ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st October 2017, Year A/1

Our Lady of the Rosary Icon

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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LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: All that You have done to us, O Lord, You have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against You and not obeyed Your commandments. But give glory to Your name and deal with us according to the bounty of Your mercy.

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Responsorial Psalm: Remember Your mercies, O Lord.

Second Reading Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

VIGIL SATURDAY	**6:00pm**		
SUNDAY	**8.30am**		**John Curtain (Dec. Ann.)**
	10:00am		**For the Parish**
Monday	**8:00am**	**Holy Guardian Angels**	
Tuesday:	**8:00am**	**26th Week Ordinary Time**	
Wednesday	**8:00am**	**ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI**	
Thursday	**8:00am**	**26th Week Ordinary Time**	
Friday	**8.00am**	**26th Week Ordinary Time**	**For God's Precious Infants**
Saturday	**8.30am**	**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**	**Dec Members of St Vincent de Paul**

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.

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES: John Curtain, Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
There is an opportunity to spend time with the Lord on Friday 6th October from 5pm to 10pm. All are welcome.

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 will be in the middle of their 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 in honour of the Blessed Virgin.

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' INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER
Workers and Unemployed
That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: $986**
Loose: $243.95

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.
Jim – 0411 280 950

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.

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

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 a few seats available. Please ring the Office to book your seat.

RUNNING FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL
St Vincent de Paul would like to express their gratitude to Fr Pawel for donating $4397 towards their work in the Parish. May the Lord bless you.

YOUNG WOMEN'S GRACE & SILENCE RETREAT
At Mt Schoenstatt on 7th October. Commences with an input on love followed by silent prayer and reflection and concludes with group prayer. For more information or to register contact Sr M Julie Brcar: juliebrcar@gmail.com or 0408 738 334.

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.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

Pope Francis' Catechesis

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In this time we are talking about hope; however, today I would like to reflect with you on the *enemies of hope,* because hope has its enemies, as every good in this world has its enemies.

And there came to mind the ancient myth of Pandora's box: the opening of the box set off so many disasters for the history of the world. Few, however, remember the last part of the story, which opens a chink of light: after all the evils came out of the mouth of the box, a miniscule gift seems to take revenge in face of all that evil that is spilling out. Pandora, the woman who is guarding the box perceives the last: the Greeks call it *elpis*, which means *hope.*

This myth tells us why hope is so important for humanity. It's not true that "so long as there is life there is hope," as is usually said. If anything, it's the contrary: it's hope that keeps life upright, that protects it, guards it and makes it grow. If men had not cultivated hope, if they were not supported by this virtue, they would never have comes out of the caves, and would have left no trace in the history of the world. It's the most divine <thing> that can exist in man's heart.

A French poet — Charles Peguy – has left us wonderful pages on hope (Cf. "The Portal of the Mystery of Hope"). He says, poetically, that God is not so astonished by the faith of human beings or by their charity, but what really fills Him with wonder and emotion is people's hope: "That those poor children – he writes – see how things are going and believe that it will be better tomorrow morning." The poet's image recalls the faces of the many people that have passed through this world — peasants, poor labourers, migrants in search of a better future — that have fought tenaciously despite the bitterness of a difficult today, full of so many trials, encouraged, however, by the confidence that the children would have a more just and more serene life. They struggled for their children; they struggled in hope.

Hope is the thrust in the heart of one who sets out, leaving home, land, sometimes family and relatives – I think of migrants — to seek a better life, more fitting for himself and his dear ones. And it's also a *thrust in the heart of one who receives*: the desire to encounter one another, to get to know one another, to dialogue . . . Hope is the thrust to "*share the journey",* because the journey is done in two: those who come to our land, and we who go to their heart, to understand them, to understand their culture, their language. It's a journey of two, but without hope that journey can't be done. Hope is the thrust to share the journey of life, as Caritas' Campaign reminds us, which we open today. Brothers, let's not be afraid to share the journey! Let's not be afraid to share hope!

Hope is not a virtue for people with a full stomach. See why *the poor have* always *been the first bearers of hope.* And in this connection we can say that the poor, also the beggars, are the protagonists of History. God had need of them to enter in the world: of Joseph, of Mary, of the shepherds of Bethlehem. On the night of the first Christmas, there was a world that was sleeping, comfortable in so many acquired certainties. However, the humble were preparing in hiddenness the revolution of kindness. They were poor in everything, some floated a bit above the threshold of survival, but they were rich in the most precious good that exists in the world, namely, the desire for change.

Sometimes, to have had everything in life is a misfortune. Think of a youth who was not taught the virtue of waiting and of patience, who hasn't had to sweat for anything, who has forged ahead and at 20 "knows already how the world runs": he is destined to the worst condemnation: that of not desiring anything more. He seems a youth; instead, autumn has already fallen on his heart. They are the young people of autumn.

To have an empty mind is the worst obstacle to hope. It's a risk of which no one can say to himself that he is excluded, because to be tempted against hope can also happen when one is following the way of the Christian life. The monks of antiquity denounced one of the worst enemies of fervour. They said it thus: that "midday demon" that goes to extinguish a life of commitment, precisely while the sun burns on high. This temptation surprises us when we least expect it: the days become monotonous and boring, no value seems worthy of hard work anymore. This attitude is called *accidia,* which erodes life from inside until leaving it as an empty shell.

When this happens, a Christian knows that this condition must be combatted, never accepted supinely. God has created us for joy and happiness, and not to bask in melancholic thoughts. See why it's important to guard one's heart, opposing temptations to unhappiness, which certainly don't come from God. And there, where our strength seems weak and the battle against anguish is particularly hard, we can always resort to Jesus' name. We can repeat that simple prayer, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me a sinner!" – a beautiful prayer. "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me a sinner!" This is a prayer of hope, because I turn to him who can open wide the doors and resolve the problem, and make me look at the horizon, the horizon of hope.

Brothers and sisters, we're not alone in battling against despair. If Jesus has overcome the world, He is able to overcome in us all that is opposed to the good. If God is with us, no one will rob us of that virtue of which we are in absolute need to live. No one will rob us of hope. Let's go forward!