

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29th October 2017, Year A/1



ANGELICO, Fra. The Coronation of the Virgin 1434-35

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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ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
Turn to the Lord and His strength; constantly seek His face.

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

Responsorial Psalm: I love You, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Domingo & Antonia Santiago & Carlos Jocson (Deceased Ann.)
	8.30am		Ray Kelly (Recently Deceased)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	29 th Week Ordinary Time	Dec. Mem. of St Vincent de Paul
Tuesday:	8:00am	29 th Week Ordinary Time	For God's Precious Infants
Wednesday	8:00am	ALL SAINTS	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	8:00am	ALL SOULS' DAY	Souls in Purgatory
Friday	8.00am	ST MARTIN DE PORRES	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	8.30am	St Charles Borromeo	Souls in Purgatory

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.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ray Kelly

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES: Carlos Jocson, Domingo & Antonia Santiago, Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

EXPOSITION BEFORE MORNING MASS

While Fr Andrew is away, there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before the morning Mass from Monday to Wednesday until 4th December.

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will 18th November 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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There is an opportunity to spend time with the Lord this Friday 3rd November from 5pm to 10pm.
All are welcome.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, 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: \$921
Loose: \$467.20

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.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE
WHO WERE CONFIRMED ON TUESDAY NIGHT**

Gabriel Blazevec	Tanna Fallick
Maretta Fuimaono	Jasmine Laurente
Jayln Laurente	Jonah Laurente
Bonifasius Prameswira	Brigitta Sukuten
Benedictus Rhodando	Lily Weldon
Michael Wiggins	Erica Worley
Emma Zahra	

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.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COUNCIL

Mrs Camille Wiggins – Chair

Mr Columban Devine – Vice Chair

Mr Joseph McDonald – Secretary

Mrs Marie Prazak

Mr Sunny Killoorparampil

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.

IMPORTANT SRE MEETING

Monday 30th October at 8.30am in the Old Office Building. Interested persons are welcome.

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.

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CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

Pope Francis' Catechesis

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

This is the last catechesis on the theme of Christian hope, which has accompanied us from the beginning of this Liturgical Year. And I will conclude speaking of *Paradise*, as *end of our hope*.

"Paradise" is one of the last words spoken by Jesus on the cross, addressed to the good thief. Let us pause a moment on that scene. Jesus isn't alone on the cross. Next to Him, on the right and on the left, are two evildoers. Perhaps, passing before those three crosses raised on Golgotha, someone sighed a sigh of relief, thinking that finally justice was done putting people like this to death.

Next to Jesus there is also a self-confessed criminal: one who recognizes he deserved that terrible torture. We call him the "good thief," who, opposing the other thief, says: we are receiving the due reward for our deeds (Cf. *Luke 23:41*).

On Calvary, that tragic and holy Friday, Jesus reaches the extreme of His Incarnation, of His solidarity with us sinners. The prophet Isaiah said of the Suffering Servant: "He was numbered with the transgressors" (53:12; Cf. *Luke 22:37*).

It is there, on Calvary, that Jesus has the last meeting with a sinner, to open to him also the door of His Kingdom. This is interesting: it's the only time the word "Paradise" appears in the Gospels. Jesus promises it to a "poor devil" who, on the wood of the cross, had the courage to address to Him the most humble request: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (*Luke 23:42*). He didn't have good works to assert, but he entrusts himself to Jesus, whom he recognizes as innocent, good, so different from himself. That word of humble repentance was enough to touch Jesus' heart.

The good thief reminds us of our true condition before God: that we are His children, that He has compassion for us, that He is disarmed every time we manifest to Him nostalgia for His love. In the rooms of so many hospitals or in the cells of prisons this miracle is repeated innumerable times: there is no person, no matter how badly he lived, for whom only despair remains and for

whom grace is prohibited. We all present ourselves before God with empty hands, somewhat like the publican of the parable who paused to pray in the back of the Temple (Cf. *Luke 18:13*). And every time that a man, doing the last examination of conscience of his life, discovers that the deficits are greater compared to his good works, he must not be discouraged, but entrust himself to God's mercy. And this gives us hope; this opens our heart!

God is Father, and He waits for our return up to the end. And to the Prodigal Son who returns, who begins to confess his faults, the father closes his mouth with an embrace (Cf. *Luke 15:20*). This is God: this is how He loves us!

Paradise is not a dream place or an enchanted garden. Paradise is the embrace with God, infinite Love, and we enter it thanks to Jesus, who died on the cross for us. Where Jesus is, there is mercy and happiness; without Him there is cold and darkness. In the hour of death, a Christian repeats to Jesus: "Remember me." And if there isn't any one who remembers us, Jesus is there, next to us. He wants to take us to the most beautiful place that exists. He wants to take us there with the little or the lot of good that was in our life, so that nothing is lost of what He already redeemed. And He will bring to the Father's House all that is in us that still needs to be redeemed: the failures and mistakes of a whole life. This is the end of our existence: when everything is fulfilled and is transformed in love.

If we believe this, death ceases to make us afraid, and we can also hope to depart from this world serenely and with much trust. And we can also repeat the words of the elderly Simeon, who was also blessed by his meeting with Christ, after a whole life consumed in waiting: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation" (*Luke 2:29-30*).

And in that instant, finally, we won't be in need of anything, we will no longer see in a confused way. We won't cry anymore uselessly, because everything has passed, also the prophecies, also knowledge, but not love, it remains, because "love never ends" (Cf. *1 Corinthians 13:8*)