

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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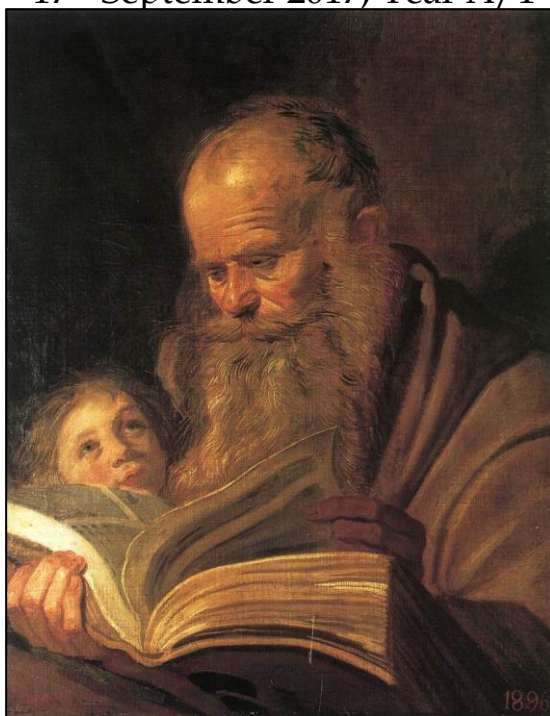
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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17th September 2017, Year A/1



HALS, Frans, St. Matthew, c. 1625

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

Address

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

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ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for You, that Your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of Your servant, and of Your people Israel.

First Reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Second Reading Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Greta Colville (Deceased Ann.)

SUNDAY 8.30am

Sato & Kerop Kherlakian (D.A.)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am St Juan Macias

Tuesday: 8:00am 24th Week Ordinary Time

Wednesday 8:00am Sts Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul
Chong Hasang & Companions

Thursday 8:00am ST MATTHEW

Friday 8.00am 24th Week Ordinary Time

Saturday 8.30am St Pius of Pietrelcina

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.

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Greta Colville, Sato & Kerop Kherlakian

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be 23rd September at 6pm.
Please invite all young people to come along for
Mass and a get together.
This Mass will be offered for our Year 12 young
people sitting for the Higher School Certificate.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office.

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.

POPE FRANCIS' SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS

Parishes

That our Parishes, animated by a missionary spirit,
may be places where faith is communicated and
charity is seen.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, 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, Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Noeline Cruzado, Kathleen Angoves & Margaret Colville.

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: \$972
Loose: \$482.10

LEGION OF MARY - 'Mary Seat of Wisdom'

Meetings are held every Saturday at 2pm in the old office building. All interested in 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.

SACRAMENTS FOR 2017:

Confirmation: Tuesday 24th October

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays after Mass - 9am to 10am in Parish Hall. Aloma - 4731 8102; Teresa - 4731 4222

1st & 3rd Mondays 7pm in Parish Office.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SRE'S

Our thanks to Gabrielle Lovison who received a Papal Certificate for 20 years and Dawn Kingsford, who received a Certificate of Service for 15 years of service sharing the Gospel as SRE's in our schools. May you be truly blessed.

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study is every Wednesday at 10.30am in the Parish Hall. All are most welcome. Please bring your Bible with you.

SKY YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group this Wednesday from 3pm to 5pm is the last for this term and is a Social Event. Young people from Years 6 to 12 are most welcome.

PARISH LUNCH:

All Parishioners are invited to our lunch on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Venue is Penrith Golf Club for 11th October. If you need a lift please ring the Office. All are most welcome.

FATIMA DAY - FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER

We are going to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy near Berrima, for Our Lady of Fatima's 100th Anniversary Feast. Our bus will leave the Church at 8am and return at 4.30pm. There are seats available. Please ring the Office to book your seat.

RUNNING FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Dear friends, thank you for your donations I have raised \$4188 so far! If you wish to sponsor Vinnies and my run this weekend there is still time; please go to the following site:

<https://donate.grassrootz.com/blackmores-sydney-running-festival-2017/vinnies/pawel-barszczewski> In Prayer, Fr. Pawel.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

2018 Calendars are for sale after weekend Masses at \$9 each. They make a lovely Christmas gift.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Sunday 17th September at 2pm, celebrated by Fr John Walenciej, at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys. Prayer for Healing and Ministry.

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO MARRIAGE ACT

Marriage is... The Church views marriage as a unique relationship between a woman and a man. Marriage is also a fundamental institution for all societies because of its importance in uniting spouses as potential parents and in providing for the upbringing of their children. It has therefore been understood as the union of a man and a woman in all cultures and religions until very recent times and is still so defined in international law and the law of most nations.

... To insist that marriage is a relationship between a man and a woman is not a criticism of other kinds of relationships. By recognising this particular type of relationship our community and its marriage laws do not unjustly discriminate against other relationships: rather, our community and its laws recognize the essential connections between male-female bonding and child-bearing, and between children and their natural parents. Taken from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website: <https://www.catholic.org.au/plebiscite>

Pastoral Letters from Most Rev Anthony Fisher & Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen are at the back of the Church.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

Pope Francis' Catechesis

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

As you know, in recent days I made an apostolic trip to Colombia. I thank the Lord with all my heart for this great gift; and I wish to reiterate my expression of gratitude to the President of the Republic, who received me with great courtesy, the Colombian bishops, who worked hard to prepare this visit, as well as the other authorities of the country, and all those who collaborated in realizing this trip. And special thanks go to the Colombian people who welcomed me with such affection and so much joy! A joyful people, with many sufferings, but joyful; a people with joy. One of the things that struck me most in all the cities, among the crowds, were the fathers and mothers with children, who lifted up their children for the Pope to bless them, but also with pride, showing their children as if to say, "This is our pride! This is our hope". I thought: a people capable of having children and of showing them off with pride, as their hope; this population has a future. And I liked this a lot.

In a particular way in this trip I was aware of the continuity with the two Popes who visited Colombia before me: Blessed Paul VI in 1968, and Saint John Paul II, in 1986. A continuity strongly inspired by the Spirit, Who guides the steps of the people of God on the paths of history.

The motto of the trip was "*Demos el primer paso*", that is, "Let's take the first step", referring to the process of reconciliation that Colombia is going through as it emerges from half a century of domestic conflict, which has disseminated suffering and animosity, causing many wounds that are difficult to heal. But with God's help the journey has now begun. With my visit I wanted to bless the effort of the people, to confirm them in faith and in hope, and to receive their witness, which is a wealth for my ministry and for all the Church. The witness of this people is a wealth for all the Church.

Colombia, like the majority of Latin American countries, is a country where the Christian roots are very strong. And while this fact makes even sharper the pain that the tragedy of war has caused, at the same time it constitutes a guarantee of peace, the firm foundation for its reconstruction, the sap for its invincible hope. It is evident that the evil one has sought to divide the population to destroy the work of God, but it is equally evident that Christ's love, His infinite mercy, is stronger than sin and death.

This trip has meant bringing Christ's blessing, the blessing of the Church for the desire for life and peace that overflows from the heart of the nation; I was able to see it in the eyes of the thousands and thousands of children, teenagers and young people who filled the square in Bogotá and whom I met everywhere; that force of life that nature itself proclaims with its exuberance and its biodiversity. Colombia is the second country in the world in terms of biodiversity. In Bogotá I was able to meet all the bishops of the country, and also the Executive Committee of the Latin American Episcopal Conference. I thank God for having been able to embrace them and give them my pastoral encouragement, for their mission in the service of the Church, sacrament of Christ our peace and our hope.

The day dedicated in a special way to the theme of *reconciliation*, the climax of all the trip, took place at Villavicencio. In the morning there was the great Eucharistic celebration, with the beatification of the martyrs Jesús Emilio Jaramilla Monsalve, bishop and Pedro María Ramírez Ramos, priest; in the afternoon, the special Liturgy of Reconciliation, symbolically facing the Christ of Bocayá, without arms or legs, mutilated like His people.

The beatification of the two martyrs reminded us in a real sense that peace is based also, and perhaps above all, on the blood of many witnesses of love, truth and justice, and also of genuine martyrs, killed for their faith, like the two I have just mentioned. Listening to their biographies moved me to tears; tears of pain and joy together. Before their relics and their faces, the holy faithful people of God strongly felt its own identity, with pain, thinking of the many, too many victims, and with joy, the mercy of God which is extended to those who fear Him (cf. *Lk* 1: 50).

"Steadfast love and faithfulness meet / righteousness and peace kiss each other" (*Psalms* 85: 11), we heard at the beginning. This verse of the Psalm contains the prophecy of what happened last Friday in Colombia; the prophecy and the grace of God for that wounded population, so that it may rise again and journey towards a new life. We have seen these prophetic words full of grace, incarnate in the stories of the witnesses, who spoke on behalf of many who, starting from their wounds, with Christ's grace came out of themselves and opened up to encounter, forgiveness, reconciliation.

In Medellín, the prospect was that of the *Christian life as discipleship*: vocation and mission. When Christians fully commit themselves to following Jesus Christ, they truly become salt, light and leaven for the world, and we see abundant fruits. One of these fruits is the *Hogares*, namely the houses where children and young people whose lives have been damaged can find a new family where they are loved, welcomed, protected and accompanied. And other fruits, abundant like grapes, are the *vocations* to priestly and consecrated life, which I was able to bless and encourage with joy in a meeting with consecrated people and their families.

And finally, in Cartagena, the city of Saint Peter Claver, apostle of the slaves, the focus was the *promotion of the human person and fundamental rights*. Saint Peter Claver, like the more recent Saint Maria Bernarda Büttler, gave their lives for the poorest and marginalised, and in this way they showed the way of true revolution, which truly frees people and societies from the slavery of yesteryear and that which unfortunately still exists today. In this sense, "taking the first step" – the motto of the trip – means drawing closer, bending down, touching the flesh of our wounded and abandoned brother. And doing so with Christ, the Lord Who became a slave for us. Thanks to Him there is hope, because He is mercy and peace.

I again commend Colombia and her beloved people to the Mother, Our Lady of Chiquinquirá, whom I was able to venerate in the Cathedral of Bogotá. With Mary's help, may every Colombian be able to *take every day the first step* towards their brother and sister, and in this way build together, day by day, peace in love, in justice and in truth.