

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24th September 2023, Year A/1



Assembly of the Archangels XIXc.

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

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to Me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is near to all who call Him.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

†† Bill & Lyn Eades

SUNDAY 8:30am

Thanksgiving

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 25th Week Ordinary Time

†† Alina Zawadzki, Klemens & Thea Blazek

Tuesday 8:00am St Cosmas & St Damian

† Kazimiera Ostrowski

Wednesday 8.00am St Vincent de Paul

Thanksgiving

Thursday 8.00am St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions

†† Johnes Aycardo & David Newton

Friday 8.00am STS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL Thanksgiving

Saturday 8.30am St Jerome

† Beato Asiclo Justina Toledo

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Chetham, Chloe, Salome de Guzman Gordon

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: Bill & Lyn Eades, Alina Zawadzki, Klemens & Thea Blazek, Johnes Aycardo, David Newton, Kazimiera Ostrowski, Beato Toledo

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: \$893**
 Loose: \$921.95
 Tap & Go: \$110
 Smart Facility: \$260.22

TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

All contributions go to the 2nd Collection.

BIBLE STUDY

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

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will resume Wednesday 11th October from 3-5pm. All young people from Year 6 up to under eighteen years old are welcome to a time of Fun, Games, Reflection and Afternoon Tea.

WESTERN DEANERY YOUNG ADULTS

Next meeting is this Friday 29th September at 7pm. All over 18 and under 35 are most welcome to join us for Adoration, Dinner, Games and a Talk. Formation Topic is "Lessons from the Hidden Life of the Holy Family"

PARISH MOVIE

Sunday 1st October at 1.30pm in the Parish Hall. Movie to be confirmed.

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.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Available for \$10 after all weekend Masses.

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.

Dear St Joseph's Parishioners,

Louise, Kayla & Monique would like to thank you all for your thoughts and prayers throughout our World Youth Day Journey. We were truly blessed during our trip and have many wonderful memories to share.

Your donations helped us immensely and for that we are truly grateful. To each beautiful Holy Site we visited, we took you all with us in our prayers; and will continue to do so now that we are back home.

Thank you and may God bless our Parish.

CLEANING THE LORD'S HOUSE

If anyone has a free hour on a Friday or Saturday morning, we would appreciate some help once every 4 or 5 weeks to clean the Church. Volunteers need to be willing to obtain a Working with Children Check & do Safeguarding Training as we often have our Sacramental Children help us. Our next Roster will begin in January 2024. Please speak to Clare or ring the Parish Office if you can help.

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/>

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 go to 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: 21. Saint****Daniel Comboni, Apostle for Africa & Prophet of Mission****Wednesday 20th September 2023**

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Let us spend some time today on the witness of Saint Daniel Comboni. He was an apostle who was filled with zeal for Africa. He wrote of these peoples: "they have taken possession of my heart that lives for them alone". "I shall die with Africa on my lips". That's beautiful, isn't it? And he wrote this to them: "the happiest of my days will be when I may give my life for you". This is the expression of someone who is in love with God and with the brothers and sisters he was serving in mission, whom he never tired of reminding that "Jesus Christ suffered and died for them as well".

He affirmed this in a context characterized by the horror of slavery, of which he was a witness. Slavery "objectifies" the human being, whose value is reduced to being useful to someone or something. But Jesus, God made man, elevated the dignity of every human being and exposed the falsity of every slavery. In the light of Christ, Comboni became aware of the evil of slavery. Moreover, he understood that social slavery is rooted in an even deeper slavery, that of the heart, that of sin, from which the Lord frees us. As Christians, therefore, we are called to fight every form of slavery. Unfortunately, slavery is not something from the past. In the Africa that Comboni loved so much, which is today torn by so many conflicts, "political exploitation gave way to an 'economic colonialism' that was equally enslaving. This is a tragedy to which the economically more advanced world often closes its eyes, ears and mouth". I therefore renew my appeal: "Stop choking Africa: it is not a mine to be stripped or a terrain to be plundered".

After Saint Daniel's first period spent in Africa, he had to leave the mission due to health reasons. Too many missionaries had died after contracting malaria, complicated by insufficient awareness of the local situation. Though others abandoned Africa, Comboni did not do so. After a period of discernment, he felt the Lord was inspiring him along a new path of evangelization, which he summed up in these words: "Save Africa with Africa". This was a powerful insight, devoid of colonialism. It was a powerful insight that helped renew his missionary outreach: the people who had been evangelized were not only "objects", but "subjects" of mission. And Saint Daniel Comboni wanted every Christian to participate in the evangelizing enterprise. With this spirit, he integrated his thoughts and actions, involving the local clergy and promoting the lay service of catechist. Catechists are a

treasure in the Church as they bring evangelization forward. He also conceived of human development in this way, cultivating the arts and professions, fostering the role of the family and of women in the transformation of culture and society. And how important it is, even today, to make the faith and human development progress within the context of mission. To evangelize the culture and to inculturate the Gospel go together.

Comboni's great missionary passion, however, was not primarily the fruit of human endeavour. He was not driven by his own courage or motivated solely by important values such as freedom, justice and peace. His zeal came from the joy of the Gospel, drawn from Christ's love which then led to love of Christ! Saint Daniel wrote, "Such an arduous and laborious mission as ours cannot be glossed over, lived by crooked-necked people filled with egoism and with themselves, who do not care for their health and the conversion of souls as they should". This is the tragedy of clericalism which leads Christians, laity included, to clericalize themselves and to transform themselves into people filled with egoism. This is the plague of clericalism. And he added, "It is necessary to inflame them with charity that has its source from God and the love of Christ; when one truly loves Christ, then privations, sufferings and martyrdom become sweet". He desired to see ardent, joyful, dedicated, holy and capable missionaries; saints completely free from sin and humble. For Comboni, the source of missionary ability is charity, in particular, the zeal by which he made the sufferings of others his own. In addition, his passion for evangelization never led him to act as a soloist, but always in communion, in the Church. "I have but one life to offer for the salvation of those souls: I wish I had a thousand to be consumed for this end".

Saint Daniel testifies to the love of the Good Shepherd who goes in search of the one who is lost and gives his life for the flock. His zeal was energetic and prophetic in being opposed to indifference and exclusion. He earnestly called out his beloved Church who had forgotten Africa for too long. Comboni's dream is that of a Church who makes common cause with those who are crucified in history, so as to experience the resurrection with them. Think of those who are crucified in today's history and pray for them: men, women, children, the elderly, all those who are crucified by the history of injustice and domination. His witness seems to want to repeat to all of us, men and women of the Church: "Do not forget the poor for Jesus crucified is present in them, waiting to rise again". Let us not forget the poor. To all of you, I say: do not forget the poor, because they will be the ones who will open the door of Heaven for you. Thank you.