ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

22nd October 2017, Year A/1

Nicola Grassi, Rosary Mother of God with Sts. Dominic and Francis

Sunday Masses:	
Saturday Vigil:	4:00pm (Mass in Polish)
	6:00pm
Sunday:	8:30am
	10:00am
Weekday Masses:	
Monday–Friday:	8:00am
Saturday:	8:30am
Sacrament of Reconciliation:	
Saturday:	after 8:30am Mass
Benediction:	Saturday 5.15pm

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Patricia Reilly – Principal

School Office Times
8:30 am - 4:00 pm - Monday to Friday

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LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: To You I call; for You will surely heed me, O God;
turn Your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of Your eye; in the shadow of Your wings protect me.

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Responsorial Psalm: Give the Lord glory and honour.

Second Reading Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		**Dec. Members of the Kushnir Family**
	8.30am		**Dec. Members of the Mahn Family**
	10:00am		**For the Parish**
Monday	**8:00am**	**29th Week Ordinary Time**	**Dec. Members of the Brancik Family**
Tuesday:	**8:00am**	**29th Week Ordinary Time**	**Olga Hlinkova (Health & Healing)**
Wednesday	**8:00am**	**29th Week Ordinary Time**	**Fr Russel Abata (Dec. Anniversary)**
Thursday	**8:00am**	**29th Week Ordinary Time**	**Intentions of the O'Connell Family**
Friday	**8.00am**	**29th Week Ordinary Time**	**Intentions of the Rusnak Family**
Saturday	**8.30am**	**ST SIMON & ST JUDE**	**Intentions of the Awadalla Family**

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:
Please contact the Parish Office or one of the priests. In the case of Emergency please call the emergency number at the front of this bulletin.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ray Kelly

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Russel Abata, Segundina Facun, Deceased Members of the Kushnir, Mahn & Brancik Families.

OUR LADY'S MONTH – OCTOBER
There will be Rosary, Litany to Our Lady and Benediction after weekday Mass during the month of October in honour of the Blessed Virgin.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE
Please contact the Parish Office.

YOUTH MASS
Our next Youth Mass will be 28th October at 6pm. Please invite all young people to come along for Mass and a get together after Mass.

NOVEMBER MASSES:
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. All Masses in November are for our Deceased.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, Dianne Devitt, John McCahon, Kathryn Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, Gisela Drobiszewski, Katalin Domotor, Charles Timmins, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Valerie Davis, Raymond Waters, Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Noeline Cruzado, Kathleen Angoves & Margaret Colville.

SICK LIST: If you have anyone for the sick list, (due to privacy laws) 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' INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER
Workers and Unemployed
That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: $789**
Loose: $433.95

LEGION OF MARY – 'Mary Seat of Wisdom'
Meetings are held every Saturday at 2pm in the old office building. All interested in participating in the Legion's activities are most welcome.

ROSARY IN OUR HOMES
Please fill in the form at the back of the Church if you are interested in having Our Lady's Statue and the Rosary in your home for a week at a time.

SACRAMENTS FOR 2017:
Confirmation: 7pm Tuesday 24th October

SACRAMENTS FOR 2018:
Reconciliation: Thursday 22nd March
Registration: Sunday 18th February

First Communion: Sunday 3rd June
Registration: Sunday 8th April

Confirmation Tuesday 23rd October
Registration Sunday 22nd July

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:
2nd & 4th Wednesdays after Mass – 9am to 10am in Parish Hall.
1st & 3rd Mondays 7pm in Parish Office.

BIBLE STUDY
Our Bible Study is every Wednesday at 10.30am in the Parish Hall. All are most welcome. Please bring your Bible with you.

SKY YOUTH GROUP
Youth Group Wednesdays from 3pm to 5pm. Young people from Years 6 to 12 are most welcome. If anyone would like to contribute towards afternoon tea, please feel free to do so.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS
2018 Calendars are for sale after weekend Masses at $9 each. They make a lovely Christmas gift.

PARISH LUNCH:
All Parishioners are invited to our lunch on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Venue is Penrith Golf Club for 8th November. If you need a lift please ring the Office. All are most welcome.

DIOCESAN LITURGY CONFERENCE 2017
Fr Peter Williams VG EV is keynote speaker on Saturday 4th November 9.30am to 3pm at St Andrew's Parish, Marayong. Cost $20 includes lunch. Register at www.parracatholic.org/ofw

RACHEL'S VINEYARD HEALING RETREAT
This weekend retreat from 3rd to 5th November in Sydney is designed to bring psychological and spiritual healing to anyone who has been affected by an abortion experience including women, men, couples and grandparents. Confidential inquiries: 0400 092 555 or info@rachelsvineyard.org.au

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL
Bishop Vincent invites all young people from Year 9 to 30 years of age to celebrate at Sydney Olympic Park from 7th to 9th December. For all enquiries contact James Camden, Director of Youth on 8838 3428 or jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au.

POSTAL SURVEY ON PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE MARRIAGE ACT
We remind you that the survey closes on Tuesday, 7 November 2017 (6pm local time). Any surveys received after this will not be counted. As we exercise our democratic responsibility in responding to the survey it is important to remember that the postal survey is about whether or not Australians want the legal definition of civil marriage changed to include same-sex couples. It is not a referendum on sacramental marriage, however we are called to consider carefully the implications of any change. In the words of Bishop Vincent: *"Whatever the outcome of the survey or the eventual legislation by the government, the Church will continue to hold that marriage is a natural institution established by God to be a permanent union between one man and one woman, directed both to mutual companionship and to the formation of a family in which children are born and nurtured."*
Let us pray, discern and act with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

Pope Francis' Catechesis

Dearest Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Today I would like to compare Christian hope with the reality of death, a reality that our modern civilization tends increasingly to efface. Thus, when death comes, for one who is close to us or for ourselves, we find ourselves unprepared, deprived even of an appropriate "alphabet" to articulate meaningful words about its mystery, which in any case remains. Yet the first signs of human civilization transited in fact through this enigma. We can say that man is born with the cult of the dead.

Other civilizations, before ours, had the courage to look at it in the face. It was an event recounted by the elderly to the new generations, as an inescapable reality that obliged man to live for something absolute. Psalm 90 states: "Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom" (v. 12). To number our days so that our heart becomes wise! — words that lead us to a healthy realism, dispelling the delusion of omnipotence. What are we? We are "almost nothing," says another Psalm (Cf. 88:48); our days run off fast: even if we lived a hundred years, at the end it will all seem as if it was a flash. Many times I've heard elderly people say: "Life passed for me as a flash . . ."

Thus death strips our life. It makes us discover that our acts of pride, of wrath, of hatred were vanity, pure vanity. We realize with regret that we didn't love enough and that we didn't seek what was essential. And, on the contrary, we see what we sowed that was truly good: the affections for which we sacrificed ourselves, and that now hold our hand.

Jesus illumined the mystery of our death. With His conduct, He permits us to feel sorrowful when a dear person goes. He was "profoundly" upset before the tomb of His friend Lazarus, and He "wept" (*John* 11:35). In this attitude of His, we feel Jesus very close — our brother. He wept for His friend Lazarus.

And then Jesus prays to the Father, source of life, and orders Lazarus to come out of the sepulchre. And so it happens. Christian hope draws from this attitude, which Jesus assumes against human death: if it is present in Creation, it is, however, a scar that spoils God's design of love, and the Saviour wants to heal it.

Elsewhere the Gospels talk about a father whose daughter is very sick, and he turns to Jesus with faith so that He will save her (Cf. *Mark* 5:21-24.35-543). And Jesus goes immediately with that man, who was called Jairus. At a certain point someone arrives from Jairus' house to say that the girl is dead, and there's no longer need to trouble the Teacher. However, Jesus says to Jairus: "Do not fear, only believe!" (*Mark* 5:36). Jesus knows that that man is tempted to react with anger and despair, because the little girl is dead, and he recommends to him to cherish the small flame burning in his heart: faith. "Do not fear, only have faith." "Do not fear, continue to have that flame burning!" And then, arriving at the house, He awakes the little girl from death and restores her alive to her dear ones.

Jesus puts us on this "ridge" of faith. To Martha weeping for the death of her brother Lazarus He opposes the light of a dogma: "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" (*John* 11: 25-26). It's what Jesus repeats to each one of us every time that death comes to tear the fabric of life and of affections. Our whole existence is played out here, between the slope of faith and the precipice of fear. Jesus says: I am not death, I am the resurrection and the life; do you believe this? Do you believe this?" Do we, who are in the Square today, believe this?

We are all small and vulnerable before the mystery of death. However, what a grace if in that moment we cherish in our heart the little flame of faith! Jesus will take us by the hand, as He took the hand of Jairus' daughter, and repeat once again: *"Talita kum,"* "Little girl, arise!" (*Mark* 5:41). He will say it to us, to each one of us: "Get up, arise!" I now invite you to close your eyes and to think of that moment of our death. Each one of us think of his death and imagine that moment that will come, when Jesus will take us by the hand and say to us: Come, come with me, arise." Think about it: Jesus Himself will come to each one of us and will take us by the hand, with His tenderness, His meekness, His love. And each one repeat in his heart Jesus' word: "Get up, come. Get up, come. Get up, arise!"

This is our hope in face of death. For one who believes, it's a door that opens completely; for one who doubts it's a chink of light that filters from a doorway that was not altogether closed. However, for all of us it will be a grace, when this light, of the encounter with Jesus, will illuminate us.