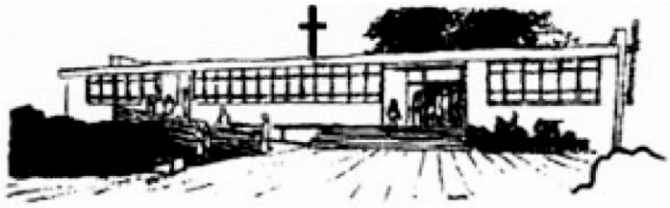
ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Please leave a detailed Message

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20th August 2017, Year A/1

LASTMAN, Pieter Pietersz, Christ and the Canaanite Woman, 1617

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil:	4:00pm (Mass in Polish)
	6:00pm
Sunday:	8:30am
	10:00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday–Friday:	8:00am
Saturday:	8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday:	after 8:30am Mass

Benediction: Saturday 5.15pm

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Patricia Reilly – Principal

School Office Times
8:30 am - 4:00 pm - Monday to Friday

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am – 2:00pm and Friday: 8:30am – 1:30pm

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LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Turn Your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of Your anointed one; one day within Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise You!

Second Reading Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

VIGIL SATURDAY	**6:00pm**		
SUNDAY	**8.30am**		**Gerard Kelly (Recently Dec.)**
	10:00am		**For the Parish**
Monday	**8:00am**	**St Pius X**	**Holy Souls in Purgatory**
Tuesday:	**8:00am**	**Queenship of Bl Virgin Mary**	**Helen Luczynski (Recently Dec.)**
Wednesday	**8:00am**	**St Rose Flores of Lima**	**Adriano Reyez (Deceased Ann.)**
Thursday	**8:00am**	**ST BARTHOLOMEW**	**Domingo & Antonia Santiago (D.A.)**
Friday	**8.00am**	**20th Week Ordinary Time**	**For the Healing of Jake**
Saturday	**8.30am**	**Mass of the Virgin Mary**	

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:
Please contact the Parish Office or one of the priests. In the case of Emergency please call the emergency number at the front of this bulletin.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE
Please contact the Parish Office.

RECENTLY DECEASED:
Gerard Kelly, Helen Luczynski

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:
Adriano Reyez, Antonia & Domingo Santiago

COMMUNION TO THE SICK
We need men and women to take the Blessed Eucharist to our sick and elderly Parishioners on a Sunday morning after 8.30am Mass. If you can help in this Ministry please speak to Fr Andrew.

YOUTH MASS
Our next Youth Mass will be in September at 6pm at a date to be announced.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST:
Artists
That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, Alistair McArthur, Dianne Devitt, John McCahon, Kathryn Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Debbie O'Connor, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, Gisela Drobiszewski, Katalin Domotor, Charles Timmins, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Valerie Davis, Raymond Waters, Francene Flannery, Jason Isbitski, Rosslyn Talbot, David Jenkins, Noeline Cruzado & Kathleen Angoves.

SICK LIST: If you have anyone for the sick list, (due to privacy laws) 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

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: $1184**
Loose: $539.90

First Collection contributions go to the Diocese to support the priests working in the Parish.
Second collection contributions go directly to the Parish to support day to day operation of the Parish.

LEGION OF MARY – 'Mary Seat of Wisdom'
Meetings are held every Saturday at 2pm in the old office building. All persons interested in meeting and participating in the Legion's activities are most welcome.

ROSARY IN OUR HOMES
Please fill in the form at the back of the Church if you are interested in having Our Lady's Statue and the Rosary in your home for a week at a time. Statue will be delivered to you by the Legion of Mary.

SACRAMENTS FOR 2017:
Confirmation: Tuesday 24th October

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:
2nd & 4th Wednesdays after Mass – 9am to 10am in Parish Hall.
Enquiries: Aloma – 4731 8102; Teresa – 4731 4222
1st & 3rd Mondays 7pm in Parish Office.
Enquiries: Jim – 0411 280 950.

BIBLE STUDY
Our Bible Study begins on Wednesday 30th August at 10.30am in the Parish Hall. All are most welcome. Please bring your Bible with you.

SKY YOUTH GROUP
Youth Group Wednesdays in the school term from 3pm to 5pm. Young people from Years 6 to 12 are most welcome.
If anyone would like to help with afternoon tea or contribute towards it, please speak to Clare.

PARISH LUNCH:
All Parishioners are invited to our lunch on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Venue is Penrith Golf Club for 13th September. If you need a lift please ring the Office. All are most welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS
Please prayerfully consider nominations to the Parish Council. Forms are at the back of the Church.

RUNNING FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL
Dear friends, thank you for your donations I have raised $2626 so far! If you wish to sponsor Vinnies and my run in the Sydney Marathon in September, please go to the following site https://donate.grassrootz.com/blackmores-sydney-running-festival-2017/vinnies/pawel-barszczewski In Prayer, Fr. Pawel.

CATHOLIC MISSION
This weekend is our Catholic Mission Appeal. Please give generously to support women and children's health through Jesus' life-giving mission today.

FATIMA DAY – FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER
Are you interested in going to Berrima for Our Lady of Fatima's 100th Anniversary Feast? We will hire a bus to travel as a Parish when we know how many would like to go. Please ring the Office.

MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY LAUNCH
Sunday 27th August from 2pm to 4pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, 7 Grantham St, Seven Hills. Special guests are Bishop Vincent and Father Tom Smolich SJ. RSVP 8838 3461.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL
Bishop Vincent invites all young people from Year 9 to 30 years of age to celebrate at Sydney Olympic Park from 7th to 9th December. For all enquiries contact James Camden, Director of Youth on 8838 3428 or jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au.

POSTAL PLEBISCITE ON "SAME-SEX MARRIAGE" ANNOUNCED
The Australian Government has announced there will be a postal plebiscite on whether the definition of marriage in the Marriage Act 1961 should be changed to include "same-sex marriage". Ballot papers will be sent out to households on Tuesday, 12 September and all votes must be received back by Tuesday, 7 November. If you are not enrolled to vote, or if you need to update your postal address, go to www.aec.gov.au/enrol/ before the cut-off date of **Thursday, 24 August**. Vote **No**, to keep marriage as a unique relationship between a woman and a man.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

POPE FRANCIS ANGELUS
Saint Peter's Square Saturday 15 August 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning and Happy Feast of Our Lady.

Today the Church is celebrating one of the most important feasts dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary: the Feast of her Assumption. At the end of her earthly life, the Mother of Christ was assumed body and soul to Heaven, that is to say, into the glory of eternal life, in full communion with God.

Today's page of the Gospel (Lk 1:39-56) presents to us Mary who, just after conceiving Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit, goes to visit her elderly relative Elizabeth, who is also miraculously expecting a child. In this meeting filled with the Holy Spirit, Mary expresses her joy with the Canticle of the Magnificat, because she has become fully aware of the meaning of the great things that are being accomplished in her life: through her, all that her people were expecting is brought to fulfillment.

But the Gospel also shows us the truest cause of Mary's greatness and her blessedness: the cause is faith. Indeed, Elizabeth greets her with these words: "blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord" (Lk 1:45). Faith is the heart of Mary's whole story: she is the believer, the great believer; she knows — and she says so — that historically the violence of the powerful, the pride of the rich, the arrogance of the proud are burdensome. However, Mary believes and proclaims that God does not leave his humble and poor children alone, but helps them with mercy, with care, overthrowing the mighty from their thrones, scattering the proud in the machinations of their hearts. This is the faith of our Mother, this is the faith of Mary!

The Canticle of Our Lady also enables us to grasp the full meaning of Mary's life: as the mercy of the Lord is the driving force of history, then she could not "know the corruption of the sepulchre, she who begot the Lord of life" (cf. Preface). All this is not only about Mary. The "great things" done in her by the Almighty touch us deeply, speak to us of our journey in life, remind us of the destination that awaits us: our Father's house. Our life, seen in the light of Mary assumed into Heaven, is not a meaningless wandering, but is a pilgrimage which, while with all its uncertainty and suffering, has a sure destination: our Father's house, who awaits us with love. It is beautiful to consider this: that we have a Father who waits for us with love, and that our Mother Mary is also up there and waiting for us with love.

Meanwhile, as life goes by, God makes shine "for his pilgrim people on earth, a sign of comfort and sure hope" (cf. ibid.). That sign has a face, that sign has a name: the luminous face of the Mother of the Lord, the blessed name of Mary, full of grace, for she believed in the word of the Lord: the great believer! As members of the Church, we are destined to share our Mother's glory, because, thanks be to God, we too believe in Christ's sacrifice on the Cross and, through Baptism, we were incorporated into that mystery of salvation.

Today let us all pray together, as our journey on this earth unfolds, that she turn her merciful eyes to us, light the way, point us toward the destination, and show us after Jesus' exile, the blessed fruit of her womb. And let us say together: O clement, O pious, O sweet Virgin Mary!

After the Angelus:

Dear brothers and sisters, my thought at this moment goes to the people of the city of Tianjin in northern China, where several explosions in the industrial area have claimed many lives and caused injuries and serious damage. I assure my prayers for those who have lost their lives and for all the people tried by this disaster; may the Lord give relief to them and support to those involved in alleviating their suffering.

I greet you all, people of Rome and pilgrims from various countries! I entrust you to the maternal care of our Mother, who lives in the glory of God and Always accompanies our journey.

How beautiful it would be if you could go today to visit Our Lady, Salus Populi Romani, at Saint Mary Major: it would be a beautiful gesture.

I thank you for coming and I wish you a happy Feast of Our Lady. Please, do not forget to pray for me. Enjoy your lunch. Arrivederci!