility: \$685
 Carpet Donations: \$7938

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.

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

AIR CONDITIONING PROJECT

We will be replacing the air conditioners in the church this week at a cost of \$29,260 (including GST).

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 this Wednesday 9th April at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

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



BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

This weekend we will have another collection to make up our quota of \$2150. We have collected \$971-05 so far for this appeal. Please give generously using the envelopes, at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan the QR code on the poster. Thank you for your generosity.

MEN AT THE SHRINE

An hour of adoration on Wednesday 9th April from 8-9pm at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa. Please see the Flyer for further information.

WOMEN'S RECOLLECTION

Women's Recollection is on Thursday 10th April. Morning Session is held at St Joseph's Parish, Kingswood from 9am. Evening Session is at Montgrove College, Orchard Hills from 7pm.

OUR DIOCESE'S JUBILEE YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

Young people (18-35) across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are invited to embark on an 18-day pilgrimage to the Jubilee of Youth in Rome from 19 July – 5 August 2025. The journey includes a visit to Greece, the footsteps of Saint Paul, before heading to Rome for the celebration. Express your interest today at parracatholic.org/jubileeyouth2025

ADULT JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

For adults 35 years and over from 7th to 25th September 2025. See the Poster at the back of the Church for dates of the Information Session, the Formation Nights and how to apply.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding Mandatory Training.

Under the Children's Guardian Act 2019 and the NSW Child Safe Standards all volunteers 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.

The next session of face-to-face Training will be held on 3rd May at Holy Family Parish, Emerton

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 2nd April 2025

Cycle of Catechesis – Jubilee 2025.

Jesus Christ our hope II. The life of Jesus.

The encounters: 3. Zacchaeus.

"Today I must stay at your house!" (Lk 19:5)

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today we will continue to contemplate Jesus' encounters with some figures from the Gospel. This time, I would like to focus on Zacchaeus: an episode that is particularly close to my heart, because it has a special place in my spiritual journey.

The Gospel of Luke presents Zacchaeus to us and one who seems irredeemably lost. Perhaps we too feel this way at times: without hope. Instead, Zacchaeus will discover that the Lord was already looking for him.

In fact, Jesus came to Jericho, a city located below sea level, considered to be an image of the underworld, where Jesus wants to go in search of those who feel they are lost. And in reality, the Risen Lord continues to descend into today's underworlds, in places of war, in the suffering of the innocent, in the heart of mothers who see their children die, in the hunger of the poor.

Zacchaeus, in a certain sense, is lost; perhaps he has made the wrong decisions or perhaps his life has put him in situations from which he struggles to get out. Indeed, Luke insists on describing the characteristics of this man: not only is he a publican, a person who collects taxes from his fellow citizens for the Roman invaders, but he is the chief of publicans, no less, as if to say that his sin is multiplied.

Luke then adds that Zacchaeus is rich, suggesting that he has grown rich on the backs of others, abusing his position. But all this has consequences: Zacchaeus probably feels excluded, despised by everyone.

When he comes to know that Jesus is passing through the city, Zacchaeus feels the desire to see Him. He does not dare to imagine a meeting; it would be enough to watch him from a distance. However, our desires encounter obstacles and are not automatically fulfilled: Zacchaeus is short! It is our reality: we have limitations that we have to deal with. And then there are others, who sometimes do not help us: the crowd prevents Zacchaeus from seeing Jesus. Perhaps it is something of a revenge on their part.

But when you have a strong desire, you do not lose heart. You find a solution. However, you need to be courageous and unashamed; you need a little of the simplicity of children and not to worry about your own image. Zacchaeus, just like a child, climbs a tree. It should be a good vantage point, especially in order to watch without being seen, hiding behind the branches.

But with the Lord, the unexpected always happens. Jesus, when He comes close, raises His eyes. Zacchaeus feels he has been discovered and probably expects a public rebuke. The people may have hoped for it, but they are disappointed: Jesus asks Zacchaeus to come down immediately, almost surprised to see him in the tree, and says to him, "Today I must stay at your house!" (Lk 19:5). God does not pass by without looking for those who are lost.

Luke highlights the joy in Zacchaeus' heart. It is the joy of one who feels that he has been seen, acknowledged, and above all forgiven. Jesus' gaze is not one of reproach, but of mercy. It is that mercy we sometimes struggle to accept, especially when God forgives those who, in our opinion, do not deserve it. We grumble because we would like to impose limits on God's love.

In the scene at home, Zacchaeus, after listening to Jesus' words of forgiveness, stands up, as if he were arising from a condition of death. And he gets up to make a commitment: to return four times what he has stolen. It is not a price to be paid, because God's forgiveness is free, but rather the desire to imitate the One by whom he felt loved. Zacchaeus makes a commitment to which he was not bound, but he does so because he understands that this is his way of loving. And he does so by combining the Roman legislation regarding theft and the Rabbinic law on penance. Zacchaeus, then, is not only the man of desire; he is also one who knows how to take practical steps. His purpose is not generic or abstract but stems precisely from his history: he looked at his life and identified the point from which his transformation began.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us learn from Zacchaeus not to lose hope, even when we feel we have been cast aside or are incapable of change. Let us nurture our desire to see Jesus, and above all let us allow ourselves to be found by the mercy of God, who always comes in search of us, in whatever situation we may be lost.