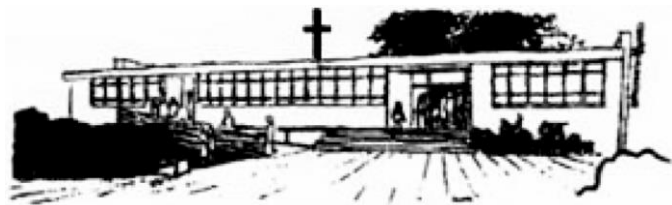


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30th July 2023, Year A/1



The Perugia Altarpiece, Side Panel Depicting St. Dominic

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am
10:00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday-Friday 8:00am

Saturday 8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday after 8:30am Mass

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ms. Jennifer Crowley - Principal

School Office Times

8:30 am - 4:00 pm - Monday to Friday

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: God is in His holy place, God who unites those who dwell in His house;
He Himself gives might and strength to His people.

First Reading: Kings 3:5, 7-12

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, I love Your commands.

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Giuseppe Suraci

SUNDAY 8:30am

† Nicolasa Lazo

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am St Ignatius of Loyola Unbaptised Children in our Families

Tuesday 8:00am St Alphonsus Liguori † Geraldine Frances Finn

Wednesday 8:00am Bl Jane of Aza James Mathew (Birthday Blessings)

Thursday 8:00am HOLY FATHER DOMINIC † Klemens Blazek

Friday 8:00am St John Vianney For God's Precious Infants

Saturday 8:30am Dedication of Mary Major Basilica †† Dec. Mem. of St Vincent de Paul

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to one of the Priests or ring the Parish Office.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There is an opportunity to spend time with the Lord for an hour before the 8am Masses during the week and before the 8.30am Masses at the weekend.

Confessions are also available during Adoration. Please let the Priest know.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2023

Confirmation: Sunday 12th November

Sessions are Sundays after 10am Mass, at 11.30am.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Giuseppe Suraci, Geraldine Frances Finn, Brian Yardly, Shelley Sutcliffe, Bob Sakr, Raul Guerrero, Fr Carl Ashton

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR: Nicolasa Lazo, Klemens Blazek, Dec. Mem. of St Vincent de Paul.

POPE FRANCIS' JULY INTENTIONS

For a Eucharistic Life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Father Andrew, Sr Louisa, Jonathon Ansell, Tony Bogdanovic, Marianne Callaghan, Margaret Colville, Frances Gunn, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Danny Patos, Shayla, Benjamin Santiago, Barry Smith, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Peter Stofmeel, Cynthia Sulvita, Charley Tonna, David Wakeling, Paul & Mary Woodward.

SICK LIST: (Due to privacy laws) If you have anyone for the sick list, 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: \$655**
 Loose: \$551.85
 Tap & Go: \$230
 Smart Facility: \$385
 Donation: \$15

TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

All contributions go to the 2nd Collection.

First Collection contributions go to the Diocese to support our Priests.

Second Collection contributions go directly to the Parish to support day to day operation of the Parish.

BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday at 9.15am in the Parish Hall. All are most welcome.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will recommence this Wednesday 26th July from 3-5pm. All young people from Year 6 up to eighteen years old are welcome to a time of Fun, Games, Talk and Reflection and Afternoon Tea.

PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be at 12 noon Wednesday 9th August at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome. If you need a lift, please ring the Office.

PARISH FETE

Our Parish Fete will be held next Sunday 6th August from 9am to 3pm. If you are available to assist on the stalls please get in touch with the Parish Office.

If you can help with the setting up next Saturday after morning Mass or at 7am on Sunday morning; or the clearing up on Sunday at 3pm you are most welcome.

Plants can be dropped off during office hours and next Saturday.

Cakes can be left in the Parish Hall next Saturday after morning Mass or before evening Mass, or on Sunday morning.

Jordan Springs Parishioners – please take some Flyers to distribute in your street/streets.

Please Take Note: There will be no parking available on the Church or School Grounds next Sunday, with the exception of those with a Disabled Parking Permit.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

Please keep Fr Piotr and all the Pilgrims in our Diocese in your prayers as they attend WYD at Lisbon.

GET #ACTIVE4VOCATIONS – CITY2SURF

On 13th August, join the Parramatta Catholic Foundation #Active4Vocations team. Walk, stroll, jog, or run with our Holy Spirit seminarians, deacons, priests, and community. To register or donate visit tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations Funds raised support our Diocese's seminarians.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION

Course for Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Ministers at the Altar on Mondays, from 4th September to 6th November at Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. Contact the parish office to register.

DIOCESAN SYNOD

Our Diocesan Synod is from 12th to 15th October 2023 at which clergy, consecrated and laity will gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. The success of the Synod relies on your participation. Your submissions will be accepted at <https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/> until 31st July.

FAITHLIFE – SYNODAL SPIRITUALITY

Pope Francis has invited the Church to be more 'synodal'. But what does that mean as an expression of Christian spirituality? Sign up for the FaithLIFE three-night short course on synodal spirituality with Sr Patty Andrew, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team (MET). 6:30pm to 8:30pm on Tuesdays: 22nd and 29th August and 5th September. Downstairs at Bishop Bede Heather Centre: 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown NSW 2148. RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/faithlife/>

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding Mandatory Training.

Under the Children's Guardian Act 2019 and the NSW Child Safe Standards **all** volunteers in parish ministry are Mandatory Reporters and are required to have completed their Safeguarding Training.

If you would like to complete your 6 points online 'sign up' **now** at <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au> To book face to face training sessions in the Diocese and for any questions please email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement & Education Officer at maria.kervin@parracatholic.org

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' ANGELUS

Sunday 23rd July 2023

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today's Gospel offers us the parable of the wheat and the weeds (cf. *Mt* 13:24-43). A farmer, who has sown good seed in his field, discovers that an enemy by night has sown darnel in it, a plant that looks very similar to wheat, but is a weed.

In this way, Jesus talks about our world, which in effect is like a large field, where God sows wheat and the evil one sows darnel, and therefore good and bad grow together. Good and bad grow together. We see this from the news, in society, and even in the family and in the Church. And when, along with the good wheat, we see bad weeds, we want to tear them up immediately, to make a "clean sweep". But today the Lord warns us that to do this is a temptation: one cannot create a perfect world, and one cannot do good by hastily destroying what is bad, because this has even worse effects: one ends up, as we say, "throwing the baby away with the bathwater".

There is, however, a second field where we can clean up: it is the field of our heart, the only one where we can intervene directly. There, too, there is wheat and darnel; indeed, it is precisely from there that both of them expand into the great field of the world. Brothers and sisters, our heart, in fact, is the field of freedom: it is not a sterile laboratory, but rather an open and therefore vulnerable space. To cultivate it properly, it is necessary on the one hand to take constant care of the delicate shoots of goodness, and on the other, to identify and uproot the weeds, at the right moment. So let us look within and examine what happens a little, what is growing in me, what grows in me that is good and evil. There is a good method for this: it is the examination of conscience, which is seeing what happened today in my life, what struck my heart and which decisions I made. And this serves precisely to verify, in the light of God, where the bad weeds and the good seed are.

After the field of the world, and the field of the heart, there is a third field. We can call it the neighbour's field. They are the people we associate with every day, and whom we often judge. How easy it is to recognize their weeds, how we like to "flay" others! And how difficult it is, instead, to know how to see the good grain that is growing! Let us remember,

though, that if we want to cultivate the fields of life, it is important to seek first and foremost the work of God: to learn to see the beauty of what the Lord has sown, the sun-kissed wheat with its golden ears, in others, in the world and in ourselves. Brothers and sisters, let us ask for the grace to be able to see it in ourselves, but also in others, starting from those close to us. It is not a naïve perspective; it is a believing one, because God, the farmer of the great field of the world, loves to see goodness and to make it grow to make the harvest a feast!

So today too, we can ask ourselves some questions. Thinking of the field of the world: do I know how to resist the temptation to "bundle all the grass together", to sweep others aside with my judgments? Then, thinking of the field of the heart: am I honest in seeking out the bad weeds in myself, and decisive in throwing them into the fire of God's mercy? And, thinking of the neighbour's field: do I have the wisdom to see what is good without being discouraged by the limitations and limits of others?

May the Virgin Mary help us to cultivate patiently what the Lord sows in the field of life, in my field, in the neighbour's, in everyone's field.

After the Angelus

Dear brothers and sisters!

Here, and in many countries, we are experiencing extreme climatic events: on the one hand, various regions are affected by anomalous heatwaves and struck by devastating fires; on the other, in a number of places there are storms and floods, like those that have swept across South Korea in recent days. I am close to those who suffer and those who are assisting the victims and the displaced. And please, I reiterate my appeal to the leaders of Nations, that something more tangible be done to limit polluting emissions: it is an urgent challenge and cannot be postponed; it affects everyone. Let us protect our common home!

And let us continue to pray for peace, especially for dear Ukraine, which continues to suffer death and destruction, as unfortunately occurred last night in Odessa.

I wish you all a good Sunday, and please, do not forget to pray for me.