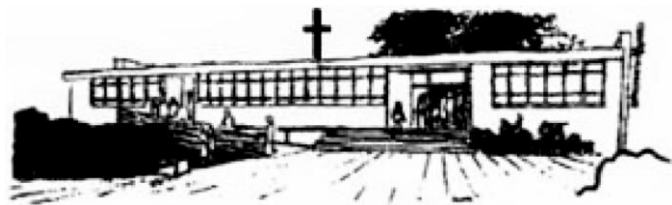


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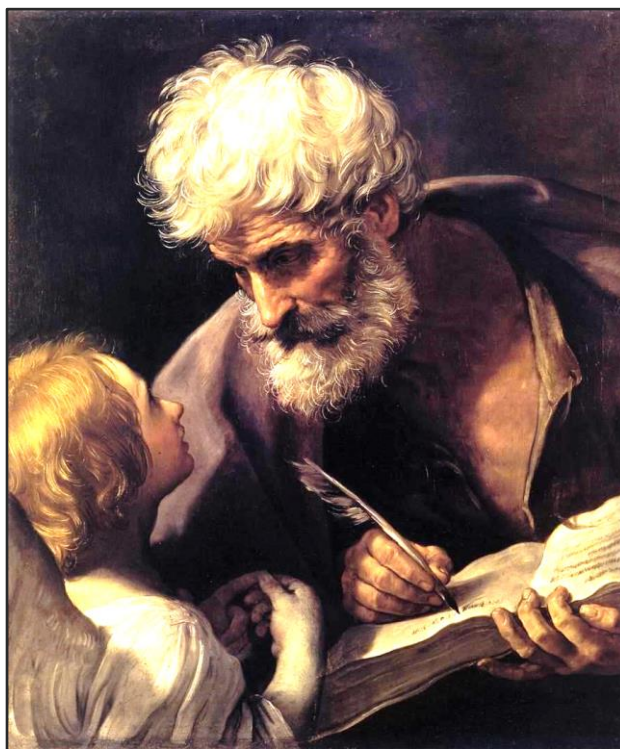
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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17th September 2023, Year A/1



REMI, Guido, St Matthew and the Angel, 1635-40

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

Address

94 Joseph Street
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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am - 2:00pm and Friday: 9:00am - 1:00pm

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for You, that Your prophets be found true.

First Reading: Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Bernie's Apprentice

SUNDAY 8:30am

Thanksgiving

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am St Juan Macias

† Tomas Belderol

Tuesday 8:00am 24th Week Ordinary Time

† Anna Blazek & Anna Laskosz

Wednesday 8:00am St Andrew Kim Taegon, St Paul Ching Hasang & Companions

Aloma Pereira (Birthday Blessings)

Thursday 8:00am ST MATTHEW

† Marie Donaldson

Friday 8:00am 24th Week Ordinary Time

Thanksgiving

Saturday 8:30am St Pius of Pietrelcino

† Hilda Henderson & Gloria Rickard

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Chetham, Chloe

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.

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR: Bernie's Apprentice, Tomas Belderol, Anna Blazek, Anna Laskosz, Marie Donaldson, Hilda Henderson, Gloria Rickard

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2023

Confirmation: Sunday 12th November

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

POPE FRANCIS' SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS

For People Living on the Margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

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, 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: \$715**
 Loose: \$1367
 Tap & Go: \$240
 Smart Facility: \$255

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

This Wednesday from 3-5pm is our last Youth Group for the Term. All young people from Year 6 up to under eighteen years old are welcome to a time of Fun, Games, Reflection and Afternoon Tea.

MEN'S BARBEQUE

Saturday 7th October after 6pm Mass. All men over eighteen are most welcome. Please RSVP to Andrew on 0420 581 427.

PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be at 12 noon Wednesday 11th October at St. Mary's Band Club. It is a great chance to catch up socially with other parishioners. All are welcome. If you need a lift, please ring the Office.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

We have received the Nominations required so there is no necessity to proceed to voting. We welcome our Parish Council Members: Camille Wiggins & Emma Clark (existing Members) Maria Woodbury & Andrew Zahra (who have been re-elected) and Pauline Mbondo & Lazarus Mudzimiri (newly elected). Please pray for them.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Available for \$10 after all weekend Masses.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS.

This Sunday 17th September at 2pm at Our Lady of the Rosary, St Marys. Celebrant: Fr Hugh Thomas CSsR.

NOVEMBER MASSES

One Mass each day in November will be offered for our Deceased. 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.

WOMEN'S RECOLLECTION

You are invited to our Women's Reflection on Thursday 21st September. Morning Session is held at St Joseph's Church and Hall, Kingswood; Evening Session is at Montgrove College, Orchard Hills. See the Flyer on the Noticeboard for details. All Ladies are welcome.

CAMPION COLLEGE EARLY OFFER SCHEME

This scheme allows prospective liberal arts students to fast track their Letter of Offer for 2024 and receive consideration for a first semester scholarship. Applications close 8th October. Go to: <https://www.campion.edu.au/admission/early-offer-scheme/>

FEAST OF ST PADRE PIO OF PIETRELCINA

Novena and Mass on Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd September at 7pm.

Procession followed by Mass, Veneration and Blessing by the Relic of St Padre Pio on Sunday 24th September 10am.

BOOK LAUNCH

"Blieburg: Massacre of the Croation People 1945" written by Fr Zvonimir Gavranovic is to be launched on Wednesday 11th October 2023 at NSW Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney. Please RSVP by 25th September 2023 to Zvonimir@john23rd.org.au or ring Fr Zvonimir on 0447 445 281.

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' GENERAL AUDIENCE**Catechesis: Passion for Evangelisation: 20. Blessed****José Gregorio Hernández Cisneros, Doctor of the Poor & Apostle of Peace****Wednesday 13th September 2023**

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Let us recall that this is a series of catecheses on apostolic zeal, on the will and even the interior ardour to carry forward the Gospel. Today we go to Latin America, specifically to Venezuela, to get to know the figure of a layman, Blessed José Gregorio Hernández Cisneros. He was born in 1864 and learned the faith above all from his mother, as he recounted, "My mother taught me virtue from the cradle, made me grow in the knowledge of God and gave me charity as my guide." Let's be attentive: it is the moms who pass on the faith. The faith is passed on in dialect, that is, the language of moms, that dialect that moms know to speak with their children. Moms: be diligent in passing on the faith in that maternal dialect.

Truly, charity was the north star that oriented the existence of Blessed José Gregorio: a good and sunny person with a cheerful disposition, he was endowed with a marked intelligence; he became a doctor, university professor, and scientist. But he was first and foremost a doctor close to the weakest, so much so that he was known in his homeland as "the doctor of the poor." He cared for the poor, always. He preferred the riches of the Gospel, spending his existence to aid the needy. In the poor, the sick, the migrants, the suffering, José Gregorio saw Jesus. The success he never sought in the world he received, and continues to receive, from the people, who call him "saint of the people," "apostle of charity," "missionary of hope."

José Gregorio was a humble man, kind, and helpful man. At the same time he was driven by an inner fire, a desire to live in the service of God and neighbour. Driven by this ardour, he tried several times to become a religious and a priest, but various health problems prevented him from doing so. Physical frailty did not, however, lead him to close in on himself, but to become a doctor who was even more sensitive to the needs of others; he clung to Providence and forged in his soul, went ever more toward what was essential. This is apostolic zeal: it does not follow one's own aspirations, but openness to God's designs. And so he understood that, through caring for the sick, he would put God's will into practice, comforting the suffering, giving hope to the poor, witnessing to the faith not in words but by example. So, by way of this interior path, he came to accept medicine as a priesthood: "the priesthood of human pain" (M. YABER, José Gregorio Hernández: Médico de los Pobres, Apóstol de la Justicia Social,

Misionero de las Esperanzas, 2004, 107). How important it is not to suffer things passively, but, as Scripture says, to do everything in a good spirit, to serve the Lord (cf. Col. 3:23).

But let us ask ourselves, though: where did José Gregorio get all this enthusiasm, all this zeal? It came from a certainty and a strength. The certainty was God's grace: he wrote that "if there are good and bad people in the world, the bad are such because they themselves have become bad: but the good are such with God's help" (May 27, 1914). And he considered himself first of all to be in need of grace, begging on the streets and in dire need of the love. And this was the strength he drew on: intimacy with God. He was a man of prayer – this is the grace of God and the intimacy with the Lord. He was a man of prayer who participated at Mass.

And in contact with Jesus, who offers himself on the altar for all, José Gregory felt called to offer his life for peace. The First World War was underway. So, we come to June 29, 1919: a friend comes to visit him and finds him very happy. José Gregorio has indeed learned that the treaty ending the war has been signed. His offering has been accepted, and it is as if he foresees that his work on earth is done. That morning, as usual, he had been at Mass, and now he goes down the street to bring medicine to a sick person. But as he crosses the road, he is hit by a vehicle; taken to the hospital, he dies pronouncing the name of Our Lady. So, his earthly journey ends, on a road while doing a work of mercy, and in a hospital, where he had made his work a masterpiece, as a doctor.

Brothers, sisters, in the presence of this witness let us ask ourselves: do I, faced with God present in the poor near me, faced with those in the world who suffer the most, how do I react? And the example of José Gregorio: how does it affect me? He spurs us to engagement in the face of the great social, economic, and political issues of today. So many people talk about it, so many complain about it, so many criticize and say that everything is going wrong. But that's not what the Christian is called to do; instead, he is called to deal with it, to get his or her hands dirty: first of all, as St. Paul told us, to pray (cf. 1 Tim 2:1-4), and then not to engage in idle chattering – idle chatter is a plague – but to promote good, and to build peace and justice in truth. This, too, is apostolic zeal; it is the proclamation of the Gospel; and this is Christian beatitude: "blessed are the peacemakers" (Mt 5:9).

Let us go forward along the path of Blessed José Gregorio: a layman, a doctor, a man of daily work whom apostolic zeal drove to live performing charity throughout his whole life.

And to all of you, my Blessing.