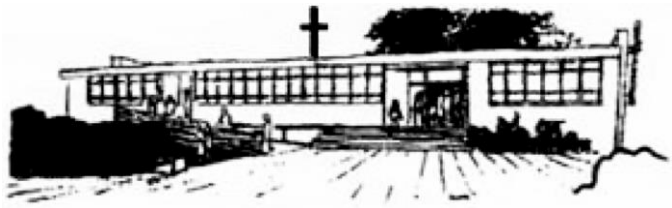
ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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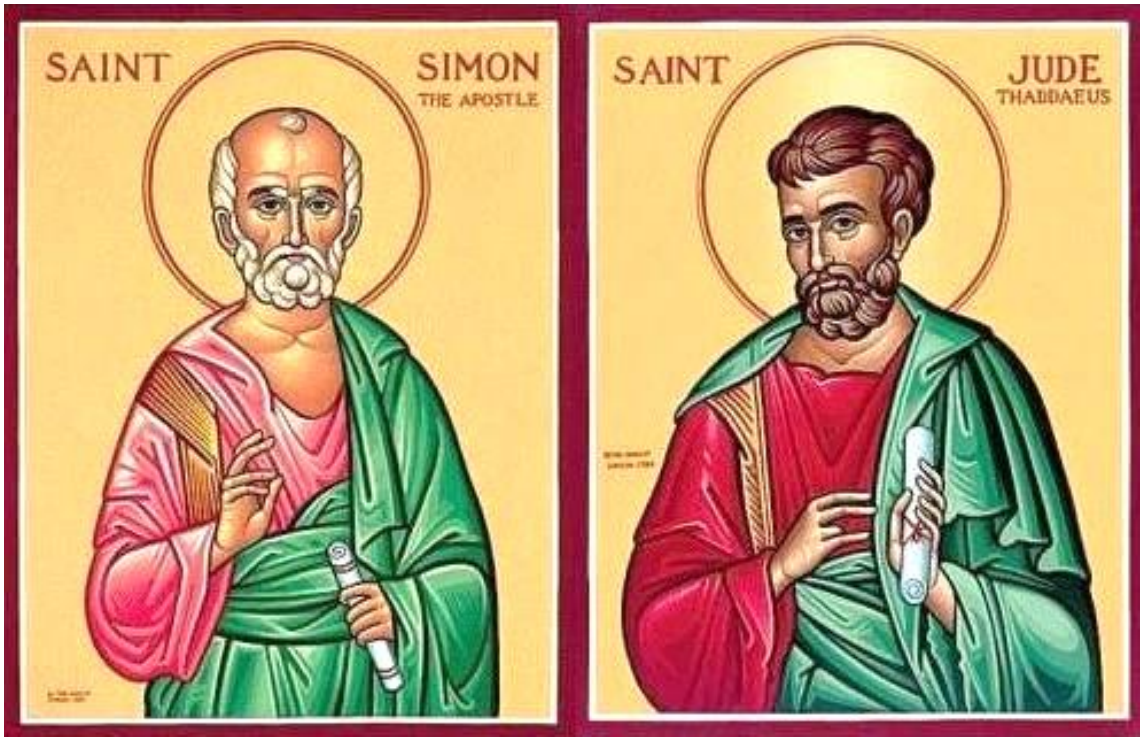
TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

22nd October 2023, Year A/1



St Simon & St Jude Icons, Grafton Cathedral

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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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am – 2:00pm and Friday: 9.00am – 1:00pm

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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: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

VIGIL SATURDAY			
	6:00pm		**† Orlando Surace**
SUNDAY	**8:30am**		**† Krystyna Barszczewska**
	10:00am		**For the Parish**
Monday	**8:00am**	**29th Week Ordinary Time**	**† Benita Azores (Deceased's Birthday)**
Tuesday	**8:00am**	**29th Week Ordinary Time**	**Thanks for Graces Received in Marriage**
Wednesday	**8.00am**	**29th Week Ordinary Time**	**For Emergency Services & Medical Teams**
Thursday	**8.00am**	**29th Week Ordinary Time**	**Thanks for Graces Received in Marriage**
Friday	**8.00am**	**29th Week Ordinary Time**	**† Carlos Jocson**
Saturday	**8.30am**	**ST SIMON & ST JUDE**	**†† Domingo & Antonia Santiago**

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.

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:
Orlando Surace, Krystyna Barszczewska, Benita Azores, Carlos Jocson, Domingo & Antonia Santiago

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

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS
There will be a Vigil Mass Tuesday 31st October at 7.00pm & also the 8.00am Mass on the Feast Day.

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: $795**
Loose: $353.35
Tap & Go: $190
Smart Facility: $285
St Joseph Statue Donations Total: $1210

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 every Wednesday during the School Term 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 Wednesday 8th November 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.

WESTERN DEANERY YOUNG ADULTS
Next meeting is on Friday 27th October at 7pm. All over 18 and under 35 are most welcome to join us for Dinner and a Movie Night.

FATHER PAWEL'S 50TH BIRTHDAY
Wednesday 1st November from 6.00pm we are having a Parish Barbeque to celebrate Fr Pawel's 50th Birthday. The Parish will supply the meat and drinks. All Parishioners are welcome, and we ask you to bring a salad, a savoury dish or a dessert to share. Please RSVP to the Parish Office by Friday 27th October, for catering purposes.

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.

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.

NIGHT OF LIGHT
A Brighter Side of Halloween
Tuesday 31st October from 4.30pm. Mums, Dads, Preschool and Primary kids are all welcome. Kids can dress up as their Favourite Saint or Bible Hero. See Flyer on the noticeboard or at the back of the Church for more information.

CLEANING THE LORD'S HOUSE
If you have a free hour on a Friday or Saturday morning, we would appreciate some help once every 4 or 5 weeks to clean the Church. Volunteers need to be willing to obtain a Working with Children Check & to do Safeguarding Training as we often have our Sacramental Children help us. Our next Roster will begin in January 2024. Please speak to Clare or ring the Parish Office if you can help.

CAMPION COLLEGE FESTIVAL
Saturday 28th October from 10am to 4pm at 8-14 Austin Woodbury Place, Toongabbie 2146. See Flyer for more information.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
Online Information Session for 2024
Monday 30th October at 7.30pm (AEDT). For more information and to register visit our website: ctc.edu.au/information-session

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' GENERAL AUDIENCE
Catechesis: The Passion for Evangelisation:
23. Saint Charles de Foucauld, the beating heart of charity in the hidden life
Wednesday 18th October 2023

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today I would like to talk to you about a man who made Jesus and his poorest brothers the passion of his life. I refer to Saint Charles de Foucauld, who "drawing upon his intense experience of God, made a journey of transformation towards feeling a brother to all".

And what is the "secret" of Charles de Foucauld, of his life? After living a youth far from God, without believing in anything other than the disordered pursuit of pleasure, he confides this to a non-believing friend, to whom, after having converted by accepting the grace of God's forgiveness in Confession, he reveals the reason for his life. He writes: "I have lost my heart to Jesus of Nazareth". Brother Charles thus reminds us that the first step in evangelizing is to have Jesus inside one's heart; it is to "fall head over heels" for him. If this does not happen, we can hardly show it with our lives. Instead, we risk talking about ourselves, the group to which we belong, a morality or, even worse, a set of rules, but not about Jesus, his love, his mercy. I see this in some new movements that are emerging: they talk about their vision of humanity, they talk about their spirituality and they feel theirs is a new path. But why do you not talk about Jesus? They talk about many things, about organization, about spiritual journeys, but they do not know how to talk about Jesus. I think that today it would be good for each one of us to ask him or herself: "Do I have Jesus at the centre of my heart?

Charles had, to the extent that he goes from attraction to Jesus to imitation of Jesus. Advised by his confessor, he goes to the Holy Land to visit the places where the Lord lived and walked. In particular, it is in Nazareth that he realises he must be formed in the school of Christ. He experiences an intense relationship with the Lord, spends long hours reading the Gospels, and feels like his little brother. And as he gets to know Jesus, the desire to make Jesus known arises in him; it always happens like this. When one of us gets to know Jesus better, the desire to make him known, to share this treasure, arises. By life, because "our whole existence", writes Brother Charles, "must cry out the Gospel". And very often our existence calls out worldliness, and stupid and strange things

He then decides to settle in distant regions to cry out the Gospel in the silence, living in the spirit of Nazareth, in poverty and concealment. He goes to the Sahara Desert, among non-Christians, as a friend and a brother, bearing the meekness of Jesus the Eucharist. Charles lets Jesus act silently, convinced that the "Eucharistic life" evangelizes. Indeed, he believes that Christ is the first evangelizer. And so he remains in prayer at Jesus' feet, before the Tabernacle, for a dozen hours a day, sure that the evangelizing force resides there and feeling that it is Jesus who will bring him close to so many distant brothers. And do we, I ask myself, believe in the power of the Eucharist? Does our going out to others, our service, find its beginning and its fulfilment there, in adoration? I am convinced that we have lost the sense of adoration: we must regain it, starting with us consecrated persons, bishops, priests, nuns and all consecrated persons. "Waste" time before the tabernacle, regain the sense of adoration.

Charles de Foucauld wrote: "Every Christian is an apostle" and reminds a lay friend that "there need to be laypeople close to priests, to see what the priest does not see, who evangelize with a proximity of charity, with goodness for everyone, with affection always ready to be given". The saintly laypeople, who love Jesus, make the priest understand that he is not a functionary, he is a mediator, a priest. How we priests need to have beside us those laypeople who truly believe, and who teach us the way by their witness.

Charles de Foucauld, with this lay experience, foreshadows the times of Vatican Council II; he understands that the proclamation of the Gospel is up to the entire people of God. But how can we increase this participation? The way Charles de Foucauld did: by kneeling and welcoming the action of the Spirit, who always inspires new ways to engage, meet, listen and dialogue, always in collaboration and trust, always in communion with the Church and pastors.

Saint Charles de Foucauld bore witness to the beauty of communicating the Gospel through the apostolate of meekness: considering himself a "universal brother" and welcoming everyone, he shows us the evangelizing force of meekness, of tenderness. Let us not forget that God's style is summarized in three words: proximity, compassion and tenderness. God is always near, he is always compassionate and tender. Christian witness must take this road: of compassion and tenderness. And this is how he was, meek and tender. He wanted everyone he met to see, through his goodness, the goodness of Jesus. Indeed, he used to say that he was a "servant to someone much better than me". Living Jesus' goodness led him to forge fraternal friendships with the bonds of friendship with the poor, with the Tuareg, with those furthest from his mentality. Gradually these bonds generated fraternity, inclusion, appreciation of the other's culture. With his smile, with his simplicity, Brother Charles bore witness to the Gospel.

Let us ask ourselves whether we bring Christian joy, Christian meekness, Christian tenderness, Christian compassion, Christian proximity. Thank you.