

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15th October 2017, Year A/1



GHIRLANDAIO, Domenico. St. Luke The Evangelist 1486-90

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: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with You is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

Responsorial Psalm: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Second Reading Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Year 12 sitting for HSC Exams

SUNDAY 8.30am

Vocation to Priesthood & Religious Life

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday	8:00am	28th Week Ordinary Time	Deceased Priests & Religious
Tuesday:	8:00am	St Ignatius of Antioch	Elizabeth Holmes (Deceased Ann.)
Wednesday	8:00am	ST LUKE	Con & Carole Woodbury (50th Wed. Ann)
Thursday	8:00am	28th Week Ordinary Time	Con & Carole Woodbury (50th Wed. Ann)
Friday	8.00am	28th Week Ordinary Time	Con & Carole Woodbury (50th Wed. Ann)
Saturday	8.30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary	Milada Vanickova (Deceased Ann.)

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.

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.

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be 28th October at 6pm.
Please invite all young people to come along for Mass and a get together.

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES: Deceased Priests & Religious, Elizabeth Holmes, Milada Vanickova, Segundina Facun

NOVEMBER MASSES:

When you fill out your November Mass Envelope place it in the basket at the back of the Church, and fill in the Remembrance Book with the names of your friends and relatives. All Masses in November are for our Deceased.

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.

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

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes:** \$1026
 Loose: \$501.05

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

SACRAMENTS FOR 2018:

Reconciliation: Thursday 22nd March

Registration: Sunday 18th February

First Communion: Sunday 3rd June

Registration: Sunday 8th April

Confirmation Tuesday 23rd October

Registration Sunday 22nd July

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 Wednesdays 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 8th November. 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.

PARKING ON GROUNDS

Please do not leave valuables, such as money or mobile phones, in your cars. We have had cars broken into in the past.

DIOCESAN LITURGY CONFERENCE 2017

Fr Peter Williams VG EV is keynote speaker on Saturday 4th November 9.30am to 3pm at St Andrew's Parish, Marayong. Cost \$20 includes lunch. Register at www.parracatholic.org/ofw or 8838 3456

RACHEL'S VINEYARD HEALING RETREAT

This weekend retreat from 3rd to 5th November in Sydney is designed to bring psychological and spiritual healing to anyone who has been affected by an abortion experience including women, men, couples and grandparents. Confidential inquiries: 0400 092 555 or info@rachelsvineyard.org.au For information visit: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au

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>

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CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

Pope Francis' Catechesis

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Today I would like to reflect on that dimension of hope that is *vigilant waiting*. The theme of vigilance is a leitmotiv of the New Testament. Jesus preached to His disciples: "Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast, so that they may open to him at once when he comes and knocks" (Luke 12:35-36). In this time that follows Jesus' Resurrection, in which serene moments alternate in continuation with other anguishing ones, Christians never lay down. The Gospel recommends that we be like servants that never go to sleep, while their master hasn't returned. This world calls for our responsibility, and we assume it wholly and with love. Jesus wants our existence to be laborious, that we never let down the guard, to receive with gratitude and wonder every new day given to us by God. Jesus' Redemption has *already* saved us; however, now we are *waiting* for the full manifestation of His lordship: when God will finally be everything to everyone (Cf. 1 *Corinthians* 15:28). Nothing is more certain in Christians' faith than this appointment with the Lord, when He comes. And when this day arrives, we Christians want to be like those servants who spent the night with their loins girded and their lamps burning: it's necessary to be ready for the salvation that is coming, ready for the meeting. Have you thought how that encounter with Jesus will be when He comes? It will be an embrace, an enormous joy, a great joy! We must live in expectation of this encounter!

A Christian is not made for boredom, if anything for *patience*. He knows that a mystery of grace is hidden, even in the monotony of certain days that are always the same. There are persons that, with the perseverance of their love, become like wells that irrigate the desert. Nothing happens in vain, and no situation in which a Christian is immersed is completely refractory to love. No night is so long as to forget the joy of the dawn. And the darker the night is, the closer is the dawn. If we remain united to Jesus, the cold of difficult moments doesn't paralyze us; and even if the whole world preached against hope, if it said that the future will only bring dark clouds, a Christian knows that in that same future is Christ's return. No one knows when this will happen, but the thought that at the end of our

history is Merciful Jesus, is enough to have trust and not to curse life. Everything will be saved. We will suffer, there will be moments that arouse anger and indignation, but the sweet and powerful memory of Christ will dispel the temptation to think that this life is wrong.

After knowing Jesus, we can do no other than *scrutinize history with trust and hope*. Jesus is like a house, and we are inside, and we look at the world from the windows of this house. Therefore, we don't withdraw into ourselves, we don't regret melancholically a past that is presumed golden, but we always look ahead, to a future that's not only the work of our hands, but that is first of all a constant concern of God's Providence. One day all that is opaque will become light.

And we know that God doesn't deny Himself. God never disappoints. His will in our affairs isn't nebulous, but is a well-delineated plan of salvation. "God desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 *Timothy* 2:4). Therefore, we don't abandon ourselves to the flow of events with pessimism, as if history were a train of which one has lost control. Resignation isn't a Christian virtue. As it isn't for Christians to shrug their shoulders or bow their head in face of a destiny that seems ineluctable.

One who brings hope to the world is never a submissive person. Jesus recommends that we wait for it without staying twiddling our thumbs. "Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes" (Luke 12:37). There is no peacemaker that, ultimately, has not compromised his personal peace, by assuming others' problems. A submissive person isn't a peacemaker but is lazy, one who wants to be comfortable. While a Christian is a peacemaker when he risks, when he has the courage to risk to bring the good, the good that Jesus has given us, given us as a treasure.

Let us repeat each day of our life that invocation that the first disciples expressed in their Aramaic language with the words *Maranatha*, and that we find again in the last verse of the Bible: "Come, Lord Jesus!" (*Revelation* 22:20) It's the refrain of every Christian existence: in our world we aren't in need of anything other than a caress of Christ. What a grace if, in prayer, in difficult days of this life, we hear His voice responding and reassuring us: "Behold, I am coming soon" (*Revelation* 22:7)!