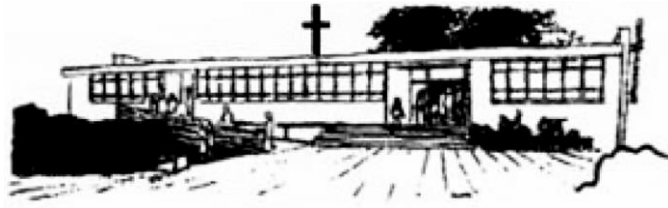


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8th October 2023, Year A/1



Pope John XXIII

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: Within Your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist Your will.
For You have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven; You are the Lord of all.

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Chloe

SUNDAY 8:30am

Thanks for Graces Received in Marriage

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am St Louis Bertran

† Perfecto Feliza Nueles Daton

Tuesday 8:00am 27th Week Ordinary Time

McIlvenna, Dobranski & McCaffrey Families

Wednesday 8:00am St John XXIII

† Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday 8:00am 27th Week Ordinary Time

Return of Family to Christ

Friday 8:00am 27th Week Ordinary Time

Thanks for Graces Received in Marriage

Saturday 8:30am Mass of the Virgin Mary

† Mary Spiteri

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to one of the Priests or ring the Parish Office.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There is an opportunity to spend time with the Lord 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. Please let the Priest know.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2023

Confirmation: Sunday 12th November

Sessions are Sundays after 10am Mass, at 11.30am.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Chloe, Shirley Phelan

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Perfecto Feliza Nueles Daton, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Mary Spiteri

ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

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

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Father Andrew, 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, Danny Patos, Shayla, Benjamin Santiago, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Cynthia Sulvita, Charley Tonna, David Wakeling, Paul & 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' OCTOBER INTENTIONS

For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$615**
 Loose: \$1014.20
 Tap & Go: \$290
 Smart Facility: \$450
 St Joseph's Statue Donations: \$800

TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

All contributions go to the 2nd Collection.

First Collection contributions go to the Diocese to support our Priests.

Second Collection contributions go directly to the Parish to support day to day operation of the Parish.

BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday at 9.15am in the Parish Hall. All are most welcome.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will resume this Wednesday 11th October from 3-5pm. All young people from Year 6 up to under eighteen years old are welcome to a time of Fun, Games, Reflection and Afternoon Tea.

PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be at 12 noon this Wednesday 11th October at St. Mary's Band Club. It is a great chance to catch up socially with other parishioners. All are welcome. If you need a lift, please ring the Office.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Available for \$10 after all weekend Masses. This calendar makes a lovely gift.

ST JOSEPH STATUE

Donations can be placed in the silver "Donation Box" at the back of the Church. We are planning to have the new Statue blessed on the Feast of St Joseph, 19th March 2024. Thank you for your donations.

MT SCHOENSTATT

The Shrine at Mt Schoenstatt at Mulgoa is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year from 7am to 8pm.

NOVEMBER MASSES

One Mass each day in November will be offered for our Deceased. 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.

DIOCESAN SYNOD

We pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire Bishop Vincent and all other participants at our Diocesan Synod which takes place from 13th to 15th October.

OPENING OF OUR DIOCESAN SYNOD

All members of the faithful young and young at heart are invited to celebrate the beginning of the first-ever Diocesan Synod at LIFTED Live in the Forecourt: Bridge to the Synod on Thursday 12th October at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta from 6.30pm. We're inviting our entire Diocesan community to experience and celebrate our young Church with live music, prayer, stalls, games and more.

WORLD ROSARY DAY

All Catholics around the world are invited to pray the Holy Rosary together on Friday, October 13 at 3:00pm (Sydney time). The date marks the 106th Anniversary of the last apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to three children. Please visit: worldrosaryhour.com

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Parishes and Families are invited to take part in our annual "One Million Children Praying the Rosary" on 18th October 2023. Free resources can be found at www.aidtochurch.org/onemillionchildren

NIGHT OF LIGHT

A Brighter Side of Halloween

Tuesday 31st October from 4.30pm. Kids can dress up as their Favourite Saint or Bible Hero. See Flyer on noticeboard or at the back of the Church.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding Mandatory Training.

Under the Children's Guardian Act 2019 and the NSW Child Safe Standards **all** volunteers in parish ministry are Mandatory Reporters and are required to have completed their Safeguarding Training.

If you would like to complete your 6 points online go to at <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

For any questions, please email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement & Education Officer at maria.kervin@parracatholic.org

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' ANGELUS

Sunday 1st October 2023

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today, the Gospel speaks about two sons. Their father asks them to go to work in the vineyard (cf. Mt 21:28-32). One of them responds "yes", right away, but then does not go. The other, says "no", but then repents and goes.

What is there to say about the behaviour of these two? What quickly comes to mind is that going to work in the vineyard requires sacrifice, and sacrifice costs. This doesn't come naturally, even with the beauty of knowing they are sons and heirs. But the problem here is not so much connected that they resist going to work in the vineyard, as much as their *sincerity*, or lack thereof, with their father and with themselves. Even though neither of the sons behaves impeccably, one lies, while the other makes a mistake but remains sincere.

Let us look at the son who says "yes", but then does not go. He does not want to do the father's will, but neither does he want to get into a discussion or talk about it. Thus, he hides behind a "yes", behind a false willingness that hides his laziness and he saves face for the time being. He is a hypocrite. He gets by without conflict, but he cheats and deceives his father, disrespecting him in a way that is worse than had he responded with a blunt "no". The problem with someone who behaves like this is that he or she is not a sinner but is corrupt because they lie with no difficulty to cover up and disguise their disobedience without welcoming any honest dialogue or feedback.

The other son, instead, who said "no" but then went, is sincere. He is not perfect, but sincere. Certainly, it would have been nice to hear him say "yes" right away. That did not happen, but at least he shows his reluctance clearly and, in a certain sense, courageously. That is, he takes responsibility for his behaviour and acts out in the open. Then, with this basic honesty, he ends up questioning himself until he understands he has made a mistake and retraces his steps. He is a sinner, we could say, but he is not corrupt. Pay close attention to this: this son is a sinner, but he is not corrupt. And there is always the hope of redemption for a sinner; for the corrupt, instead, it is much more difficult. In fact, the corrupt person's false "yesses", elegant but hypocritical

façades and habitual false pretences, are like a thick "rubber wall", behind which to take cover from qualms of conscience. And these hypocrites do so much evil! Brothers and sisters, sinners yes – all of us are – corrupt no! Sinners yes, corrupt no!

Let us look at ourselves now and, in the light of all this, ask ourselves some questions. When faced with the difficulty to live an honest and generous life, to dedicate myself to the will of the Father, am I willing to say "yes" each day, even if it costs? And when I fail, am I sincere before God about my difficulties, my failings, my weaknesses? And when I say "no", do I turn around after? Do we speak with the Lord about this? When I make a mistake, am I willing to repent and retrace my steps? Or do I pretend everything is okay and go through life wearing a mask, concerning myself only about appearing good and righteous? Finally, am I a sinner, like everyone, or is there something corrupt in me? Do not forget: sinners yes, corrupt no.

May Mary, mirror of holiness, help us be sincere Christians.

After the Angelus

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today begins the month of October, the month of the Rosary and of the missions. I encourage everyone to experience the beauty of praying the Rosary, contemplating the mysteries of Christ with Mary and invoking her intercession for the needs of the Church and of the world. Let us pray for peace in battered Ukraine and in all those lands wounded by war. Let us pray for the evangelization of peoples. And let us also pray for the Synod of Bishops during this month in which the first Assembly on the theme of synodality in the Church takes place.

Today is the feast of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, the Little Flower, the saint of confidence, the saint of confidence in ourselves. This coming 15 October, an Apostolic Exhortation on her message will be published. Let us pray to Saint Thérèse and to Our Lady: may Saint Thérèse help us have confidence and to work for the missions.

I wish all of you a good Sunday. And please, do not forget to pray for me.