ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

26th November 2017, Year A/1

Christ Pantocrator Mosaic in Byzantine Style, from the Cefalu Cathedral Sicily

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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94 Joseph Street
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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: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour.
To Him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		**Souls in Purgatory**
	8.30am		**Souls in Purgatory**
	10:00am		**For the Parish**
Monday	**8:00am**	**34th Week Ordinary Time**	**Souls in Purgatory**
Tuesday:	**8:00am**	**34th Week Ordinary Time**	**Souls in Purgatory**
Wednesday	**8:00am**	**34th Week Ordinary Time**	**Souls in Purgatory**
Thursday	**8:00am**	**ST ANDREW**	**Souls in Purgatory**
Friday	**8.00am**	**34th Week Ordinary Time**	**God's Precious Infants**
Saturday	**8.30am**	**Mass of the Virgin Mary**	**Dec Mem. 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:
Souls in Purgatory in our Book of Remembrance, Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

YOUTH MASS
Our next Youth Masses will be 16th & 24th December at 6pm. Please invite all young people to come along for Mass and a get together after Mass.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES
Sunday 24th December – Christmas Eve
Vigil Mass 6pm

Monday 25th December – Christmas Day
Midnight Mass - Carols from 11.30pm
Sunday morning - 9am Mass
Polish Mass - 11am

POPE FRANCIS' NOVEMBER INTENTIONS
Christians in Asia
That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, 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: 945.50**
Loose: $618.55

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 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 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, except for 29th November, when there will be no Bible Study. 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.

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

CAR PARK CLOSED THURSDAY
Access to the Church is by foot only on Thursday 30th November, due to crane works in the church courtyard for the school renovations.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS
There are still a few 2018 Calendars for sale after weekend Masses at $9 each. They make a lovely Christmas gift. Please be quick to get your Calendar before they are all gone.

THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION
Thank you for your generosity to The Catholic Foundation. We have raised $1572.90. There will be a collection again this week. If you would like to give a regular donation please fill out an envelope or visit: https://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au

SPECIAL EDITION OF CATHOLIC OUTLOOK
At the request of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Catholic Outlook will be back in print for a special, one-off December 2017 Christmas edition. This special edition will be a beautifully bound, 40-page, A4 magazine and will showcase the work of the Parishes, Ministries and Agencies of the Diocese of Parramatta.

CAROLS AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL
Carols in the Forecourt of St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta will be on December 2 at 7pm. School, Church and Community Choirs, Re-enactment of the Christmas Story, jumping castle, Christmas stalls, a visit from Santa and BBQ in aid of Arrupe House (Jesuit Refugee Service). Bring a picnic rug and join in celebrating the season. This is a free community event.

CHRISTMAS AT ST FINBAR'S
St Finbar's traditional Christmas feast will be held this year on Sunday 17th December at 7.30pm. Massed Choir, Readings, Harp, Handbells, Soloists and Brass. Join the great organ in singing carols with the choir and congregation, and rejoice in the Hallelujah Chorus with trumpets and timpani. Donation: Families $35, individuals $15. Bring the family, friends and neighbours. Proceeds towards the upkeep and maintenance of the organ. St. Finbar's Catholic Church, 46 Levy Street, Glenbrook. Enquiries 4754 1780.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

Pope Francis' Angelus Address 19th November

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

In this penultimate Sunday of the Liturgical Year, the Gospel presents the parable of the talents (Cf. *Matthew* 25:14-30). Before leaving on a journey, a man gave his servants talents, which at the time were coins of notable value: to one servant five talents, to another two, and to another one, according to each one's ability. The servant that received five talents was entrepreneurial and made them yield, earning another five. The servant who received two behaved in the same way, and earned another two. Instead, the servant that received one dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's coin.

It's this same servant that explained to his master, on his return, the reason for his gesture, saying: "Lord, I know you are a hard man, who reap where you have not sown and gather where you have not winnowed. I was afraid and I went and hid your talent in the ground (vv. 24-25). This servant doesn't have a relationship of trust with his master, but is afraid of him, and this blocks him. *Fear* always immobilizes and often makes one carry out mistaken choices." Fear discourages one from taking initiatives; it induces one to take refuge in secure and guaranteed solutions, and thus one ends by not doing anything good. One must not be afraid; one must have trust to go forward and to grow in life's journey.

This parable makes us understand how important it is to have a true idea of God. We must not think that He is a wicked master, hard and severe who wants to punish us. If this mistaken image of God is within us, then our life can't be fecund, because we'll live in fear and this won't lead us to anything constructive, rather, fear paralizes us, it's self-destructive. We are called to reflect to discover what is truly our idea of God. Already in the Old Testament He revealed Himself as "merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and a bounding in steadfast love and faithfulness" (*Exodus* 34:6). And Jesus always showed us that God isn't a severe and intolerant master, but a Father full of love, of tenderness, a Father full of goodness. Therefore we can and must have immense trust in Him.

Jesus shows us the generosity and care of the Father in many ways: with His word, with His gestures, with His reception of all, especially of sinners, little ones and the poor – as the World Day of the Poor reminds us today; but also with His admonitions, which reveal His interest so that we won't waste our life uselessly. In fact, it's a sign that God esteems us greatly: this awareness helps us to be responsible persons in all our actions. Therefore, the parable of the talents calls us to a personal responsibility and a fidelity that becomes also the capacity to set out continually on new paths, without burying our talent, namely, the gifts that God has entrusted to us, and of which He will ask us to account.

May the Holy Virgin intercede for us, so that we remain faithful to the Will of God, making the talents fructify with which He has gifted us. Thus we will be useful to others and, on the last day, the Lord will receive us, and will invite us to take part in His joy.

After the Angelus:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Yesterday Francis Solano, priest of the Friars Minor Capuchin, was proclaimed Blessed at Detroit, in the United States of America. Humble and faithful disciple of Christ, he was distinguished for his tireless service to the poor. May his witness help priests, Religious and laity to live with joy the bond between the proclamation of the Gospel and love of the poor.

It's what we wished to recall with today's *World Day of the Poor*, which is expressed in Rome and in dioceses worldwide in many initiatives of prayer and sharing. I hope that the poor will be at the centre of our communities and not only in moments such as this, but always, because they are at the heart of the Gospel; in them we encounter Jesus, who speaks to us and challenges us through their sufferings and their needs.

I wish to remember today in a particular way the populations that experience painful poverty caused by war and conflicts. Hence, I renew my heartfelt appeal to the International Community, to make every possible effort to foster peace, in particular, in the Middle East. A special thought goes to the dear Lebanese people and I pray for the country's stability, so that it can continue to be a "message" of respect and coexistence for the whole Region and for the entire world.

I wish you all a happy Sunday. And, please, don't forget to pray for me.