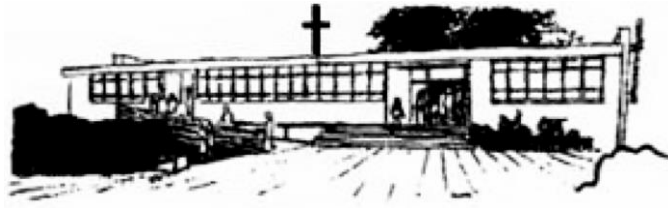


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

26th May 2024, Year B/2



SEMITECOLO, Niccolo, The Holy Trinity, 1370

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: Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit, for He has shown us His merciful love.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Responsorial Psalm: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be His own.

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Justina Toledo

SUNDAY 8:30am

† Nestor San Jose

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8.00am 8th Week in Ordinary Time

† Zbigniew Blazek

Tuesday 8:00am 8th Week in Ordinary Time

†† Zbigniew Blazek, Elzbieta Kral
& Bronislaw Pikula

Wednesday 8.00am 8th Week in Ordinary Time

† Rudi Isbitzki (Deceased's Birthday)

Thursday 8.00am 8th Week in Ordinary Time

For the Andary Family

Friday 8.00am VISITATION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Maureen van Hoogenvest (For her Health)

Saturday 8.30am St Justin

†† Dec. Mems. 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.

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: Next Sunday 2nd June at 10am

Confirmation: Sunday 3rd November

Registration & 1st Session: 21st July

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mariusz Latarka, Marinelia Santiago

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Justina Toledo, Nestor San Jose, Zbigniew Blazek,
Elzbieta Kral, Bronislaw Pikula, Rudi Isbitzki,
Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

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: \$1015**
 Loose: \$939.15
 Tap & Go: \$230
 Smart Facility: \$620
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.

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

Please fill in the sheet at the back of the Church if you can assist us in sharing the Word of God with the children in our schools.

THANK YOU TO BARRY SMITH

We would like to thank Barry Smith for his years of hard work and dedication in keeping our grounds so neat and tidy.

While Barry is still able to assist in maintaining the grounds he needs assistance with the push mower and edger. If anyone is willing to help with the mowing and edging, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you Barry, may our Lord bless you abundantly.

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.

WESTERN DEANERY YOUNG ADULTS

This Friday 31st May at 7.00pm. Young people from 18 to 35 years old are welcome to enjoy an evening of Adoration, Dinner & Fellowship. Our Topic is "Catholic Dating", with Michael Jaksic as the Speaker.

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 at 4773 8338 by 7th June.

ADULT CONFIRMATION 2024

For anyone over 16, who have received their First Communion, wanting to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, there will be a Formation Day Saturday 24th August from 9.30am to 2pm at the Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. The Confirmation will take place on Tuesday 27th August 2024 at 7.30pm at the Cathedral. A contribution of \$25 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office with a copy of your Baptism Certificate.

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

Mary's Little Children Community celebrates their Silver Jubilee on Friday 31st May at St Aidan's Catholic Church, Rooty Hill. See flyer at the back of the 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.

Modules 1-3 – Monday 3rd June – 9.30am – 2.30pm

Modules 4/5 – Monday 11th June – 10.30am – 2.00pm

Both are at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown

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 22nd May 2024

Cycle of Catechesis. Vices and Virtues. 20. Humility

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

We will conclude this cycle of catechesis by looking at a virtue which is not part of the seven cardinal and theological virtues, but which is at the base of Christian life: this virtue is *humility*. It is the great antagonist of the most mortal of sins, namely arrogance. Whereas pride and arrogance swell the human heart, making us appear to be more than we are, humility restores everything to its correct dimension: we are wonderful creatures, but we are limited, with qualities and flaws. From the beginning, the Bible reminds us that we are dust, and to dust we shall return (cf. *Gen 3:19*); indeed, "humble" derives from *humus*, that is, earth. And yet the delirium of omnipotence, which is so dangerous, often arises in the human heart, and this does us a great deal of harm.

It takes very little to free ourselves from of arrogance; it suffices to contemplate a starry sky to restore the correct measure, as the Psalm says: "When I look at thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast established; what is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou dost care for him?" (8:3-4). Modern science enables us to extend the horizon much, much farther, and to feel the mystery that surrounds us and which we inhabit even more.

Blessed are the people who hold in their heart this perception of their own smallness! These people are preserved from an ugly vice: arrogance. In His Beatitudes, Jesus starts precisely from them: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven" (*Mt 5:3*). It is the first Beatitude, because it is at the base of those that follow: indeed, meekness, mercy, and purity of heart stem from that inner sense of smallness. Humility is the gateway to all the virtues.

In the first pages of the Gospels, humility and poverty of spirit seem to be the source of everything. The announcement of the angel does not happen at the doors of Jerusalem, but in a remote village in Galilee, so insignificant that people used to say, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" (*Jn 1:46*). But it is exactly from there that the world is reborn. The chosen heroine is not a little queen who grew up

coddled, but an unknown girl: Mary. She herself is the first to be astonished when the angel brings God's announcement. And in her hymn of prayer, it is indeed this wonder that stands out: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for He has *regarded the low estate* of His handmaiden" (*Lk 1:46-48*). God is – so to speak – attracted by the smallness of Mary, which is above all an inner smallness. And He is also attracted by our smallness, when we accept it.

From here on, Mary will be careful not to take centre stage. Her first decision after the angelic annunciation is to go and help, to go and serve her cousin. Mary heads towards the mountains of Judea to visit Elizabeth: she assists her in the last months of her pregnancy. But who sees this gesture? No-one, other than God. The Virgin does not seem to want to emerge from this concealment. Just as, when a woman's voice from the crowd proclaims her blessedness: "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!" (*Lk 11:27*). But Jesus immediately replies: "Blessed rather are those that hear the word of God and keep it" (*Lk 11:28*). Not even the most sacred truth of her life – being the Mother of God – becomes a reason for her to boast before men. In a world marked by the pursuit of appearance, of showing oneself to be superior to others, Mary walks decisively, by the sole power of God's grace, in the opposite direction.

We can imagine that she, too, has known difficult moments, days when her faith advanced in darkness. But this never made her humility waver, which in Mary was a granitic virtue. I want to highlight this: humility is a granitic virtue. Let us think of Mary: she is always small, always without self-importance, always free of ambition. This smallness of hers is her invincible strength: it is she who remains at the foot of the cross, while the illusion of a triumphant Messiah is shattered. It will be Mary, in the days leading up to Pentecost, who will gather up the flock of disciples, who had not been able to keep vigil just one hour with Jesus and had abandoned Him when the storm came. Brothers and sisters, humility is everything. It is what saves us from the Evil One, and from the danger of becoming his accomplices. And humility is the source of peace in the world and in the Church. Where there is no humility, there is war, there is discord, there is division. God has given us an example of this in Jesus and Mary, for our salvation and happiness. And humility is precisely the way, the path to salvation. Thank you!