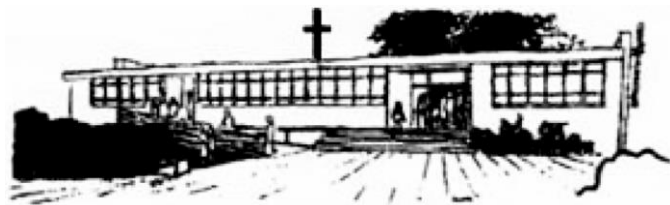


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

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EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148 (Calls Only)

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

12th May 2024, Year B/2



ANGELICO, Fra, Ascension, Last Judgement & Pentecost
(Corsini Triptych), 1447-48

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: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw Him go, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: God mounts His throne with shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Monica Ann Hoffmann

SUNDAY 8:30am

† Baby Kurian

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8.00am Our Lady of Fatima

Baptism of Cousin's Grandchildren

Tuesday 8:00am ST MATTHIAS

Conversion of Cousins

Wednesday 8.00am 7th Week of Easter

† Doris Berger

Thursday 8.00am 7th Week of Easter

† Peter O'Connor

Friday 8.00am 7th Week of Easter

†† Souls in Purgatory

Saturday 8.30am 7th Week of Easter

† Monica Ann Hoffmann

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.

ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

During the month of May there will be Rosary,
Litany of Our Lady and Benediction after all the
weekday Masses.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2024

First Communion: Sunday 2nd June

Sessions: Sundays after 10am Mass at 11.30am

Confirmation: Sunday 3rd November

Registration & 1st Session: 21st July

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Monica Ann Hoffmann, Doris Berger, Peter
O'Connor, Salvador Daria Toledo, Marinelia
Santiago, Marie Farrell

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Baby Kurian, Souls in Purgatory

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: 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, 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, 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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH
PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

May the Lord bless all our Mothers as we keep you in our prayers
From Fr Andrew, Fr Pawel, Fr Jacek & Fr Piotr

POPE FRANCIS' MAY INTENTIONS

For the Formation of Men and Women Religious & Seminarians

Let us pray that men and women religious and seminarians will grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$530**
 Loose: \$438.30
 Tap & Go: \$290
 Smart Facility: \$430

St Joseph Statue Donations Total: \$7095

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 12th June at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome.

MEN'S BARBEQUE

Saturday 15th June after 6pm Mass. All men over 18 are invited to come and enjoy an evening together.

SRE VOLUNTEERS

We desperately need volunteers to share the Word of God with the children in our schools.

Please fill in the sheet at the back of the Church if you can assist us in this important ministry.

ST JOSEPH STATUE

There has been a delay in the arrival of our statue of St Joseph. We pray it will be here soon and we will then arrange a date to have it blessed. Thank you for your ongoing donations.

BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

We have collected \$1795 so far. Our quota for the remainder of this financial year is \$4000. If you would like to donate to this appeal, please place your contribution in the black box at the back of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

SCHOENSTATT MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

Sunday 19th May at 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. See the Poster on notice board for complete details.

GRACE & SILENCE RETREAT FOR WOMEN

For single women aged 20 to 40, discerning their vocation in life. From 9.30am to 4.30pm Sunday 2nd June at Bethany, Mt Schoenstatt, 301 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Cost is \$25. For catering purposes, registrations close a week prior to event. For details, contact Hannah on 0433 443 384.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL NSW

Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW in celebrating Pentecost Eve "Anointing" on Saturday 18th May at Servants of Jesus Centre 15 Park Road Seven Hills for an afternoon of Praise & Worship, Testimonies and Prayer Ministry from 4-7pm hosted by youth from different streams. Booking is essential at <https://www.trybooking.com/CPMXQ?qr=true>
Any inquires: email@ccrns.org.au

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Please join us across the Diocese to pray for more vocations to the priesthood. See Poster at the back of the Church. If you are interested in becoming a priest, please contact Fr Galbert Albino on (02) 4773 4321 or email galbert.albino@parracatholic.org

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding Mandatory Training.

Under the Children's Guardian Act 2019 and the NSW Child Safe Standards **all** volunteers in parishes are required to complete their Safeguarding Training.

Cycle 1 Training – Modules 1-3 – Dates yet to be announced.

Cycle 2 Training – Modules 4 & 5 – Good Shepherd, Plumpton – Friday 17/5 & 14/6 – 7-9pm & Saturday 18/5 & 15/6 – 10am–12pm

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

Go to <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au> if you would like to complete the modules online.

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

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE**Wednesday 8th May 2024****Cycle of Catechesis. Vices and Virtues. 18. Hope**

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

“Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1817). These words confirm to us that hope is the answer offered to our heart, when the absolute question arises in us: “What will become of me? What is the purpose of the journey? What is the destiny of the world?”.

If there is no meaning to the journey of life, if at the beginning and the end there is nothing, then we ask ourselves why we should walk: hence man’s desperation, the sensation of the pointlessness of everything, is born. And many may rebel: “I have striven to be virtuous, to be prudent, just, strong, temperate. I have also been a man or woman of faith.... What was the use of my fight, if it all ends here?”. If hope is missing, all the other virtues risk crumbling and ending up as ashes. If no reliable tomorrow, no bright horizon, were to exist, one would only have to conclude that virtue is a futile effort. “Only when the future is certain as a positive reality does it become possible to live the present as well” said Benedict XVI (Encyclical Letter *Spe salvi*, 2).

Christians have hope not through their own merit. If they believe in the future, it is because Christ died and rose again and gave us His Spirit. “Redemption is offered to us in the sense that we have been given hope, trustworthy hope, by virtue of which we can face our present” (*ibid.*, 1). In this sense, once again, we say that hope is a theological virtue: it does not emanate from us, but it is a gift that comes directly from God.

To many doubting Christians, who had not been completely born again to hope, the Apostle Paul sets before them the new logic of the Christian experience, and he says: “If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied” (1 Cor 15:17-19). It is as if he said: if you believe in the resurrection of Christ, then you know with certainty that no defeat and no death is forever. But if you do not believe in the resurrection

of Christ, then everything becomes hollow, even the preaching of the Apostles.

Hope is a virtue against which we sin often: in our bad nostalgia, in our melancholy, when we think that the happiness of the past is buried forever. We sin against hope when we become despondent over our sins, forgetting that God is merciful and greater than our heart. God forgives everything, God forgives always. We are the ones who tire of asking for forgiveness. But let us not forget this truth: God forgives everything always. We sin against hope when we become despondent over our sins; we sin against hope when God’s love ceases to be an eternal fire and we do not have the courage to make decisions that commit us for a lifetime.

The world today is in great need of this Christian virtue! The world needs hope, just as it needs patience, a virtue that walks in close contact with hope. Patient men are weavers of goodness. They stubbornly desire peace, and even if some of them are hasty and would like everything, and straight away, patience is capable of waiting. Even when around us many have succumbed to disillusionment, those who are inspired by hope and are patient are able to get through the darkest of nights. Hope and patience go together.

Hope is the virtue of those who are young at heart; and here age does not count. Because there are also the elderly with eyes full of light, who live permanently striving towards the future. Think of the two great elderly people of the Gospel, Simeon and Anna: they never tired of waiting and they saw the last stretch of their earthly journey blessed by the encounter with the Messiah, whom they recognized in Jesus, brought to the Temple by His parents. What grace if it were like that for all of us! If after a long pilgrimage, setting down our saddlebags and staff, our heart were filled with a joy never before felt, and we too could exclaim: “Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace / according to thy word; / for mine eyes have seen thy salvation / which thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, / a light for revelation to the Gentiles, / and for glory to thy people Israel” (Lk 2:29-32).

Brothers and sisters, let us go ahead and ask for the grace to have hope, hope with patience. Always look towards that definitive encounter; always look to see that the Lord is always near us, that death will never, never be victorious. Let us go ahead and ask the Lord to give us this great virtue of hope, accompanied by patience. Thank you.