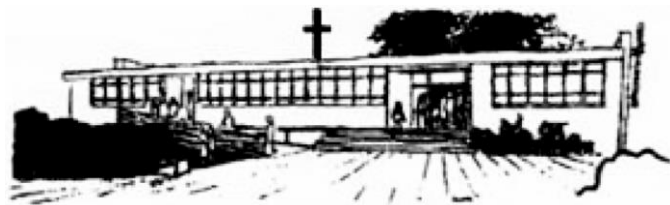


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148 (Calls Only)

PENTECOST SUNDAY

19th May 2024, Year B/2



ANGELICO, Fra, Pentecost (From Triptych of the Ascension, Pentecost & Last Judgement), 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: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world
and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

First Reading: **Vigil:** Genesis 11:1-9 or Exodus 19:3-8,16-20, or Ezekiel 37:1-4 or Joel 3:1-5
Day: Acts 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Lord send out Your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: **Vigil:** Romans 8:22-27; **Day:** Galatians 5:16-25

Gospel: **Vigil:** John 7:37-39 **Day:** John 15:26-27; 16, 12-15

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm † Guiseppe Surace (Deceased's Birthday)

SUNDAY 8:30am † Salvador Daria Toledo

10:00am For the Parish

Monday 8.00am Mary, Mother of the Church Living & †† Dec. Members of the McIlvenna, Dobranski, McCaffrey & Colreavy Families

Tuesday 8:00am 7th Week in Ordinary Time † Bishop Edward Kelly

Wednesday 8.00am St Rita of Cascia † Bishop Geoffrey Robinson

Thursday 8.00am 7th Week in Ordinary Time †† Souls in Purgatory

Friday 8.00am OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS †† Souls in Purgatory

Saturday 8.30am Mass of the Virgin Mary † Salvador Daria Toledo

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: Mariusz Latarka, Salvador Daria Toledo, Marinelia Santiago

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR: Guiseppe Surace, Deceased Members of the McIlvenna, Dobranski, Colreavy & McCaffrey Families, Bishop Edward Kelly, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, 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.

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

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: \$680**
 Loose: \$821.30
 Tap & Go: \$280
 Smart Facility: \$320

St Joseph Statue Donations Total: \$7170

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.

WESTERN DEANERY YOUNG ADULTS

Friday 31st May at 7.00pm. Young people from 18 to 35 years old are welcome. More information to follow next week.

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.

ST JOSEPH STATUE

We pray that our statue of St Joseph will arrive soon and we will then arrange a date to have it blessed. Thank you for your ongoing donations.

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.

BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

We have collected \$1895 so far. Our balance will be made up in our next appeal on 8th/9th June. 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.

MORNING TEA FOR FATHER JACEK

Father Jacek leaves us on 17th June. On Sunday 16th June please join us for Morning Tea after the 10am Mass to have the opportunity to thank Fr Jacek for his time with us and to wish him well in the future.

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.

MT SCHOENSTATT WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 15th June from 9-11am in the Family Hall, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Speaker is Sr M Isabell Naumann ISSM ThD STD FCES. Cost is \$25. Bookings 4773 8338 by 7th June.

MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE

This is an official Pilgrimage led by the Sister of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart and follows "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop". Leaves from Melbourne on 15th and returns 26th October 2024. See brochures at the back of the Church for further information.

STRATEGIES FOR FAMILIES FACING RISING COSTS

Saturday 25th May from 3-5pm at 24 Weema Street, Caddens. See the flyer at back of Church for more information.

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 15th May 2024

Cycle of Catechesis. Vices and Virtues. 19. Charity

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today we will talk about the third theological virtue, *charity*. It is the culmination of the entire itinerary we have undertaken with the catecheses on the virtues. To think of charity immediately expands the heart, and it expands the mind, it evokes the inspired words of Saint Paul in the First Letter to the Corinthians. Concluding that wonderful hymn, Saint Paul cites the triad of the theological virtues and exclaims: "So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love" (1 Cor 13:13).

Paul addresses these words to a community that is anything but perfect in fraternal love: the Christians of Corinth were rather litigious, there were internal divisions, and there were those who claimed always to be right and did not listen to others, regarding them as inferior. Paul reminds them that knowledge puffs up, whereas charity builds up (cf. 1 Cor 8:1). The Apostle then records a scandal that touches even the moment of maximum union of a Christian community, the "Lord's Supper", the Eucharistic celebration: even there, there are divisions, and there are those who take advantage of this to eat and drink, excluding those who have nothing (cf. 1 Cor 11:18-22). In the face of this, Paul gives a stark judgement: "When you meet together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat" (v. 20), you have another ritual, which is pagan, it is not the Lord's supper.

Who knows, perhaps in the community of Corinth, no-one thought they had committed a sin, and those harsh words of the Apostle sounded somewhat incomprehensible for them. Probably they were all convinced they were good people, and if questioned on love, they would have answered that love was certainly a very important value for them, just like friendship or the family. In our days too, love is on the lips of many "influencers" and in the refrains of many songs. We speak a lot about love, but what is love?

"But the *other* love?", Paul seems to ask to his Christians of Corinth. Not the love that rises, but the one that descends; not the one that takes, but the one that gives; not the one that appears, but the one that is hidden. Paul is concerned that in Corinth - as among us today too - there is confusion and that there is actually no trace of the theological virtue of love, the one that comes to us only from God. And if even in words everyone assures that they are good people,

that they love their family and friends, in reality they know very little about the love of God.

The Christians of antiquity had several Greek words at their disposal to define love. In the end, the word "*agape*" emerged, which we normally translate as "charity". Because in truth Christians are capable of all the forms of love in the world: they too fall in love, more or less as it happens to everyone. They too experience the benevolence that is felt in friendship. They too feel love for their country and the universal love for all humanity. But there is a greater love, a love which comes from God and is directed towards God, which enables us to love God, to become His friends, and enables us to love our neighbour as God loves him or her. This love, because of Christ, drives us where humanly we would not go: it is the love for the poor, for those who are not lovable, for those who do not care for us and are not grateful. It is love even for one's enemy. This is "theological": this comes from God, it is the work of the Holy Spirit in us.

Jesus preaches, in the Sermon on the Mount: "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them" (Lk 6:32-33). And he concludes: "But love your enemies and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish" (v. 35). Let us not forget this!

In these words, love reveals itself as a theological virtue and assumes the name of charity. Love is charity. We immediately realize that it is a difficult, indeed impossible love to practice if one does not live in God. Our human nature makes us love spontaneously what is good and beautiful. In the name of an ideal or a great affection we can even be generous and perform heroic acts. But the love of God goes beyond these criteria. Christian love embraces what is not lovable, it offers forgiveness. How much love it takes to forgive! Christian love blesses those who curse, whereas, faced with an insult or a curse, we are accustomed to replying with another insult, with another curse. It is a love so ardent that it seems almost impossible, and yet it is the only thing that will remain of us. Love is the "narrow gate" through which we will pass in order to enter the Kingdom of God. At the twilight of life, we will not be judged on generic love; we will be judged on the real love we had. And Jesus says this to us: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40). This is the beautiful thing, the greatest thing about love. Onwards and upwards!