

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24th September 2017, Year A/1



MASTER of Prato Vecchio, The Three Archangels, c. 1450

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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ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to Me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is near to all who call Him.

Second Reading Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Year 12 doing HSC exams

SUNDAY 8.30am

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 25th Week Ordinary Time

Tuesday: 8:00am St Cosmas & St Damian

Wednesday 8:00am St Vincent de Paul

Thursday 8:00am St Dominic Ibanez de Erquicia,
St James Kyushei Tomonaga,
St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions

Friday 8.00am STS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL Aniela Rosiak (Dec. Ann.)

Saturday 8.30am St Jerome

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:

Annie Hulme

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Greta Colville, Aniela Rosiak

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be 14th October 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 who are presently sitting for the Higher
School Certificate.

OUR LADY'S MONTH - OCTOBER

There will be Rosary, Litany to Our Lady and
Benediction after weekday Mass during the month
of October.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, Dianne Devitt, John McCahon, Kathryn Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, 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

POPE FRANCIS' SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS

Parishes

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

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$1044**
 Loose: \$592.35

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.

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 will resume Wednesday 11th October from 3pm to 5pm. Young people from Years 6 to 12 are most welcome. If anyone would like to contribute towards afternoon tea, please feel free to do so.

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 \$4397 for Vinnies. May the Lord bless you for your generosity. In Prayer, Fr. Pawel.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

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

HEART WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

19-21 October 2017 at Fairfield RSL, 14 Anzac Ave, Fairfield. Register at Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com or 130 0734 880.

A time to come together as women to be refreshed and renewed.

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:

The theme of today's catechesis is "Educate to Hope." Therefore I will address it directly with the [Italian familiar] "you", imagining that I'm talking as educator, as father to a youth or to any person open to learn. Think: there, where God has planted you, hope! — always hope.

Don't yield to the night: remember that the first enemy to subject is not outside of you but within you. Therefore, don't give room to bitter, dark thoughts. This world is the first miracle that God wrought, and God has put in our hands the grace of new prodigies. Faith and hope go together. Believe in the existence of higher and more beautiful truths. Trust in God the Creator, in the Holy Spirit, who moves everything to the good, in the embrace of Christ who waits for every man at the end of his existence; believe; He waits for you. The world moves thanks to the look of so many men who opened breaches, who built bridges, who dreamed and believed, even when they heard words of derision around them.

Never think that the battle you wage down here is altogether futile. Shipwreck doesn't await us at the end of our existence: beating in us is a seed of the absolute. God doesn't disappoint: if He has put hope in our hearts, He doesn't want to suppress it with constant frustrations. Everything is born to flower in an eternal spring. God has also made us to flower. I remember that dialogue when the oak asked the almond tree: "Speak to me of God." And the almond tree flowered.

Build wherever you are! If you are on the ground, get up! Never remain fallen, get up, allow yourself to be helped to stand up. If you are seated, start walking! If boredom paralyzes you, get rid of it with works of goodness! If you feel empty and demoralized, ask the Holy Spirit to fill your nothingness again.

Work for peace in the midst of men, and don't listen to the voice that spreads hatred and divisions. Don't listen to these voices. Human beings, in as much as they are different from one another, were created to live together. In opposition, be patient: one day you will discover that each one is a recipient of a fragment of truth.

Love persons. Love them one by one. Respect everyone's way, linear or troubled as it might be, because each one has his story to tell. Each one of us also has his own story to tell. Every child that is born is the promise of a life that, once again, shows itself stronger than death. Every love that arises is a power of transformation that yearns for happiness.

Jesus has given us a light that shines in the darkness, defend it; protect it. That single light is the greatest richness entrusted to your life. And, above all, dream! Don't be afraid to dream. Dream! Dream of a world that is not yet seen, but which will certainly arrive. Hope leads us to believe in the existence of a creation that extends to its definitive fulfilment, when God will be all in all. Men capable of imagination have given man scientific and technological discoveries. They have ploughed the oceans and tread lands on which no one had ever stepped. Men who cultivated hope were also those that overcame slavery, and brought better conditions of life on this earth. Think of these men.

Be responsible for this world and for the life of every man. Think that very injustice against a poor man is an open wound, and diminishes your own dignity. Life doesn't cease with your existence, and other generations will succeed ours, and many others also. And every day ask God for the gift of courage. Remember that Jesus has overcome fear for us. He has overcome fear! Our most treacherous enemy can do nothing against faith. And when you find yourself fearful in face of some difficulty of life, remember that you don't live only for yourself. In Baptism your life was already immersed in the mystery of the Trinity and you belong to Jesus. And, if one day, fright takes hold of you, or you think that evil is too great to be challenged, think simply that Jesus lives in you. And it's He with his meekness who wants, through you, to subject all man's enemies: sin, hatred, crime, violence — all our enemies.

Always have the courage of truth, but remember: you're not superior to anyone. Remember this: you're not superior to anyone. Even if you remained the last to believe in truth don't shun the company of men because of this. Even if you lived in the silence of a hermitage, bear in your heart the suffering of every creature. You are Christian and, in prayer, give everything back to God.

If you make a mistake, get up again: nothing is more human than to commit errors. And those same errors must not become a prison for you. Don't be caged in your errors. The Son of God came not for the healthy but for the sick: therefore He came also for you. And if you err again in the future, fear not; get up again! Do you know why? Because God is your friend.

If bitterness strikes you, believe firmly in all the persons who still work for the good: the seed of a new world is in their humility; frequent persons who have kept their heart as that of a child. Learn from wonder; cultivate amazement. Live, love, dream, believe and, with God's grace, never despair.