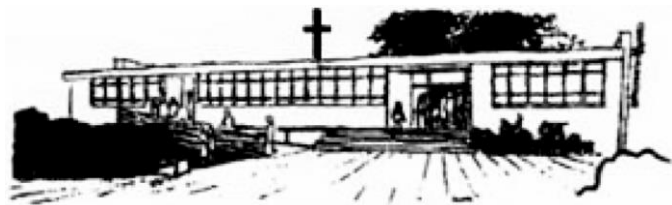


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

Assistant Priest

Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148 (Calls Only)

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6th October 2024, Year B/2



Simone Cantarini (1612–1648) Madonna of the Rosary

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

During Morning Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
(Please let the Priest know.)

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: Within Your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist Your will.
For You have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven; You are the Lord of all.

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Responsorial Psalm: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		† Rosie Grima
SUNDAY	8:30am		† John Curtain
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY	Paul Gale (For his Health)
Tuesday	8:00am	27 th Week Ordinary Time	† Salvador Daria Toledo
Wednesday	8.00am	St Louis Bertran	Success in HSC Exams
Thursday	8.00am	27 th Week Ordinary Time	† Rosie Grima
Friday	8.00am	St John XXIII	† Ruby O'Neill
Saturday	8.30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary	Tony & Tina Almeida (Healing & God's Blessing)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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 speak to the Priest.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2024

Confirmation: Sunday 3rd November

Sessions: After 10am Mass, at 11.30am.

Please keep them in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Rosie Grima, Charley Tonna, Cynthia Sulvita

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

John Curtain, Salvador Daria Toledo, Ruby O'Neill

ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

During the month of October there will be Rosary,
Litany of Our Lady and Benediction after all the
Masses from Monday to Friday.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Sr Louisa, Carolina Q. Alvarez, Jonathon Ansell, Tania Blazek, Tony Bogdanovic, Margaret Colville, Frances Gunn, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Nympha Miller, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Benjamin Santiago, Shayla, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, 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

POPE FRANCIS' OCTOBER INTENTIONS

For a Shared Mission

Let us pray that the Church continues to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$885**
 Loose: \$617.15
 Tap & Go: \$100
 Smart Facility: \$205
 Carpet Donations: \$695

TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

Donations from the Tap & Go & two Smart terminals at the door, go towards the 2nd Collection. Donations from the Smart terminal near the creche go towards Special Project Donations.

NEW CARPET

Thank you so much to those who helped to prepare the church for installation of the new carpet by removing pews and furniture. Thank you also for your help with bringing everything back after the installation. May the Lord reward you. Fr Andrew.

SPECIAL PROJECT DONATIONS

Our Special Project Donations are now going towards Carpet for the Church, the total cost being \$27,500 (incl. GST). Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.

BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday at 9.15am in the Parish Hall.

PARISH LUNCH

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 9th October at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome.

MEN'S BARBEQUE

Saturday 19th October after 6pm Mass. All men over 18 are invited to come and enjoy an evening together.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

If you are new to the Parish, have not registered or want to update your information, please use the QR Code.



OUR LADY'S STATUE

If anyone is interested in being on a roster to have Our Lady's Statue in their home for a week at a time, please ring the Parish Office. As you will remember, we had to discontinue during COVID.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Caleendars are on sale after weekend Masses at \$10 each. They make a lovely Christmas gift.

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.

WOMEN'S RECOLLECTION

Women's Recollection is on Thursday 17th October. Morning Session is held at St Joseph's Parish, Kingswood from 10am. Evening Session is at Montgrove College, Orchard Hills from 7pm. See the Flyer at the back of the Church for details.

CAROLYN CHISHOLM 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Saturday 19th October from 6.30 – 10.30pm at Pullman Hotel Penrith, 81 Mulgoa Road, Penrith. See flyer.

WOLLEMI 25TH ANNIVERSARY SPRING FAIR

Sunday 20th October from 11am to 3pm at Wolleml College, 4 Gipps Street, Werrington. See flyer at the back of the Church for more information.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

A Retreat for Men on Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th October at Mt Schoenstatt. Speakers will be Fr Pawel Barszczewski and Michael Dyczek. See flyer on the noticeboard.

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.

For the direct link to training dates and to register:

<https://parracatholic.org/connect/?series=safeguarding-training>

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday 25th September 2024

Cycle of Catechesis. The Spirit and the Bride.

7. *Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. The Holy Spirit in the fight against the spirit of evil.*

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Immediately after His baptism in the Jordan, Jesus *"was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil"* (Mt 4:1) – this is what the Gospel of Matthew says. The initiative is not Satan's, but God's. Going into the wilderness, Jesus obeys an inspiration of the Holy Spirit; He does not fall into an enemy snare, no, no! Once He has withstood the test, it is written, He returns to Galilee *"in the power of the Spirit"* (Lk 4:14).

In the wilderness, Jesus freed Himself of Satan, and now He can deliver from Satan. It is what the Evangelists highlight with the numerous studies of deliverance from possession. Jesus says to His opponents: *"If it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you"* (Mt 12:28). Jesus casts out the demons, with the aspiration of the kingdom of God.

Nowadays we are witnessing a strange phenomenon regarding the devil. At a certain cultural level, it is held that he simply does not exist. He would be a symbol of the collective subconscious, or alienation; in short, a metaphor. But *"the cleverest ruse of the devil is to persuade you he does not exist!"*, as someone wrote (Charles Baudelaire). He is astute: he makes us believe that he does not exist, and in this way he dominates everything. He is cunning. And yet our technological and secularized world is teeming with magicians, occultism, spiritualism, astrologers, sellers of spells and amulets, and unfortunately with real satanic sects. Driven out the door, the devil has re-entered, one might say, through the window. Driven out of faith, he re-enters with superstition. And if you are superstitious, you are unconsciously conversing with the devil. One does not converse with the devil.

The strongest proof of the existence of Satan is found not in sinners or the possessed, but in the saints! *"And how can this be, Father?"*. Yes, it is true that the devil is present and working in certain extreme and *"inhuman"* forms of evil and wickedness that we see around us. It is practically impossible to reach, in individual cases, the certainty that it is truly him, given that we cannot know with precision where his action ends and our own evil begins. This is why the Church is so prudent and so rigorous in performing exorcism, unlike what happens, unfortunately, in certain films!

It is in the life of the saints, precisely there, that the devil is forced to come out into the open, to place himself *"against the light"*. All the saints, all the great believers

testify to their struggle with this obscure reality, and one cannot honestly assume that they were all deluded or mere victims of the prejudices of their time.

The battle against the spirit of evil is won as Jesus won it in the wilderness: by striking with the word of God. You see that Jesus does not converse with the devil, He never conversed with the devil. Either he casts him out, or condemns him, but He never converses. And in the wilderness, he replies not with His word, but with the Word of God. Brothers, sisters, never converse with the devil; when temptations present themselves. Raise your heart to the Lord, pray to Our Lady and banish him, just as Jesus taught us how to banish him. Saint Peter also suggests another means, that Jesus did not need, but we do – vigilance. *"Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour"* (1 Pt 5:8). And Saint Paul says to us: *"Give no opportunity to the devil"* (Eph 4:27).

After Christ, on the cross, defeated forever the power of the *"ruler of this world"* (Jn 12:31), a Father of the Church said, *"the devil is bound, like a dog on a chain; he cannot bite anyone except those who, defying the danger, go near him. He can bark, he can urge, but he can bite only those who want"*. If you are a fool and converse with the devil it ruins you. One does not converse with the devil. One banishes him. And all of us, everyone, we have experience of how the devil approaches with some temptation. The temptation of the ten commandments: when we feel this, stop, keep your distance: do not approach the chained dog.

Modern technology, for example, besides the many positive resources that are to be appreciated, offers also countless means to *"give an opportunity to the devil"*, and many fall in the trap. Think of online pornography, behind which there is a flourishing market: we all know this. It is the devil at work, there. And this is a very widespread phenomenon, which Christians should beware of and strongly reject. Because any smartphone has access to this brutality, to this language of the devil: online pornography.

Awareness of the action of the devil in history should not discourage us. The final thought must be, also in this case, of trust and security: *"I am with the Lord, be gone"*. Christ overcame the devil and gave us the Holy Spirit to make His victory our own. The very action of the enemy can turn to our advantage, if with God's help we make it serve our purification. Let us therefore ask the Holy Spirit, in the words of the hymn *Veni Creator*:

Drive far away our wily Foe,
And Thine abiding peace bestow;
If Thou be our protecting Guide,
No evil can our steps betide".

Beware, the devil is astute – but we Christians, with God's grace, are more astute than him. Thank you.