

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

13th April 2025, Year C/1



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

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

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: Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: My God, my God, why have You abandoned me?

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14 - 23:56

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

†† Nancy & John Perry

SUNDAY 8:30am

† Michael Dodd

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am Holy Week

For Good Health

Tuesday 8:00am Holy Week

Byron Plant (Health & Welfare)

Wednesday 8.00am Holy Week

Thursday 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

No Morning Mass

Friday 11.00am Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Passion of the Lord

No Mass Today

Saturday 6.30pm Paschal Vigil

No Morning Mass

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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE - See Above

Reconciliation for Easter - Monday 14th April
9.00am to 12noon & 5.00pm to 7.30pm

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Nancy & John Perry, Michael Dodd

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Good Friday - after 3pm Liturgy
of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday - 9.30am

Easter Sunday 8.00am

Monday - Saturday - after 8.00am Mass

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2025

First Communion: 22nd June

Registration & 1st Session: Sunday 27th April

All Sessions will be after 10am Mass at 11.30am

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 27TH APRIL

2.00pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with
Prayers and Meditation

3pm - Mass

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

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: \$1030**
 Loose: \$504.55
 Smart Facility: \$655
 A/Cs & Carpet Donations: \$8203

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.

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 14th May at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome.

WESTERN DEANERY YOUNG ADULTS

Tuesday 15th April from 7.30pm here at St Joseph's Kingswood. Young people from 18 to 35 years old are welcome to join us this Holy Week for a night of prayer and worship, as we meditate on Christ's Passion.

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

We have collected \$1670.70 so far for this appeal. If you would like to contribute to make up our quota of \$2150 please use the black box at the back of the Church or go to parracatholic.org/appeal. Thank you for your generosity.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please return your Project Compassion boxes.

GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT WALK

Starting from St Patrick's Blacktown and finishing at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta. Register at parracatholic.org/event/gfnw

HOLY LAND COLLECTION – GOOD FRIDAY

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 \$149,129.85 last year. Please be generous and remember the Christians in the Holy Land. Thank you.

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 9th April 2025****Cycle of Catechesis – Jubilee 2025.****Jesus Christ our hope II. The life of Jesus.****The encounters: 4. *The rich man. Jesus looked at him (Mk 10:21)***

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today we will look at another of Jesus' encounters, narrated by the Gospels. This time, however, the person encountered does not have a name. The evangelist Mark presents him simply as "*a man*" (10:17). He is a man who has observed the commandments ever since his youth but who, despite this, has not yet found the meaning of his life. He is searching for it. Perhaps he is one who has not yet truly made up his mind, despite his appearance as a committed person. Indeed, beyond the things we do, our sacrifices and successes, what truly counts in order to be happy is what we carry in our heart. If a ship has to set sail and leave the port to navigate in the open sea, it can be a wonderful ship, with an exceptional crew, but if it does not pull up the ballast and the anchors that hold it down, it will never manage to depart. This man has made himself a luxurious ship, but he has stayed in the port!

As Jesus makes His way through the street, this fellow runs up to Him, kneels before Him and asks: "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" (v. 17). Notice the verbs: "*what must I do to have eternal life*". Since observance of the Law did not give him the happiness and security of being saved, he turns to the Master Jesus. What is striking is that this man does not know the vocabulary of gratuitousness! Everything seems to be owed. Everything is a duty. Eternal life is for him an inheritance, something that is obtained by right, through meticulous observance of commitments. But in a life lived in this way, although certainly for good purpose, what space can love have?

As always, Jesus goes beyond appearances. While on the one hand this man sets out before Jesus his fine resume, Jesus goes beyond and looks within. The verb that Mark uses is very significant: "*looking at him*" (v. 21). Precisely because Jesus looks within each one of us, He loves us as we truly are. Indeed, what will He have seen inside this person? What does Jesus see when He looks within every one of us and loves us,

despite our distractions and our sins? He sees our fragility, but also our desire to be loved as we are.

Looking at him, says the Gospel, He "*loved him*" (v. 21). Jesus loves this man before He even extended the invitation to follow Him. He loves him just as he is. Jesus' love is gratuitous: exactly the opposite of the logic of merit that has beset this person. We are truly happy when we realize we are loved in this way, freely, by grace. And this also applies to the relationships between us: as long as we try to buy love or beg for affection, those relationships will never make us feel happy.

The proposal Jesus makes to this man is to change his way of living and relating with God. Indeed, Jesus recognizes that inside him, as in all of us, something is lacking. It is the desire we carry in our heart to be loved. There is a wound that belongs to us as human beings, the wound through which love passes. To overcome this lack we do not need to "buy" recognition, affection, consideration: instead, we need to "sell off" everything that weighs us down, to make our hearts freer. There is no need to continue to take for ourselves, but rather to give to the poor, to provide, to share.

Finally, Jesus invites this man not to stay alone. He invites him to follow Him, to be within a bond, to live a relationship. Indeed, only in this way will it be possible to emerge from his anonymity. We can hear our name only within a relationship, in which someone calls us. If we remain alone, we will never hear our name spoken, and will continue to be that "*man*", anonymous. Perhaps today, precisely because we live in a culture of self-sufficiency and individualism, we find ourselves more unhappy because we no longer hear our name spoken by someone who loves us freely.

This man does not accept Jesus' invitation and stays alone, because the ballast of his life keeps him in the port. His sadness is the sign that he has not managed to leave. At times, what we think are riches are instead only burdens that are holding us back. The hope is that this person, like each one of us, will sooner or later change and decide to set sail.

Sisters and brothers, let us entrust to the Heart of Jesus all people who are sad and undecided, so that they may feel the loving gaze of the Lord, who is moved by looking tenderly within us.