

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16th June 2024, Year B/2



ANGELICO, Fra, Sacra Conversazione, 1443

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

Address

94 Joseph Street
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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am - 2:00pm and Friday: 9:00am - 1:00pm

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to You; be my help.
Do Not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour.

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Responsorial Psalm: Lord it is good to give thanks to You.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Edward Athanasius (Birthday Blessings)

SUNDAY 8:30am

† Frank, Angela & Irene Barglik

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8.00am 11th Week in Ordinary Time

† Najah Andary

Tuesday 8:00am 11th Week in Ordinary Time

†† Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday 8.00am 11th Week in Ordinary Time

† Mariusz Latarka

Thursday 8.00am 11th Week in Ordinary Time

† Jack Gale

Friday 8.00am St Aloysius Gonzaga

Michael, Laura & Family (For Conversion)

Saturday 8.30am St John Fisher &
St Thomas More

† Denis Woodward (Deceased's Birthday)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2024

Confirmation: Sunday 3rd November

Registration & 1st Session: 21st July

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mariusz Latarka, Kevin Smith, Salvador Daria
Toledo, Gerhard Daalman, Atilano Asuncion

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Frank, Angela & Irene Barglik, Najah Andary, Souls in Purgatory, Jack Gale, Denis Woodward

POPE FRANCIS' JUNE INTENTIONS

For those Fleeing Their Own Countries

Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: 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, Shayla, Benjamin Santiago, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Cynthia Sulvita, Charley Tonna, Maureen van Hoogenvest, David Wakeling, 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

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$920**
 Loose: \$744.70
 Tap & Go: \$260
 Smart Facility: \$425
 St Joseph Statue Donations Total: \$7795

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.

TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

All contributions go to the 2nd Collection.

BIBLE STUDY

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

PARISH LUNCH

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 10th July at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome.

ST JOSEPH STATUE

St Joseph has arrived. We will now be able to arrange for installing it in the grotto and the blessing of the statue and the grotto. Thank you for ongoing donations.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR

We are planning the Food Fair for Sunday 11th August after 10am Mass. If you would like to help oversee a food stall, drop off leaflets in your area or contribute in any way (set up, pack up, etc.), please sign the sheet at the back of the Church, speak to one of the Parish Councillors or ring the Parish Office.

SRE VOLUNTEERS

We desperately need volunteers to share the Word of God with the children in our schools.

Please ring the Parish Office or fill in the sheet at the back of the Church if you can assist us.

PARKING NOTICE

We ask that people attending 8.30am Mass would exit via Joseph Street allowing 10am Mass goers access to the Main Gate on Richmond Road.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Please pick up your envelopes from the back of the Church. Thank you to all who contribute financially to our Parish. May the Lord bless you for your generosity.

MORNING TEA FOR FATHER JACEK

Father Jacek leaves on Monday. Please join us this Sunday for Morning Tea after the 10am Mass to have the opportunity to thank Fr Jacek for his time with us and to wish him well in the future.

You are most welcome to bring a plate to share.

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

We collected \$1012-55 last weekend. We need another \$1142 to meet our quota for this financial year. Thank you for your generosity.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

This Sunday 16th June at 2pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys. Fr Hugh Thomas CSsR is the Celebrant. Mass will be followed by individual prayer for healing.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE

To find out what is happening in our Diocese and to see a photo of our Parish Priest, please collect your free copy from the back of the Church.

MOUNT SCHOENSTATT SHRINE TIME HOLY HOUR FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

The Mount Schoenstatt community invite youth and young adults for Holy Hour every fourth Sunday of the month from 7pm to 8pm at the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa, followed by a social gathering afterwards. There will be opportunities for praise and worship, prayer, reflection, confession and benediction. For more information, please contact Sr M Rita on 0493 026 628 or srrita@schoenstatt.org.au

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.

Modules 1-3 – For new Volunteers who have not completed any safeguarding Training.

Modules 4/5 – Renewal for those who completed Modules 1-3 two years ago.

For the direct link to training dates and to register: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

To complete the modules online go to <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

For any questions, please email Maria Kervin, at maria.kervin@parracatholic.org

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday 12th June 2024

Cycle of Catechesis. The Spirit and the Bride.

3. Knowing God's love through God's words.

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Let us continue the catechesis on the Holy Spirit who guides the Church towards Christ our hope. Today we will see the work of the Spirit in *revelation*, in which the *Sacred Scripture* is witness inspired by God and authoritative.

The Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy contains this statement: "*All Scripture is inspired by God*" (3:16). And another passage in the New Testament says: "*Men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God*" (2 Pt 1:21). This is the doctrine of the divine inspiration of the Scripture, that which we proclaim as an article of faith in the Creed, when we say that the Holy Spirit "has spoken through the prophets". The divine inspiration of the Bible.

The Holy Spirit, who inspired the Scriptures, is also He who explains and makes them perennially living and active. The Sacred Scriptures "as inspired by God", says Vatican Council II, "and committed once and for all to writing ... impart the word of God Himself without change, and make the voice of the Holy Spirit resound in the words of the prophets and Apostles" (21). In this way the Holy Spirit continues, in the Church, the action of the Risen Jesus who, after Easter, "opened their minds to understand the Scriptures" (Lk 24:45).

Indeed, it can happen that in a certain passage of the Scripture, that we have read many times without particular emotion, one day we read it in an atmosphere of faith and prayer, and then that text is unexpectedly illuminated, it speaks to us, it sheds light on a problem we are living, it makes God's will for us clear in a certain situation. To what is this change due, if not to an enlightenment of the Holy Spirit? The words of the Scripture, under the action of the Spirit, become luminous; and in those cases, we touch with our own hands how true is the statement in the Letter to the Hebrews: "*The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword*" (4:12).

The Church is nourished by the spiritual reading of the Sacred Scripture, that is, by reading under the guidance of the Holy Spirit that inspired it. At its centre, like a beacon that illuminates everything, there is the event of the death and resurrection of Christ, which fulfils the plan of salvation, realizes all the figures and the prophecies, unveils all the hidden mysteries and offers the true key to reading the entire Bible. The death and resurrection of Christ is the beacon that illuminates all the Bible, and it also illuminates our life. Revelation describes all of this with the image of the Lamb that

breaks the seals of the book "written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals" (cf. 5:1-9), that is, the Scripture of the Old Testament. Since the Church is gifted with the Holy Spirit – this is why she is the interpreter – she is the "pillar and bulwark of the truth" (1 Tm 3:15). Why? Because she is inspired, held steady by the Holy Spirit. And the task of the Church is to help the faithful and those who seek the truth to interpret the biblical texts correctly.

One way of conducting spiritual reading of the word of God is that which is called the *lectio divina*. It consists of dedicating a time of the day to the personal and meditative reading of a passage of the Scripture. And this is very important: every day, take the time to listen to, to contemplate, reading a passage from the Scripture. Get a pocket Gospel and during the day read once, twice, when you have the chance. But the quintessential spiritual reading of the Scripture is the community reading in the Liturgy in the Mass. There, we see how an event or a teaching, given by the Old Testament, finds its full expression in the Gospel of Christ. And the homily, that comment by the celebrant, must help to transfer the Word of God from the book to life. But for this, the homily must be brief: an image, a thought and a sentiment. The homily must help transfer the Word of God from the book to life. And among the many words of God that we listen to every day in Mass or in the Liturgy of the Hours, there is always one that is meant specially for us. Welcomed into the heart, it can illuminate our day and inspire our prayer. It is a question of not letting it fall on deaf ears!

Let us conclude with a thought that can help us to fall in love with the Word of God. Like certain pieces of music, the Sacred Scripture too has a base note that accompanies it from the beginning to the end, and this note is the love of God. "The whole Bible", observes Saint Augustine, "does nothing but tell of God's love". And Saint Gregory the Great defines the Scripture as "a letter from God Almighty to His creature", like a letter from a bridegroom to his bride, and exhorts us to "learn and know the heart of God in the words of God". "Through this revelation", says Vatican Council II again, "the invisible God, out of the abundance of His love, speaks to men as friends and lives among them, so that He may invite and take them into fellowship with Himself" (*Dei Verbum*, 2).

Dear brothers and sisters, keep reading the Bible! But do not forget the pocket Gospel: carry it in your bag, in your pocket, and at some moment during the day, read a passage. And this will make you very close to the Holy Spirit, who is in the Word of God. May the Holy Spirit, who inspired the Scriptures and now breathes from them, help us to grasp this love of God in the concrete situations of life. Thank you.