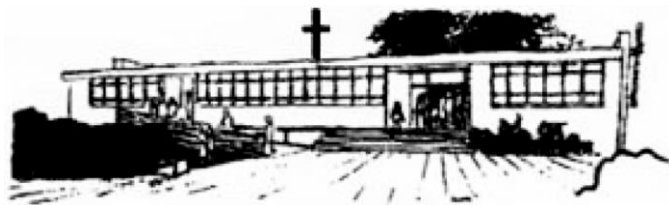


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29th October 2023, Year A/1



BUONINSEGNA, Duccia di, Madonna with Angels and Saints, 1308-11

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: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and His strength; constantly seek His face.

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

Responsorial Psalm: I love You, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

†† Carlyle & Maureen Young

SUNDAY 8:30am

†† Bronislaw, Stanislaw & Witold Blazek

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 30th Week Ordinary Time Thanks for Graces Received in Marriage

Tuesday 8:00am 30th Week Ordinary Time † Pedro Ortaleza
7:00pm ALL SAINTS VIGIL MASS For the Parish

Wednesday 8:00am ALL SAINTS For the Parish

Thursday 8:00am ALL SOULS †† All Souls

Friday 8:00am ST MARTIN DE PORRES †† All Souls

Saturday 8:30am St Charles Borromeo †† All Souls

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.

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Carlyle & Maureen Young, Bronislaw, Stanislaw & Witold Blazek, Pedro Ortaleza, All Souls on the Envelopes & in the Remembrance Book.

NOVEMBER 1ST – ALL SAINTS

There will be a Vigil Mass Tuesday 31st October at 7.00pm & also the 8.00am Mass on the Feast Day.

NOVEMBER 2ND – ALL SOULS DAY

After 8.00am Mass we will proceed from the Church to the Penrith Cemetery to pray for our Deceased Family and Friends. There will also be an opportunity to bless the tombstones.

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, 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.

*Happy 50th Birthday Father Pawel;
May the Lord Bless You on Your Special Day*

POPE FRANCIS' OCTOBER INTENTIONS

For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$835**
 Loose: \$471.70
 Tap & Go: \$340
 Smart Facility: \$220
St Joseph Statue Donations Total: \$1415

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

No Youth Group this Wednesday 1st November.

Group will resume on the 8th. All young people from Year 6 up to under eighteen years old are welcome to Fun, Games, and Afternoon Tea.

PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be at 12 noon Wednesday 8th November 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.

NIGHT OF LIGHT

A Brighter Side of Halloween

Tuesday 31st October from 4.30pm. Mums, Dads, Preschool and Primary kids are all welcome. Kids can dress up as their Favourite Saint or Bible Hero. See Flyer on the noticeboard or at the back of the Church for more information and registration.

FATHER PAWEL'S 50TH BIRTHDAY

Father Pawel's Birthday Celebrations begin at 6.00pm on Wednesday 1st November.

ST JOSEPH STATUE

Donations can be placed in the silver "Donation Box" at the back of the Church. We are planning to have the new Statue blessed on the Feast of St Joseph, 19th March 2024. Thank you for your donations.

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. Names of deceased can be added through November and will be included in the Mass of the following day until the end of November.

LOWANA SPRING FETE

Sunday 19th November from 8:30am to 2:30pm at MacKillop Centre, Collin St, St Marys. See flyer at the back of the church for more details.

CARITAS GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance to the people affected by the conflict. Donate now at www.caritas.org.au/gaza or 1800 024 413.

CLEANING THE LORD'S HOUSE

If you have 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 & to do Safeguarding Training as we often have our Sacramental Children help us. Please speak to Clare or ring the Parish Office if you can help.

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 <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Catechesis: The Passion for Evangelisation:

24. Saint Cyril & Saint Methodius, Apostles of the Slavs

Wednesday 25th October 2023

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today I will talk to you about two brothers, very famous in the east, to the point of being called “the apostles of the Slavs”: Saints Cyril and Methodius. Born in Greece in the ninth century into an aristocratic family, they renounced a political career to devote themselves to monastic life. But their dream of a secluded existence was short-lived. They were sent as missionaries to Great Moravia, which at the time included various peoples, already partly evangelized, but among whom many pagan customs and traditions survived. Their prince asked for a teacher to explain the Christian faith in their language.

Cyril and Methodius' first task was to study the culture of those peoples, as faith must be inculturated and the culture evangelized. Inculturation of faith, evangelization of culture, always. Cyril asked if they have an alphabet; they told him they did not. He replied: “Who can write a speech on water?”. Indeed, to proclaim the Gospel and to pray, one needed a proper, suitable, specific tool. So, he invented the Glagolitic alphabet. He translated the Bible and liturgical texts. People felt that the Christian faith was no longer ‘foreign’, but rather it became their faith, spoken in their mother tongue. Just think: two Greek monks giving an alphabet to the Slavs. It is this openness of heart that rooted the Gospel among them. Those two had no fear, they were courageous.

Very soon, however, some opposition emerged on the part of some Latins, who saw themselves deprived of their monopoly on preaching to the Slavs; that fight within the Church, it is always that way. Their objection was religious, but only in appearance: God can be praised, they said, only in the three languages written on the cross: Hebrew, Greek and Latin. They had a closed mindset, to defend their own autonomy. But Cyril responded forcefully: God wants every people to praise Him

in their own language. Together with his brother Methodius, he appealed to the Pope and the latter approved their liturgical texts in the Slavic language. He had them placed on the altar of the Church of Saint Mary Major and sang with them the Lord's praises according to those books. Cyril died a few days later, and his relics are still venerated here in Rome, in the Basilica of Saint Clement. Methodius, instead, was ordained a bishop and sent back to the Slav territories. Here he would suffer a great deal: he would even be imprisoned, but we know that the Word of God was not shackled and spread throughout those peoples.

Looking at the witness of these two evangelizers, whom Saint John Paul II chose as co-patrons of Europe and on whom he wrote the Encyclical *Slavorum Apostoli*, let us look at three important aspects.

First of all, unity. The Greeks, the Pope, the Slavs: at that time, there was an undivided Christianity in Europe, which collaborated in order to evangelize. A second important aspect is inculturation: evangelizing the culture shows that evangelization and culture are closely connected. One cannot preach the Gospel in an abstract, distilled way, no: the Gospel must be inculturated and it is also an expression of culture.

A final aspect is freedom. Preaching requires freedom, but freedom always needs courage; a person is free to the extent that they are courageous and do not let themselves be shackled by many things that take away their freedom.

Brothers and sisters, let us ask Saints Cyril and Methodius, apostles of the Slavs, that we may be instruments of “freedom in charity” for others. To be creative, to be constant and to be humble, with prayer and with service.

APPEAL

I think always of the grave situation in Palestine and Israel: I encourage the release of the hostages and the entry of humanitarian aid in Gaza. I continue to pray for those who suffer, and to hope for paths of peace in the Middle East, in Ukraine, and in other regions afflicted by war.