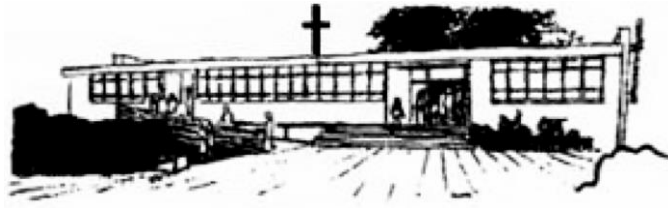


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

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EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148 (Calls Only)

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30th June 2024, Year B/2



POLENOV, Vasily, Raising of Jairus' Daughter, 1871

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

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

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise You, Lord, for You have rescued me.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Blessings for Therese

SUNDAY 8:30am

† Gerhard Daalman

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 13th Week Ordinary Time †† Living & Dec. Mems. of the McIlvenna, Colreavy, McCaffrey & Dobrnaski Families

Tuesday 8:00am 13th Week Ordinary Time † Bishop Edward Kelly

Wednesday 8.00am ST THOMAS † Bishop Geoffrey Robinson

Thursday 8.00am Bl Pier Giorgio Frassati † Souls in Purgatory

Friday 8.00am 13th Week Ordinary Time †† For God's Precious Infants

Saturday 8.30am St Maria Goretti †† Dec. Members of St Vincent de Paul

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2024

Confirmation: Sunday 3rd November

Registration & 1st Session: 21st July

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Gerhard Daalman, Salvador Daria Toledo, Steve Vines, Atilano Asuncion, Eunice Micallef

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR: Deceased Members of the McIlvenna, Colreavy, McCaffrey & Dobranski Families, Bishop Edward Kelly, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Souls in Purgatory, God's Precious Infants, Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

POPE FRANCIS' JUNE INTENTIONS

For those Fleeing Their Own Countries

Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Sr Louisa, Jonathon Ansell, Tony Bogdanovic, Margaret Colville, Frances Gunn, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Shayla, Benjamin Santiago, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Cynthia Sulvita, Charley Tonna, Maureen van Hoogenvest, David Wakeling, Mary Woodward.

SICK LIST: Due to privacy laws, if you have anyone for the sick list, please 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: \$1393**
 Loose: \$866.90
 Tap & Go: \$190
 Smart Facility: \$146
 St Joseph Statue Donations Total: \$7920

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.

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.

PARISH LUNCH

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 10th July at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome.

PARISH MOVIE

Sunday 7th July at 1.30pm in the Parish Hall. Our movie will be the Theatrical Release Edition of "Mother Teresa". Please join us for the afternoon.

ST JOSEPH STATUE

Our St Joseph's statue and the grotto will be blessed by Bishop Vincent on Sunday 11th August after he celebrates the 10am Mass. Thank you for ongoing donations.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR

We are planning the Food Fair for Sunday 11th August after 10am Mass. If you would like to help oversee a food stall, drop off leaflets in your area or contribute in any way (set up, pack up, etc.), please sign the sheet at the back of the Church, speak to one of the Parish Councillors or ring the Parish Office.

PARKING NOTICE

We ask that people attending 8.30am Mass would exit via Joseph Street allowing 10am Mass goers access to the Main Gate on Richmond Road.

PETER'S PENCE APPEAL

This weekend we have our Peter's Pence Appeal, which provides funds to enable Pope Francis to assist the most disadvantaged in emergency situations, including victims of war, oppression and disasters. Please be generous.

ADULT CONFIRMATION AT ST PATRICK'S

Thursday 2nd September at 7.30pm at the Cathedral for those over 16 if they have received their First Holy Communion. Catechesis and Formation Day at IFM, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown on Saturday 21st August from 9.30am to 2pm. Please let the Parish Office know by 25th July if you are interested.

CARLO ACUTIS FIRST-CLASS RELIC

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Upper Blue Mountains, will host a First Class Relic and the International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles by Blessed Carlo Acutis from Friday 5 to Sunday 7 July at St Canice's Church, Katoomba. The exhibition is free, but a donation can be made to help with the upkeep of the exhibition. The exhibition will be open from 1pm – 3pm on Friday and 10am – 3pm on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 4782 2804 or email bluemountains@parracatholic.org

TOONGABBIE LEGAL CENTRE

Toongabbie Legal Centre is an unfunded registered charity which is run by a group of volunteer legal practitioners, law students and other professionals, who give free legal advice. TLC is open from 6pm to 9pm on Thursdays and 9am to 1pm on Saturdays, at St Anthony's at 27 Aurelia Street, Toongabbie.

Blacktown Legal Centre is open from 6pm to 8.30 pm on Thursdays and from 10am to 1pm on Saturdays, at ACU Campus, 22 Main Street, Blacktown.

For information: www.tlc.asn.au

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.

Modules 1-3 – For new Volunteers who have not completed any safeguarding Training.

Modules 4/5 – Renewal for those who completed Modules 1-3 two years ago.

For the direct link to training dates and to register: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

To complete the modules online go to <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

For any questions, please email Maria Kervin, at maria.kervin@parracatholic.org

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday 26th June 2024**Catechesis. International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.**

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today marks *International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking*, established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1987. This year's theme is *The evidence is clear: Invest in prevention*.

St. John Paul II affirmed, "Drug abuse impoverishes every community where it exists. It diminishes human strength and moral fibre. It undermines esteemed values. It destroys the will to live and to contribute to a better society." This drives the abuse of drugs and the use of drugs. At the same time, however, let us remember that each addict "has a unique personal story and must be listened to, understood, loved, and, insofar as possible, healed and purified. They continue to possess, more than ever, a dignity as children of God."

However, we cannot ignore the evil intentions and actions of drug dealers and traffickers. They are murderers. Pope Benedict XVI used stern words during a visit to a therapeutic community. He said: "I therefore urge the drug-dealers to reflect on the grave harm they are inflicting on countless young people and on adults from every level of society: God will call you to account for your deeds. Human dignity cannot be trampled upon in this way." And drugs trample on human dignity.

A reduction in drug addiction is not achieved by liberalizing drug use as has been proposed by some, or has already implemented, in some countries. It's like this: you liberalize and drugs are consumed even more. Having known so many tragic stories of drug addicts and their families, I am convinced that it is a moral duty to end the production and trafficking of these dangerous substances. How many traffickers of death there are – drug traffickers are traffickers of death driven by the logic of power and money at any cost! And this scourge, which produces violence and sows suffering and death, demands an act of courage from our society as a whole.

Drug production and trafficking also have a destructive impact on our common home. This has become increasingly evident, for example, in the Amazon basin.

Another keyway to counter drug abuse and trafficking is through prevention, which is done by promoting greater justice, educating young people in

values that build personal and community life, accompanying those in need, and giving hope for the future.

In my journeys in different dioceses and countries, I have been able to visit several recovery communities inspired by the Gospel. They are a strong and hopeful witness to the commitment of priests, consecrated men and women, and lay people to put into practice the parable of the Good Samaritan. So too, I am comforted by the efforts undertaken by various bishops' conferences to promote just legislation and policies regarding the treatment of people addicted to drug use, and prevention to stop this scourge.

As an example, I point to the network of *La Pastoral Latinoamericana de Acompañamiento y Prevención de Adicciones* (PLAPA). The charter of this network recognizes that "addiction to alcohol, psychoactive substances, and other forms of addiction (pornography, new technologies, etc.) is a problem that affects us indiscriminately, beyond geographical, social, cultural, religious and age differences. Despite the differences we want to organize as a community: to share experiences, enthusiasm, difficulties."

I also mention the Bishops of southern Africa, who in November 2023 convened a meeting on "*Empowering youth as agents of peace and hope*." Youth representatives present at the meeting recognized that assembly as a "significant milestone geared toward healthy and active youth throughout the region." They have also made a promise: "We accept the role of being Ambassadors and Advocates who are going to fight against the use of substances. We plead with all young people to always be empathetic to one another at all times."

Dear brothers and sisters, faced with the tragic situation of drug addiction of millions of people around the world, faced with the scandal of the illicit production and trafficking of such drugs, "we cannot be indifferent. The Lord Jesus paused, drew near, healed wounds. In the style of His closeness, we too are called to act, to pause before situations of fragility and pain, to know how to listen to the cry of loneliness and anguish, to stoop to lift up and bring back to life those who fall into the slavery of drugs." And we pray, too, for these criminals who spend and give drugs to the young: they are criminals, they are murderers. Let us pray for their conversion.

On this World Drug Day, as Christians and church communities, let us pray for this intention and renew our commitment of prayer and work against drugs. Thank you!