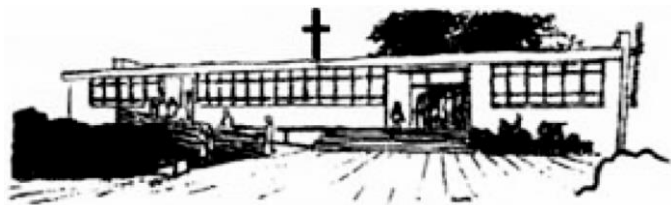


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23rd June 2024, Year B/2



PIETRO, Sano di, The Birth and Naming of Saint John the Baptist 1450-60

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

8:30am - 4:00pm - Monday to Friday

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of His people, a saving refuge for the one He has anointed. Save Your people, Lord, and bless Your heritage, and govern them for ever.

First Reading: Job 38:1, 8-11

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord, His love is everlasting.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Najah Andary

SUNDAY 8:30am

† Kevin Smith

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8.00am BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST Danny (Birthday Blessings)

Tuesday 8:00am 12th Week in Ordinary Time Maryanne Lukomski (Birthday Blessings)

Wednesday 8.00am 12th Week in Ordinary Time † Jozef Ostrowski

Thursday 8.00am St Cyril of Alexandria James Mathew (Birthday Blessings)

Friday 8.00am St Irenaeus Bernadette Gale (Birthday Blessings)

Saturday 8.30am ST PETER & ST PAUL † Emiliana Belderol (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:

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

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Najah Andary, Jozef Ostrowski, Emiliano Belderol

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, please 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: \$1155**
 Loose: \$800.85
 Tap & Go: \$280
 Smart Facility: \$200

St Joseph Statue Donations Total: \$7890

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.

WESTERN DEANERY YOUNG ADULTS

This Friday 28th June at 7.00pm. Young people from 18 to 35 years old are welcome to enjoy an evening of Adoration, Dinner & Fellowship. Deacon Charles Abela will be sharing his testimony.

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.

Please leave Parking near the Church for the Disabled.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Envelopes are at the back of the Church. Thank you to all who contribute financially to our Parish. May the Lord bless you for your generosity.

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

Fr Fernando Montano, the Catholic Foundation and Catholic Care thank you for your generous support of our struggling mothers. If you have not had a chance to donate, please visit parracatholic.org/appeal.

PETER'S PENCE APPEAL

Next weekend, 29th/30th June we have our Peter's Pence Appeal. This collection provides funds to enable Pope Francis to assist the most disadvantaged in emergency situations, including victims of war, oppression and disasters. Please be generous.

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.

TOONGABBIE LEGAL CENTRE

Toongabbie Legal Centre is an unfunded registered charity which is run by a group of volunteer legal practitioners, law students and other professionals, who give free legal advice. TLC is open from 6pm to 9pm on Thursdays and 9am to 1pm on Saturdays, at St Anthony's at 27 Aurelia Street, Toongabbie.

Blacktown Legal Centre is open from 6pm to 8.30 pm on Thursdays and from 10am to 1pm on Saturdays, at ACU Campus, 22 Main Street, Blacktown.

For information: www.tlc.asn.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 19th June 2024

Cycle of Catechesis. The Spirit and the Bride.

4. The Psalms, Symphony of Prayer in the Bible.

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

With today's catechesis, I would like to recall that the Church already possesses a symphony of prayer, whose composer is the Holy Spirit, and it is the Book of Psalms.

As in any symphony, it contains various "movements", that is, various genres of prayer: praise, thanksgiving, supplication, lamentation, narration, sapiential reflection, and others, both in the personal form and in the choral form of the whole people. These are the songs that the Spirit himself has placed on the lips of the Bride, His Church. All the Books of the Bible are inspired by the Holy Spirit, but the Book of Psalms is also so in the sense that it is full of poetic inspiration.

The Psalms have had a special place in the New Testament. Indeed, there were and still are editions that contain the New Testament and the Psalms together. On my desk I have an edition in Ukrainian of this New Testament of Psalms from a soldier who died in the war, that was sent to me. And he prayed on the front with this book. Not all the Psalms can be repeated and made their own by Christians and even less by modern man. They reflect, at times, a historical situation and a religious mentality that are no longer our own. This does not mean that they are not inspired, but in certain aspects they are linked to a time and a temporary stage of revelation, as is also the case with a large part of ancient legislation.

What most commends the Psalms to our attention is that they were the prayer of Jesus, Mary, the Apostles and all the Christian generations that have preceded us. When we recite them, God listens to them with that grandiose "orchestration" that is the community of saints. Jesus, according to the Letter to the Hebrews, enters into the world with a verse from a Psalm in His heart: "Lo, I have come to do thy will, O God" (cf. *Heb* 10:7; *Ps* 40:9), and He leaves the world, according to the Gospel of Luke, with another verse on His lips: "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit" (*Lk* 23:46, cf. *Ps* 31:6).

The use of psalms in the New Testament is followed by that of the Fathers and the entire Church, which makes them a fixed element in the celebration of the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours. "All the

Sacred Scripture breathes the goodness of God", says Saint Ambrose, "but in particular the sweet book of the Psalms" I wonder: do you pray with the Psalms sometimes? Take the Bible or the New Testament and pray a Psalm. For example, when you are a bit sad for having sinned, do you pray Psalm 50? There are many Psalms that help us keep going. Form the habit of praying with the Psalms. I assure you that you would be happy in the end.

But we cannot only live on the legacy of the past: it is necessary to make the Psalms *our* prayer. It was written that, in a certain sense, we must ourselves become the "scribes" of the Psalms, making them ours and praying with them. If there are Psalms, or just verses, that speak to our heart, it is good to repeat them and pray them during the day. The Psalms are prayers "for all seasons": there is no state of mind or need that does not find in them the best words to be transformed into prayer. Unlike other prayers, the Psalms do not lose their effectiveness by dint of being repeated; on the contrary, they increase it. Why? Because they are inspired by God and "breathe" God, every time they are read with faith.

If we feel oppressed by remorse or guilt, because we are sinners, we can repeat with David: "Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy steadfast love" (*Ps* 51:1), Psalm 51. If we want to express a strong personal bond with love, let us say: "O God, thou art my God / I seek thee, / my soul thirsts for thee; / my flesh faints for thee, / as in a dry and weary land where no water is" (*Ps* 63:1), Psalm 63. It is not for nothing that the Liturgy has inserted this Psalm in the Lauds of Sunday and the solemnities. And if fear and anguish assail us, those wonderful words of Psalm 23 come to our rescue: "The Lord is my shepherd ... Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, / I fear no evil" (*Ps* 23:1,4).

The Psalms allow us not to impoverish our prayer by reducing it merely to requests, to a continuous "give me, give us...". We learn from the Lord's Prayer, that before asking for our "daily bread", says, "Hallowed by thy name; thy Kingdom come, thy will be done". The Psalms help us to open ourselves to a prayer that is less focused on ourselves: a prayer of praise, of blessing, of thanksgiving; and they also help us give voice to all creation, involving it in our praise.

Brothers and sisters, may the Holy Spirit, who gave the Church Bride the words to pray to her divine Bridegroom, help us to make them resound in the Church today, and to make this year of preparation for the Jubilee a true symphony of prayer. Thank you!