

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

7th April 2024, Year B/2



Divine Mercy Icon

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

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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: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure spiritual milk,
That in Him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

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

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel: John 20:19-31

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Christopher Gilbert

SUNDAY 8:30am

Margarita Chavez (Thanksgiving)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8.00am ANNUNCIATION
OF THE LORD

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

Tuesday 8:00am 2nd Week of Easter

† Bishop Geoffrey Robinson

Wednesday 8.00am 2nd Week of Easter

† Bishop Edward Kelly

Thursday 8.00am 2nd Week of Easter

†† Souls in Purgatory

Friday 8.00am 2nd Week of Easter

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Saturday 8.30am 2nd Week of Easter

† Antonio Singson

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

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR: Christopher Gilbert,
Dec. Mems of the McIlvenna, Dobranski, Colreavy
& McCaffrey Families, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson,
Bishop Edward Kelly, Antonio Singson

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2024

First Communion: Sunday 2nd June

Registration & 1st Session: 7th April

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, 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: \$420**
 Loose: \$1651.45
 Tap & Go: \$470
 Smart Facility: \$425
 St Joseph Statue Donations Total: \$5520

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.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

Our total for the Good Friday collection is \$1780.05. Thank you for your generosity.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please return your Project Compassion boxes to the basket at the back of the Church. 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.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE

Take your copy of the Easter/Autumn Magazine from the back of the Church.

BISHOP VINCENT'S EASTER MESSAGE

Bishop Vincent's Easter message can be viewed online at: <https://youtu.be/3ghTzBEYqQA>

MEN AT THE SHRINE

Wednesday 10th April from 8-9pm at Mt Schoenstatt. Any questions ring Bernard on 0416 106 871 or see flyer on the noticeboard for more information.

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 Sunday 7 April 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 or \$90 for the full series. 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 3rd April 2024****Cycle of Catechesis. Vices and Virtues. 13. Justice**

Dear brothers and sisters, Happy Easter, good morning!

Today will talk about justice. It is the quintessential social virtue. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines it as "the moral virtue that consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbour" (no. 1807). This is justice. Often, when justice is mentioned, the motto that represents it is also quoted: "*unicuique suum*" – that is, "to each his own". It is the virtue of law, that seeks to regulate the relations between people equitably.

It is represented allegorically by the scales, because it aims to "even the score" between people, especially when they risk being distorted by some imbalance. Its purpose is that in society, everyone is treated in accordance with the dignity proper to them. But already the ancient masters taught that for this, other virtuous attitudes are necessary, such as benevolence, respect, gratitude, affability, and honesty: virtues that contribute to a good coexistence between people. Justice is a virtue for good coexistence between people.

We all understand how justice is fundamental for peaceful coexistence in society: a world without laws respecting rights would be a world in which it is impossible to live; it would resemble a jungle. Without justice, there is no peace. Without justice, there is no peace. Indeed, if justice is not respected, conflicts arise. Without justice, the law of the prevalence of the strong over the weak is entrenched, and this is not just.

But justice is a virtue that acts on both a large and small scale: it regards not only the courtroom, but also the ethics that characterize our daily lives. It establishes sincere relations with others: it realizes the precept of the Gospel, according to which Christian speech is "simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil" (*Mt 5:37*). Half-truths, double-talk intended to deceive one's neighbour, the reticence that conceals true intentions, are not attitudes in keeping with justice. The righteous person is upright, simple and straightforward; he does not wear masks, he presents himself for what he is, he speaks the truth. The words "thank you" are often found on his lips: he knows that no matter how generous we strive to be, we always remain indebted to our neighbour. If we love, it is also because we have been loved first.

In tradition we can find countless descriptions of the righteous person. Let us look at some of them. The righteous person reveres laws and respects them, knowing that they constitute a barrier protecting the defenceless from the tyranny of the powerful. The righteous person does not think only of his own individual wellbeing, but desires the good of society as a whole. Therefore, he does not give in to the temptation to think only of himself and of taking care of his own affairs, however legitimate they may be, as if they were the only thing that exists in the world. The virtue of justice makes it clear - and places this need in the heart - that there can be no true good for oneself if there is not also the good of all.

Therefore, the righteous person keeps watch over his own behaviour, so that it is not harmful to others: if he makes a mistake, he apologizes. In some situations, he goes so far as to sacrifice a personal good to make it available to the community. He desires an orderly society, where people give lustre to the office they hold, and not the office that gives lustre to people. He abhors recommendations and does not trade favours. He loves responsibility and is exemplary in promoting legality. Indeed, this is the way of justice, the antidote to corruption: how important it is to educate people, especially the young, in the culture of legality! It is the way to prevent the cancer of corruption and to eliminate criminality, removing the ground from beneath it.

Furthermore, the righteous person shuns harmful behaviour such as slander, perjury, fraud, usury, mockery, and dishonesty. The righteous person keeps his word, returns what he has borrowed, pays fair wages to all labourers: a man who does not pay fare wages to workers is not just, he is unjust; he is careful not to pass reckless judgments on his neighbour, and defends the reputation and good name of others.

None of us knows if, in our world, righteous people are numerous or as rare as precious pearls. But there are people who draw grace and blessings both upon themselves and upon the world in which they live. They are not losers compared to those who are "cunning and shrewd", for, as Scripture says, "He who pursues righteousness and kindness will find life and honour" (*Pr 21:21*). The righteous are not moralists who don the robe of the censor, but upright people who "hunger and thirst for righteousness" (*Mt 5:6*), dreamers who yearn in their hearts for universal brotherhood. And, today especially, we are all in great need of this dream. We need righteous men and women, and this will make us happy.