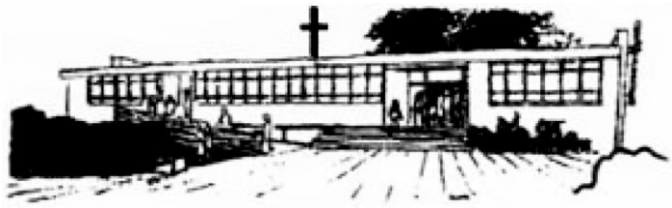
ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19th November 2023, Year A/1

POORTER, Willem de, The Parable of the Talents or Minas

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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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon Me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

VIGIL SATURDAY			
	6:00pm		**†† All Souls**
SUNDAY	**8:30am**		**†† All Souls**
	10:00am		**For the Parish**
Monday	**8:00am**	**33rd Week Ordinary Time**	**†† All Souls**
Tuesday	**8:00am**	**Presentation of Bl Virgin Mary**	**†† All Souls**
Wednesday	**8.00am**	**St Cecilia**	**†† All Souls**
Thursday	**8.00am**	**33rd Week Ordinary Time**	**†† All Souls**
Friday	**8.00am**	**St Ignatius Delgado, St Vincent Liem, St Dominic An-Kham & Companions**	**†† All Souls**
Saturday	**8.30am**	**Mass of the Virgin Mary**	**†† All Souls**

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:
Please speak to one of the Priests or ring the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS
Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

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.

CHRISTMAS MASSES
Monday 25th December – Midnight, 8.30am & 10am

Reconciliation: Monday 18th December
9am to 12noon & 5pm to 7.30pm

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 on the Sanctuary near the altar and fill in the Remembrance Book with the names of your friends and relatives.

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

CONFIRMATION CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our young people who were Confirmed last Sunday. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Michelle Anigbogu	**Ferdinand Dolleton**
Gabrielle Garan	**Eva Garcia**
Jonah Hazama De Guzman	**Noah Mendoza**
Nicole Nuwamanya	**Janelle Ortiz**
John Paul Villenas	**Penelope Wiggins**
Matthew Yuhico	**Sofia Yuhico**

POPE FRANCIS' NOVEMBER INTENTIONS

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: $635**
Loose: $1047.95
Tap & Go: $320
Smart Facility: $285
St Joseph Statue Donations Total: $1927

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

Our Youth Group finishes this Wednesday 22nd November. Thank you to U Turn; may the Lord bless you abundantly for serving our young people each week. Thank you also to all who contributed to afternoon tea by donating their bottles and cans.

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.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Sunday 19th November, 2pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, St Marys. Celebrant is Fr Brian Steele MGL

WESTERN DEANERY YOUNG ADULTS

Next meeting is on Friday 24th November at 7pm. All over 18 and under 35 are most welcome to join us for Dinner, Fellowship, Adoration and Talk, the topic being "Mary, the Ark of the New Covenant" by Fr Piotr Kruk OP

BISHOP VINCENT'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Next weekend 25th/26th November we have the Bishop's appeal, which will support our chaplains to provide pastoral, spiritual and sacramental support to the seriously ill, lonely and distraught people this Christmas. Our quota is $2726. You can also donate at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal. Please give generously.

ADVENT SERIES

Br Barry Donaghue cfc, D Min, will host presentations on Nov 29, Dec 6,13,20 from 7.30-9pm at Edmund Rice Centre, Winbourne, 1315 Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa. Cost is by donation. Please text Br Barry on 0478 408 337 or email bgdonaghue@edmundrice.org

PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

Fr Maria Raju will be leading the 18-day pilgrimage, which features Fatima, Lourdes, Turin, Milan, Padua, Venice, Florence, Assisi, Rotondo and Rome for an all-inclusive price of $8790. For enquiries and bookings email pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au or call 1300 721 561.

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.

Cycle 1 Mandatory Modules 1-3 Monday 5th February – 9.30am-2.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown

Cycle 2 Renewal Mandatory Modules 4-5
Thursday 22nd (4) & 29th (5) February – 7-8.30pm at St Nicholas of Myra, 326 High St, Penrith
Saturday 2nd March – 10am-1.30pm at Holy Spirit Parish, Corner of Todd Road & Moore Street, St Clair

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

Wednesday 15th November 2023

The Passion for Evangelisation:
26. Proclamation is Joy

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

After encountering several witnesses of the proclamation of the Gospel, I propose summarizing this cycle of catechesis on apostolic zeal in four points, inspired by the Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium, whose tenth anniversary we celebrate this month. The first point, which we will see today, the first of the four, cannot but relate to the attitude on which the substance of the evangelizing gesture depends: joy. Joy. The Christian message, as we have heard from the angel's words to the shepherds, is the proclamation of "a great joy" (*Lk* 2: 10). And the reason? Good news, a surprise, a beautiful event? Much more, a Person: Jesus! He is the God made man who came to us. The question is therefore not whether to proclaim it, but how to proclaim it, and this "how" is joy. Either we proclaim Jesus with joy, or we do not proclaim him, because another way of proclaiming him is not capable of bringing the true reality of Jesus.

This is why a Christian who is discontented, a sad Christian, a dissatisfied, or worse still, resentful or rancorous Christian, is not credible. This person will talk about Jesus but no-one will believe him! Once someone said to me, talking about these Christians, "But these are po-faced Christians!", that is, they express nothing, they are like that, and joy is essential. It is essential to keep watch over our sentiments. Evangelization comes from fullness, not from pressure. And when one evangelizes – one would try to do this, but it does not work – on the basis of ideologies: the Gospel is a proclamation of joy. Ideologies are cold, all of them. The Gospel has the warmth of joy. Ideologies do not know how to smile; the Gospel is a smile, it makes you smile because it touches the soul with the Good News.

The birth of Jesus, in history as in life, is the source of joy: think of what happened to the disciples of Emmaus, who could not believe their joy, and the others, then, the disciples all together, when Jesus goes to the Upper Room, could not believe their joy. The joy of having the risen Jesus. An encounter with Jesus always brings you joy, and if this does not happen to you, it is not a true encounter with Jesus.

And what Jesus does with the disciples tells us that the first to need to be evangelized are the disciples. The first who to need to be evangelized are we Christians. Immersed in today's fast-pace and confused environment, we too indeed may find ourselves living our faith with a subtle sense of renunciation, persuaded that the Gospel is no longer heard and no longer worth striving to proclaim. We might even be tempted by the idea of letting "others" go their own way. Instead, this is precisely the time to return to the Gospel to discover that Christ "is forever young, he is forever a constant source of newness" (cf. Evangelii gaudium, 11).

Like the two at Emmaus, one returns to daily life with the enthusiasm of one who has found treasure: they were joyful, those two, because they had found Jesus, and he changed their life. And one discovers that humanity abounds with brothers and sisters waiting for a word of hope. People of today are like people of all times: they need the Gospel. Even the civilization of programmed unbelief and institutionalized secularity; indeed, especially the society that leaves the spaces of religious meaning deserted, needs Jesus. This is the right moment for the proclamation of Jesus. Therefore, I would like to say again to everyone: "The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus.

Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew". And if anyone does not perceive this joy, they should ask themselves if they have found Jesus. An inner joy. The Gospel takes the path of joy, always, it is the great proclamation. "I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed encounter with Jesus Christ (ibid., 1, 1.3) Each one of you, take a little time and think: "Jesus, you are within me. I want to encounter you every day. You are a Person, not an idea; a travelling companion, not a programme. You, Jesus, are the source of joy. You are the beginning of evangelization. You, Jesus, are the source of joy!". Amen.