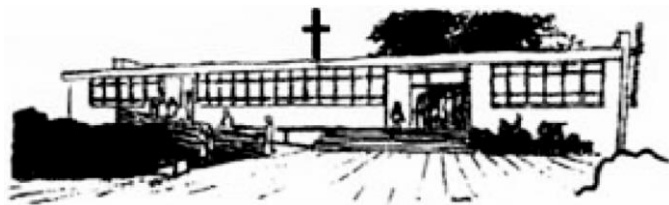


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

2nd June 2024, Year B/2



WILLEMS, Jan, The Last Supper, 1524-25

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: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading: Exodus 24:3-8

Responsorial Psalm: I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Gai (Thanks for Safe Travel)

SUNDAY 8:30am

† Marinelia Santiago

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8.00am St Charles Lwanga & Companions

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

Tuesday 8:00am St Peter of Verona

† Antoine Fabien

Wednesday 8.00am St Boniface

† Kirt Tonna (Deceased's Birthday)

Thursday 8.00am 9th Week in Ordinary Time

†† God's Precious Infants

Friday 8.00am SACRED HEART OF JESUS

† Annamma Antony

Saturday 8.30am Immaculate Heart of Mary

Luke (For Ability to Solve Life's Problems)

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, Salvador Daria Toledo, Marinelia Santiago, Kevin Smith

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Deceased Members of the McIlvenna, Dobranski, McCaffrey & Colreavy Families, Antoine Fabien, Kirt Tonna, God's Precious Infants, Annamma Antony

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: \$1020**
 Loose: \$957.50
 Tap & Go: \$210
 Smart Facility: \$320
 St Joseph Statue Donations Total: \$7720

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 12th June at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome.

MEN'S BARBEQUE

Saturday 15th June after 6pm Mass. All men over 18 are invited to come and enjoy an evening together.

ST JOSEPH STATUE

We pray 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.

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.

GROUND MAINTENANCE

Thank you, Adam and Paul for offering to assist Barry with the lawns. If anyone else would like to help, please ring the Parish Office.

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.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

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.

MORNING TEA FOR FATHER JACEK

Father Jacek leaves us on 17th June. On Sunday 16th June please join us 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.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE

Collect your copy from the back of the Church.

MEN AT THE SHRINE AT SCHOENSTATT

A time of adoration and fellowship on Wednesday 12th June from 8 to 9pm. Ring Bernard for more details on 0416 106 871.

MT SCHOENSTATT WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 15th June from 9-11am in the Family Hall, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Speaker is Sr M Isabell Naumann ISSM ThD STD FCES. Cost is \$25. Bookings at 4773 8338 by 7th June.

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

Next weekend 8th/9th June, we will have a collection for Catholic Care's Project Elizabeth, to support struggling mums practically and emotionally.

ADULT CONFIRMATION 2024

For anyone over 16, who have received their First Communion, wanting to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, there will be a Formation Day Saturday 24th August from 9.30am to 2pm at the Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. The Confirmation will take place on Tuesday 27th August 2024 at 7.30pm at the Cathedral. A contribution of \$25 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office with a copy of your Baptism Certificate.

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.

Modules 1-3 – Monday 3rd June – 9.30am – 2.30pm

Modules 4/5 – Monday 11th June – 10.30am – 2.00pm

Both are at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown

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 29th May 2024

Cycle of Catechesis. The Spirit and the Bride.

1. The Spirit of God was hovering over the waters

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today, we begin a cycle of reflections with the theme 'The Holy Spirit and the Bride' – the bride is the Church – 'The Holy Spirit guides God's people towards Jesus our hope'. We will make this journey through the three great stages of salvation history: the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the time of the Church. Always keeping our gaze fixed on Jesus, who is our hope.

In these catecheses on the Spirit in the Old Testament, we will discover that what is given as a promise in the Old Testament has been fully realised in Christ.

The first two verses of the Bible read: 'In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters' (Gen 1:1-2). The Spirit of God appears to us here as the mysterious power that moves the world from its initial formless, deserted, and gloomy state to its ordered and harmonious state. Because the Spirit makes harmony, harmony in life, harmony in the world. In other words, it is He who makes the world pass from chaos to the cosmos, that is, from confusion to something beautiful and ordered. This, in fact, is the meaning of the Greek word *kosmos*, as well as the Latin word *mundus*, that is, something beautiful, something ordered, harmonious, because the Spirit is harmony.

This still vague hint of the Holy Spirit's action in creation becomes more precise in the following revelation. In a psalm we read: 'By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all their host' (Ps 33:6); and again: 'You send forth Your spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the earth' (Ps 104:30).

This line of development becomes very clear in the New Testament, which describes the intervention of the Holy Spirit in the new creation, using precisely the images that one reads about in connection with the origin of the world: the dove that hovers over the waters of the Jordan at Jesus' baptism (cf. Mt 3:16); Jesus who, in the Upper Room, breathes on the disciples and says: 'Receive the Holy Spirit' (Jn 20:22), just as in the beginning God breathed His breath on Adam (cf. Gen 2:7).

The Apostle Paul introduces a new element into this relationship between the Holy Spirit and creation. He speaks of a universe that 'groans and suffers as in labour pains' (cf. Rom 8:22). It suffers because of man who has subjected it to the 'bondage of corruption' (cf. vv. 20-21).

It is a reality that concerns us closely and concerns us dramatically. The Apostle sees the cause of the suffering of creation in the corruption and sin of humanity that has dragged it into its alienation from God. This remains as true today as it was then. We see the havoc that has been done, and that continues to be wrought upon creation by humanity, especially that part of it that has greater capacity to exploit its resources.

St Francis of Assisi shows us a beautiful way, a way to return to the harmony of the Spirit: the way of contemplation and praise. He wanted a canticle of praise to the Creator to be raised from the creatures. We recall, 'Laudato sí, mi Signore...' the canticle of Francis of Assisi.

One of the psalms (18:2 [19:1]) says, 'The heavens declare the glory of God', but men and women are needed to give voice to this mute cry of theirs. And in the 'Sanctus' of the Mass we repeat each time: 'Heaven and earth are full of your glory'. They are, so to speak, 'pregnant' with it, but they need the hands of a good midwife to give birth to this praise of theirs. Our vocation in the world, Paul again reminds us, is to be 'praise of His glory' (Eph 1:12). It is to put the joy of contemplating ahead of the joy of possessing. And no one has rejoiced in creatures more than Francis of Assisi, who did not want to possess any of them.

Brothers and sisters, the Holy Spirit, Who in the beginning transformed chaos into cosmos, is at work to bring about this transformation in every person. Through the prophet Ezekiel, God promises: 'I will give you a new heart, and a new Spirit I will put within you... I will put my Spirit within you' (Ez 36:26-27). For our heart resembles that deserted, dark abyss of the first verses of Genesis. Opposed feelings and desires stir within it: those of the flesh and those of the spirit. We are all, in a sense, that 'kingdom divided against itself' that Jesus talks about in the Gospel (cf. Mk 3:24). Within ourselves we can say that there is an external chaos – social and political chaos. We think about wars, we think about so many boys and girls who don't have enough to eat, about so many social injustices. This is the external chaos. But there is also internal chaos. The former cannot be healed unless we begin to heal the latter! Let us do a good job of making our internal confusion a clarity of the Holy Spirit. It is the power of God that does this, and we open our hearts so that He can do it.

May this reflection arouse in us the desire to experience the Creator Spirit. For more than a millennium, the Church has put on our lips the cry to ask: 'Veni creator Spiritus! 'Come, O Creator Spirit! Visit our minds. Fill with heavenly grace the hearts you have created.' Let us ask the Holy Spirit to come to us and make us new persons, with the newness of the Spirit. Thank you.