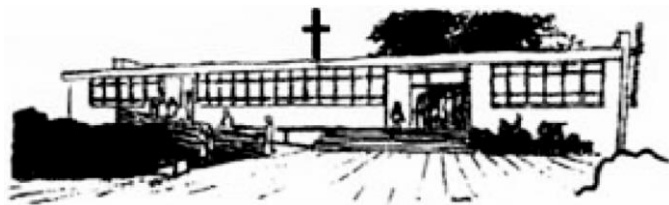


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5th May 2024, Year B/2



BUONINSEGNA, Duccio di, Christ Taking Leave of His Apostles,
1308-11

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: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth.
The Lord has freed His people, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Anna Szychowska (For Graces Needed)

SUNDAY 8:30am

Tony & Tina Almeida (50th Wedding Ann.)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8.00am 6th Week of Easter

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

Tuesday 8:00am 6th Week of Easter

† Bishop Edward Kelly

Wednesday 8.00am Patronage of B.V. Mary over Order

† Bishop Geoffrey Robinson

Thursday 8.00am 6th Week of Easter

†† Souls in Purgatory

Friday 8.00am St Antoninus of Florence

†† Souls in Purgatory

Saturday 8.30am 6th Week of Easter

Ligi Kochappu (Birthday Blessings)

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.

ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

During the month of May there will be Rosary, Litany of Our Lady and Benediction after all the weekday Masses.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2024

First Communion: Sunday 2nd June

Sessions: Sundays after 10am Mass at 11.30am

Confirmation: Sunday 3rd November

Registration & 1st Session: 21st July

RECENTLY DECEASED: Doris Berger, Monica Ann Hoffmann, Peter O'Connor, Marinelia Santiago

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR: Deceased Members of the McIlvenna, Dobranski, Colreavy & McCaffrey Families, Bishop Edward Kelly, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Souls in Purgatory

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

POPE FRANCIS' MAY INTENTIONS

For the Formation of Men and Women Religious & Seminarians

Let us pray that men and women religious and seminarians will grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$865**
 Loose: \$341.55
 Tap & Go: \$240
 Smart Facility: \$350
St Joseph Statue Donations Total: \$6985

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 8th May 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.
This weekend we are having a recruitment drive for CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) Volunteers. Please visit our table for information, resources and to donate to our ministry.

ST JOSEPH STATUE

There has been a delay in the arrival of our statue of St Joseph. We pray it will be here soon and we will then arrange a date to have it blessed. Thank you for your ongoing donations.

BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

We have collected \$1710 so far. Our quota for the remainder of this financial year is \$4000. If you would like to make a donation to this appeal, please place your contribution in the black box at the back of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

MEN AT THE SHRINE

Wednesday 8th May from 8-9pm. See flyer on notice board for more information.

GRACE & SILENCE RETREAT FOR WOMEN

For single women aged 20 to 40, discerning their vocation in life. From 9.30am to 4.30pm Sunday 2nd June at Bethany, Mt Schoenstatt, 301 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Cost is \$25. For catering purposes, registrations close a week prior to event. For details, contact Hannah on 0433 443 384.

PARRAMATTA MEN'S ROSARY

Every 1st Saturday of the month at 10.30am in front of St Patrick's Cathedral.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL NSW

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@ccrnsw.org.au

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

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Please join us across the Diocese to pray for more vocations to the priesthood. See Poster at the back of the Church. If you are interested in becoming a priest, please contact Fr Galbert Albino on (02) 4773 4321 or email galbert.albino@parracatholic.org

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 – Dates yet to be announced.

Cycle 2 Training – Modules 4 & 5 – Good Shepherd, Plumpton – Friday 17/5 & 14/6 – 7-9pm & Saturday 18/5 & 15/6 – 10am-12pm

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 1st May 2024

Cycle of Catechesis. Vices and Virtues.

17. Faith

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today I would like to talk about the virtue of faith. Together with charity and hope, this virtue is described as theological. There are three theological virtues: faith, hope and charity. Why are they theological? Because they can be lived only thanks to the gift of God. The three theological virtues are the great gifts that God gives to our moral capacity. Without them, we could be prudent, just, strong and temperate, but we would not have eyes that see even in the dark, we would not have a heart that loves even when it is not loved, we would not have a hope that dares against all hope.

What is faith? The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, it explains that faith is the act by which the human being freely commits himself to God (1814). In this faith, Abraham was the great father. When he agreed to leave the land of his ancestors to head for the land that God would show him, he would probably have been judged insane: why leave the known for the unknown, the certain for the uncertain? But why do this? It is insane, isn't it? But Abraham sets off, as if he could see the invisible. "He went, not knowing where he was to go". This is beautiful. And it will again be the invisible that makes him go up the mountain with his son Isaac, the only son of the promise, who only at the last moment will be spared from sacrifice. In this faith, Abraham becomes the father of a long line of descendants. Faith made him fruitful.

Moses was a man of faith when, welcoming God's voice even more than one doubt could have shaken him, he continued to stand firm and trust in the Lord, and even defend the people who were so often lacking in faith.

The Virgin Mary was a woman of faith when, receiving the annunciation of the Angel, which many would have dismissed as too demanding and risky, answered, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38). And, with her heart full of faith, with her heart full of trust in God, Mary set out on a path of which she knew neither the route nor the dangers.

Faith is the virtue that makes the Christian. Because to be Christians is not first and foremost about accepting a culture, with the values that

accompany it, but being Christian is welcoming and cherishing a bond with God: God and I, myself and the amiable face of Jesus. This bond is what makes us Christians.

With regard to faith, an episode of the Gospel comes to mind. Jesus' disciples were crossing the lake, and are surprised by the storm. They think they can get by with the strength of their arms, with the resources of their experience, but the boat starts to fill up with water and they are seized by panic (cf. Mk 4: 35-41). They do not realize that they have the solution before their very eyes: Jesus is there with them on the boat, in the midst of the storm, and Jesus "was asleep", says the Gospel. When they finally awaken Him, fearful and even angry that He would let them die, Jesus rebukes them: "Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?" (Mk 4:40).

The great enemy of faith: it is not intelligence, nor is it reason, but the great enemy of fear. For this reason, faith is the first gift to welcome in Christian life: a gift that must be welcomed and asked for daily, so that it may be renewed in us. It is seemingly a small gift, yet it is the essential one. When we were brought to the baptismal font, our parents, after announcing the name they had chosen for us, were asked by the priest: "What do you ask of the Church of God?" And the parents answered: "Faith, baptism!"

For Christian parents, aware of the grace that has been given them, that is the gift to ask for their child too: faith. With it, parents know that, even in the midst of the trials of life, their child will not drown in fear. See, the enemy is fear. They also know that, when the child ceases to have a parent on this earth, he will continue to have a God the Father in heaven, who will never abandon him. Our love is so fragile, and only God's love conquers death.

Certainly, as the Apostle says, faith is not for all (cf. 2 Thess 3:2), and we too, who are believers, often realize that we have only a short supply. Often Jesus can rebuke us, as He did with His disciples, for being "men of little faith". But it is the happiest gift, the only virtue we are permitted to envy. Because those who have faith are inhabited by a force that is not only human; indeed, faith "triggers" grace in us and opens the mind to the mystery of God. As Jesus once said, "If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this sycamine tree, 'Be rooted up, and be planted in the sea', and it would obey you" (Lk 17:6). Therefore, let us too, like the disciples, repeat to Him: Lord, increase our faith! (Lk 17:5). It is a beautiful prayer! Thank you.