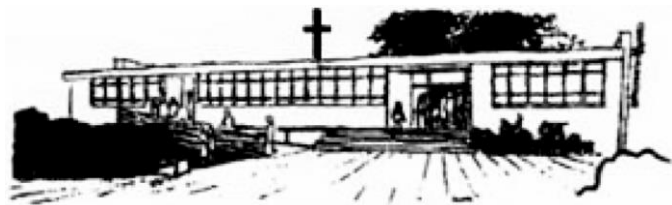


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148 (Calls Only)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

14th April 2024, Year B/2



BOUITS, Dierick, Resurrection, circa, 1455

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: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of His name.
O render Him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let Your face shine on us.

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Johnes Aycardo

SUNDAY 8:30am

Justine Remo Aycardo (Birthday Blessings)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8.00am 3rd Week of Easter

Hensley Henrisson (Graces for his Life)

Tuesday 8:00am 3rd Week of Easter

Living & †† Dec. Members of the McIlvenna, Dobranski, McCaffrey & Colreavy Families

Wednesday 8.00am 3rd Week of Easter

† Bishop Edward Kelly

Thursday 8.00am 3rd Week of Easter

†† Souls in Purgatory

Friday 8.00am 3rd Week of Easter

Marija & the Barcay Family (For Health)

Saturday 8.30am St Agnes of Montepulciano † Paul Woodward

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

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. Please let the Priest know.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Paul Woodward, Patricia Miller, Jim Devine, John Mitchell

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR: Johnes Aycardo, Dec. Mems of the McIlvenna, Dobranski, Colreavy & McCaffrey Families, Bishop Edward Kelly, Antonio Singson

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2024

First Communion: Sunday 2nd June

Sessions: After 10am Mass at 11.30am

Confirmation: Sunday 3rd November

Registration & 1st Session: 21st July

POPE FRANCIS' APRIL INTENTIONS

For the Role of Women

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Sr Louisa, Jonathon Ansell, Tony Bogdanovic, Marianne Callaghan, Margaret Colville, Frances Gunn, Maureen van Hoogenvest, 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, 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: \$730**
 Loose: \$1089.55
 Tap & Go: \$250
 Smart Facility: \$165
 St Joseph Statue Donations Total: \$5810

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 this Wednesday 10th April at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome.

SRE VOLUNTEERS

We desperately need volunteers to share the Word of God with the children in our schools. If you can assist, please ring the Parish Office and leave your name and phone number.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Money will be banked this coming week. Thank you for helping to support vulnerable people around the world through your generosity.

ST JOSEPH STATUE

We are hopeful that our statue of St Joseph will arrive soon and we will then arrange a date to have it blessed. Thank you for your ongoing donations.

BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

There will be a collection next weekend 20th/21st April. We are blessed to have the opportunity to actively contribute to the formation of our future priests as disciples of Jesus and 'fishers of people'.

**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL NSW
CELEBRATING PENTECOST EVE "ANOINTING"**

Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW in celebrating Pentecost Eve "Anointing" on Saturday 18th May at Servants of Jesus Centre 15 Park Road Seven Hills for an afternoon of Praise & Worship, Testimonies and Prayer Ministry from 4-7pm hosted by youth from different streams. Booking is essential at <https://www.trybooking.com/CPMXQ?qr=true>
Any inquires email: email@ccrnsw.org.au

GRACE & SILENCE RETREAT FOR WOMEN

The Mount Schoenstatt Girls and Young Women ministry invite single women aged 20 to 40 discerning a vocation to marriage and family, single life or consecrated life to a series of silent retreat days beginning from 9.30am to 4.30pm at Bethany, 301 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Remaining sessions are 5 May and 2 June. Cost is \$25 per day. For catering purposes, registrations close a week prior to each event. For details, contact Hannah on 0433 443 384.

MISSION ENHANCEMENT SOUL FOOD

The Mission Enhancement Team's Soul Food Podcast features life & faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen for FREE via our website on: www.parracatholic.org/resources/soul-food

DEVELOPMENT OF DIOCESAN PLAN

The Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church will launch at the Diocesan Gathering on Saturday 10th August. Learn more at parracatholic.org/synod

HEALING, SIGNS & WONDERS

4th May from 9am to 5pm at 15 Park Road, Seven Hills. Damien Stayne, a Catholic Lay Minister from the UK, has an international ministry of preaching, physical healing and imparting the love of God. See flyer on the noticeboard to register.

PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

Visit Fatima, Avilla, Lourdes, Venice, Florence, Assisi, & Rome with Fr Maria Raju Godavarthi from 23rd September to 9th October 2024. For enquiries and bookings 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 parishes are required to complete their Safeguarding Training.

Cycle 1 Training – Modules 1-3 – May dates to be announced.

Cycle 2 Training – Modules 4 & 5 – Saturday 27 April at Our Lady of the Way Parish, Emu Plains.

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

Go to <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au> if you would like to complete the modules online.

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

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE**Wednesday 10th April 2024****Cycle of Catechesis. Vices and Virtues. 14. Fortitude**

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today's catechesis is dedicated to the third of the cardinal virtues, namely fortitude. Let us begin with the description given in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "Fortitude is the moral virtue that ensures firmness in difficulties and constancy in the pursuit of the good. It strengthens the resolve to resist temptations and to overcome obstacles in the moral life. The virtue of fortitude enables one to conquer fear, even fear of death, and to face trials and persecutions" (1808). This is what the Catechism of the Catholic Church says about the virtue of fortitude.

Here, then, is the most "combative" of the virtues. If the first of the moral virtues, that is, prudence, was primarily associated with man's reason; and while justice found its abode in the will, this third virtue, fortitude, is often linked by scholastic authors to what the ancients called the "irascible appetite". Ancient thought did not imagine a man without passions: he would be a stone. And the passions are not necessarily the residue of a sin; but they must be educated, they must be channelled, they must be purified with the water of Baptism, or better with the fire of the Holy Spirit. A Christian without courage, who does not turn his own strength to good, who does not bother anyone, is a useless Christian. Let us think about this! Jesus is not a diaphanous, ascetic God, who does not know human emotions. Quite the contrary. Faced with the death of His friend Lazarus, He breaks down in tears, and His impassioned spirit is apparent in some of His expressions, such as when He says: "I came to cast fire upon the earth, and would that it were already kindled!" (Lk 12:49); and confronted with the trade in the temple, He reacted with force (cf. Mt. 21: 12-13). Jesus had passion.

But let us now look for an existential description of this important virtue that helps us be fruitful in life. The ancients – both the Greek philosophers and Christian theologians – recognized a twofold development in the virtue of fortitude: one passive, the other active.

The first is directed within ourselves. There are internal enemies we must defeat, which go by the name of anxiety, anguish, fear, guilt: all forces that stir in our innermost selves and in some situations

paralyse us. How many fighters succumb before they even begin the challenge! Because they are not aware of these internal enemies. Fortitude is first and foremost a victory against ourselves. Most of the fears that arise within us are unrealistic, and do not come true at all. It is better, then, to invoke the Holy Spirit and face everything with patient fortitude: one problem at a time, as we are able, but not alone! The Lord is with us, if we trust in Him and sincerely seek the good. Then in every situation we can count on God's providence to shield and armour us.

And then there is the second movement of the virtue of fortitude, this time of a more active nature. As well as internal trials, there are external enemies, which are the trials of life, persecutions, difficulties that we did not expect and that surprise us. Indeed, we can try to predict what will happen to us, but to a large extent reality is made up of imponderable events, and in this sea sometimes our boat is tossed about by the waves. Fortitude then makes us resilient sailors, who are not frightened or discouraged.

Fortitude is a fundamental virtue because it takes the challenge of evil in the world seriously. Some pretend it does not exist, that everything is going fine, that human will is not sometimes blind, that dark forces that bring death do not lurk in history. But it suffices to leaf through a history book, or unfortunately even the newspapers, to discover the nefarious deeds of which we are partly victims and partly perpetrators: wars, violence, slavery, oppression of the poor, wounds that have never healed and continue to bleed. The virtue of fortitude makes us react and cry out "no", an emphatic "no" to all of this. In our comfortable Western world, which has watered everything down somewhat, which has transformed the pursuit of perfection into a simple organic development, which has no need for struggle because everything looks the same, we sometimes feel a healthy nostalgia for prophets. But disruptive, visionary people are very rare. There is a need for someone who can rouse us from the soft place in which we have lain down and make us resolutely repeat our "no" to evil and to everything that leads to indifference. "No" to evil and "no" to indifference; "yes" to progress, to the path that moves us forward, and for this we must fight.

Let us therefore rediscover in the Gospel the fortitude of Jesus and learn it from the witness of the saints. Thank you.