

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



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Please leave a detailed Message

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 25th May 2014 Year A



ANGELICO, Fra, San Domenico Altarpiece (detail)

Sunday Masses:	Saturday Vigil:	4:00pm (Mass in Polish)
		6:00pm
	Sunday:	8:30am
		10:00am

Weekday Masses:	Monday–Friday	8:00am
	Saturday	8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:	Saturday	after 8:30am Mass
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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday: 9:00 am – 2:00pm; Friday: 8:30am – 1:30pm

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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY: 10:00am SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER For the Parish
8:30am Mass Only

Entrance Antiphon cf. Isa 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth:

The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy..

Monday:	8:00am	St. Phillip Neri, priest	No Mass Intention
Tuesday:	8:00am	Tuesday of the 6th week of Easter	No Mass Intention
Wednesday	8:00am	Wednesday of the 6th week of Easter	No Mass Intention
Thursday	8:00am	Thursday of the 6th week of Easter	No Mass Intention
Friday	8:00am	Friday of the 6th week of Easter	Sandra McSpadden
Saturday	8:30am	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	No Mass Intention

Readings: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pet 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

ADORATION CHAPEL

Open during office hours or speak to Father Andrew to arrange another time.

ANOINTING:

Fr. Andrew will anoint personally if the need arises. Please see Father to arrange an anointing.

RECENTLY DECEASED:-

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

Sandra McSpadden, Elizabeth Colville

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: BANKED \$891.00

DONATIONS TO RENOVATION PROJECT—LAST WEEK BOX & INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS \$305.00

TOTAL DONATIONS \$44,680.25

DONATIONS AND FUND-RAISING FOR OUR RENOVATION PROJECT:

If you would like to donate towards our Renovation Project please give it to Father Andrew or place it in Donation Box at the entrance to the church.

ROSARY & BENEDICTION will be held at 5.15pm before 6:00pm Mass every Saturday.

PENTECOSTAL VIGIL SATURDAY 7th June after 6:00pm Mass: To celebrate Pentecost there will be Adoration from 7pm to 9pm, followed by Liturgy of the Hours. Please join us.

PRAYER FOR FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

Gracious God, source of all life, you call us together in faith and love as the Diocese of Parramatta.

As one body in Christ, may we respond to your Word, attend to the signs of the times, and live as your disciples in word and deed.

Renew our hearts in your Holy Spirit to grow and share our faith with the world; give us courage and grace to live faith in our future. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

CELL GROUPS

If you would like to grow in your faith please feel free to join us

1st & 3rd Tuesdays 1:30pm at 1/23 Walter Street, Kingswood. Dianne—4731 3685.

2nd & 4th Wednesdays after morning Mass—9am to 10am Prayer & Bible Discussion Group in Parish Hall. Mavis—4736 4138; Teresa—4731 4222

2nd & 4th Thursday 7:00pm at 2/40 Single Road, South Penrith. Elaine—4736 8162.

Pope Francis' universal prayer intention for May is: 'That the media may be instruments in the service of truth and peace'.

His intention for evangelization is 'That Mary, Star of Evangelization, may guide the Church in proclaiming Christ to all nations.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, Alistair McArthur, Lawrence Devitt, John McCahon, Joan Evans, Allan Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Clayton Rogers, Debbie O'Connor, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Kim Nelson, Karen Morvan, Gisela Drobiszewski, Charles Timmins, Gai Waltig, Selin Mizrak, Ann Batkin, Romanie & Roland Oliveux, Charles Marinucci, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Phyllis Hendrie, and Mavis Murphy.

SICK LIST: If you have anyone for the sick list, (due to privacy laws) contact the Parish Office to fill in a form.

PLEASE PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE AT THE END OF EACH MONTH TO HAVE THE NAMES PUT ON THE SICK LIST.



The Rosary Statue will be at the home of

Zig Barglik—25th May 2014

Josie Bentley—1st June 2014

**ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
ENROLMENTS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN FOR
2015**

PLEASE NOTE:- FIRST COMMUNION
**Following Sessions are 25th May & 1st, 8th,
& 15th June (Rehearsal). All sessions are
after 10:00am Mass on Sundays.**

PLAY GROUP: Mondays at 10:00am in the Parish Hall, We welcome all Mothers with small children. Please bring something to share for morning tea. Enquiries to Fr. Pawel.

S.K.Y. YOUTH GROUP meet every Wednesday from 3:00pm in the Parish Hall. All 12 to 17 years are most welcome. Please see flyer at back of Church.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM—
SESSION SEVEN:** CatholicCare Solo Parent Ministry is holding its second last fortnightly Bereavement Support Group Session on Tuesday 27th May, for those whose spouse or long term partner has died. The topic for this Session is *"Continuing Bonds With the Deceased"*. Venue: 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown, from 10:00am—12:00pm, cost \$5.00. This is an opportunity to gain some information about various aspects of the grieving process and to support each other during this most difficult and painful time. Details and Registration soloparentministry@ccss.au or phone 9933 0205.

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND APPEAL will be held at all Masses this weekend. Our quota is \$2,441.00. Last weekend \$1281.30 was raised. *Faith at Work* is the theme of the Diocesan Works Fund (DWF) Appeal being held in parishes and Catholic Schools during the month of May. This appeal gives us an opportunity to act together as a diocesan family to support ministries and serves that no single individual or parish can offer. For example, it supports catechists who teach the faith in state schools, seminarians who are preparing for the priesthood, young adults working in youth ministry, and the All Saints of Africa Centre in Blacktown for recent refugees and migrants. Visit the website to watch a video message from Bishop Anthony and to find out more about how you can make a difference: www.faithatwork.org.au

CATHOLICARE: Couples are warmly invited to this inaugural evening entitled...From "I do: to "We do": a unique approach to making couple decisions. Thursday 29th May 2014. Diocesan Assembly Centre, Cnr. Flushcombe Road and Marion Street, Blacktown. 7:30pm—9:00pm Please register attendance by emailing marriage@ccss.org.au or phone Karin at Catholic-Care Parramatta on 9933 0222

VOCATION DISCERNMENT AFTERNOON:
25th May. Young men who feel God might be calling them to the priesthood are invited to the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta's Vocation Discernment Afternoon. Starts 2:00pm and concludes with pizza at 6:00pm. Holy Spirit Seminary, 31-33 Allen Street, Harris Park. To find out more about priesthood in the Diocese of Parramatta contact Fr. Warren Edwards—Vocations Director Ph: 0409 172 700 or email: vocations@parra.catholic.org.au or visit: www.parra.catholic.org.au/vocations and www.parra.catholic.org.au/holyspiritseminary

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
WEEKEND: (a marriage enrichment experience
for married couples) 13-15 June at Mt. Carmel
Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Bookings: 02
4283 3455 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au.**

**BROKEN BAY INSTITUTE INVITES YOU TO:
Time, Hospitality and Belonging: Towards a Prac-
tical Theology of Disability.** Tuesday June 24th.
Time: 6:00pm for a 6:30pm start, 8:00pm finish.
Speaker: Professor John Swinton, University of Aber-
deen, Scotland. Location: Caroline Chisholm Centre,
Building 2, 423 Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills,
NSW. Cost is free. To Book online:
www.trybooking.com/EY22.

**OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PAR-
RAMATTA 125 YEARS ANNIVERSARY
CONCERT—JUNE 5 & 6.** Riverside Theatres,
Parramatta 7:00pm \$15.75 Single ((1)/ \$53
Group of Four (4). Tickets available at the box
office or online. Box Office Ph 8839 3399 /
riversideparramatta.com.au

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: 19 June
2014.** Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for
Vocations from 7-8pm on 3rd Thursday of each
month for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and
quiet time in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St.
Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. To
find out more about priesthood in the Catholic Dio-
cese of Parramatta contact Fr. Warren Edwards—
Vocations Director: tel 0409 172 700, vocations@parra.catholic.org.au

Vatican City, 21 May 2014 (VIS) – The gift of knowledge, 'scientia', that "is not limited to human knowledge, but which through creation leads us to perceive the greatness of God and His love for His creatures" was the theme of the Pope's catechesis during this Wednesday's general audience.

In the presence of more than 50,000 people in St. Peter's Square, Francis explained that this gift of the Holy Spirit also enables us to discover how the beauty and immensity of the cosmos speaks to us of the Creator and invites us to praise Him "from the depths of our heart and to recognise that all that we have, and all that we are, is an inestimable gift of God and a sign of His infinite love for us".

In the first chapter of Genesis, at the very beginning of the Bible, it is made clear that God is pleased with His creation, and the beauty and goodness of everything is repeatedly emphasised. If God sees that creation is good and beautiful, then we too should assume this attitude. ... And when God finished creating man, He did not say that what he saw was good, but rather that it was 'very good'. In the eyes of God we are the most beautiful, the greatest, the best of His creation: even the angels were beneath us, we are greater than the angels. The Lord loves us, and we should thank Him for this. ... The gift of knowledge places us in profound harmony with the Creator and allows us to participate in the clarity of his vision and judgement. And it is from this perspective that we are able to perceive in man and woman the peak of His creation, as the fulfilment of a plan of love that is inherent in each one of us, and enables us to recognise each other as brothers and sisters".

"All this is a reason for serenity and peace, and makes the Christian a joyful witness to God, like St. Francis of Assisi and many other saints who knew how to sing and to praise their love through the contemplation of creation. At the same time, however, the gift of knowledge helps us to avoid falling prey to the danger of ... considering ourselves to be the masters of creation. Creation is not a property, which we can rule over at will; or even less, is it the property of only a few. Creation is a gift that God has given us, so that we might take care of it and make use of it for the benefit of all, always with great respect and gratitude. The second mistake is the temptation for us to limit ourselves to creatures, as if they were able to offer the answer to all our expectations".

The Pope returned to the first risk, that of seeking to appropriate creation instead of protecting it. Creation is "a gift from God to us ... and when we exploit it, we destroy the sign of His love. Destroying creation is like saying to God, 'I don't like it', and this is not good, it is a sin. Care for creation is care for God's gift to us, and it means saying to God, 'thank you, I am the custodian of creation, but to enable it to progress, never to destroy your gift'".

"This must be our attitude in relation to creation", continued the Holy Father: "to protect it, because if we destroy creation, creation will destroy us! Do not forget this". He went on to recount a story of a very simple person he once met, who loved flowers and took great care of them. "He said, we must look after these beautiful things God has given us; creation is ours so that we may benefit from it, not to exploit it but to protect it, because God always forgives, we human beings forgive sometimes, but creation never forgives and if you do not protect it, it will destroy you".

"This should make us think, and to ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of knowledge to understand well that creation is God's most beautiful gift. He has made so many good things for the greatest creation of all, the human person".