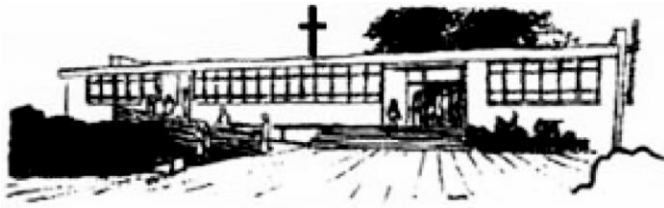


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

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Please leave a detailed Message

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23rd July 2017, Year A/1



ANTONIO VENEZIANO, Apostle James the Greater, C. 1384

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

Benediction: Saturday 5.15pm

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Patricia Reilly - Principal

School Office Times

8:30 am - 4:00 pm - Monday to Friday

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ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to You with willing heart,
and praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, You are good and forgiving.

Second Reading Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Valerie Joyce O'Flynn

SUNDAY 8.30am

For the Joseph Family

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 16th Week Ordinary Time Maggie Isbitzki (Birthday)

Tuesday: 8:00am ST JAMES For Victoria Nohra and her Family

Wednesday 8:00am St Joachim & St Anne Mario Parrone (Deceased Anniversary)

Thursday 8:00am 16th Week Ordinary Time For Safe Trip to Croatia

Friday 8.00am 16th Week Ordinary Time Salomon Pimentel (Deceased Anniversary)

Saturday 8.30am St Martha Thanksgiving for the Blessings for Family

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please contact the Parish Office or one of the priests.
In the case of Emergency please call the emergency number at the front of this bulletin.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Valerie O'Flynn

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Mario Parrone, Salomon Pimentel

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

We need men and women to take the Blessed Eucharist to our sick and elderly Parishioners on a Sunday morning after 8.30am Mass. If you can help in this Ministry please speak to Fr Andrew.

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be Saturday 29th July at 6pm. Please invite young people to come along.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR JULY:

Lapsed Christians

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, Alistair McArthur, Dianne Devitt, John McCahon, Kathryn Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Debbie O'Connor, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, Gisela Drobiszewski, Katalin Domotor, Charles Timmins, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Valerie Davis, Raymond Waters, Francene Flannery, Jason Isbitski, Rosslyn Talbot, David Jenkins, Noeline Cruzado, Kathleen Angoves & Gerard Kelly.

SICK LIST: If you have anyone for the sick list, (due to privacy laws) 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

ROSARY IN OUR HOMES

Please fill in the form at the back of the Church if you are interested in having Our Lady's Statue and the Rosary in your home for a week at a time. Statue will be delivered to you by the Legion of Mary.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$906**
 Loose: \$322

First Collection contributions go to the Diocese to support the priests working in the Parish.

Second collection contributions go directly to the Parish to support day to day operation of the Parish.

LEGION OF MARY - 'Mary Seat of Wisdom'

Meetings are held every Tuesday from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the old office building. All persons interested in meeting and participating in Legion's activities are most welcome.

Recruitment Drive this weekend of the 22nd/23rd July. Someone will be speaking at each Mass. Please ring Charlie Portelli on 0404 636 621 for information.

SACRAMENTS FOR 2017:

Confirmation: Tuesday 24th October

Registration - 23rd July after 10am Mass

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays after Mass - 9am to 10am in Parish Hall.

Enquiries: Aloma - 4731 8102; Teresa - 4731 4222

1st & 3rd Mondays 7pm in Parish Office.

Enquiries: Jim - 0411 280 950.

BIBLE STUDY

Are you interested in a Bible Study in the Parish, to begin in Spring? If so, please speak to one of the Priests or ring the Parish Office.

SKY YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group Wednesdays in the school term from 3pm to 5pm. Young people from Years 6 to 12 are most welcome.

If anyone would like to help with afternoon tea or contribute towards it, please speak to Clare.

PARISH LUNCH:

All Parishioners are invited to our lunch on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Venue for 9th August is Penrith Golf Club. If you need a lift please ring the Office. All are most welcome.

RUNNING FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Dear friends, thank you for your donations I have raised \$2002 so far! If you wish to sponsor Vinnies and my run in the Sydney Marathon in September, please go to the following site

<https://donate.grassrootz.com/blackmores-sydney-running-festival-2017/vinnies/pawel-barszczewski> In Prayer, Fr. Pawel

NOTICE TO SRE'S & INTERESTED PERSONS

Term meeting 26th July 9am in SRE Office. Please bring SRE badge for exchange. Mandatory CCD information at this meeting makes it important for you to be there. Anyone interested in joining this ministry is welcome to attend.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

There will be a collection for Peter's Pence this weekend to support the work of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. Please be generous.

MT SCHOENSTATT

Shrine at 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year from 7am to 8pm.

Shrine Time for Young Adults 18-35. Prayer, reflection, meditation, praise and worship on 23rd July, 27th August, 24th September, 22nd October, 26th November from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

Silent Retreat Day for Vocational Discernment for Women 17-30. 5th August. Cost \$30. Registrations Sr Julie on 0408 738 334 or juliebrcar@gmail.com.

Men's Retreat Friday 4th to Sunday 6th August. Cost \$150 includes retreat, accommodation and all meals. Register at mensbranch@schoenstatt.org.au or phone 0432 487 927.

World Meeting of Families in Dublin in 2018

An information Day Sunday 27th August with Mass at 11am and Program for Families from 1pm to 3.15pm. BYO lunch; afternoon tea provided.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

Bishop Vincent invites all young people from Year 9 to 30 years of age to celebrate at Sydney Olympic Park from 7th to 9th December. Early bird rate \$250 before August. For all enquiries contact James Camden, Director of Youth on 8838 3428 or jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

Popes' Francis Angelus Address:

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

When Jesus spoke He used simple language and also made use of images, which were examples drawn from daily life, to be able to be easily understood by all. Therefore, they listened to Him willingly and appreciated His message, which went straight to their heart: and it was not complicated language to understand, as that which Doctors of the Law used at that time, which was not well understood but was full of rigidity and distanced the people. And with this language Jesus made the mystery of the Kingdom of God understood, it was not a complicated theology. And an example is that which today's Gospel brings: the parable of the sower.

Jesus is the sower. We note that, with this image, He presents Himself as one who does not impose Himself, but who proposes; He does not draw us by conquering us, but by giving Himself: He throws the seed. He strews His Word with patience and generosity, which is not a cage or a trap, but a seed that can bear fruit. And how can it bear fruit? If we receive it. Therefore, the parable concerns us especially: in fact it speaks more of the soil than of the sower. Jesus effects, so to speak, a "spiritual x-ray" of our heart, which is the soil on which the seed of His Word falls. Our heart, like the soil, can be good and then the Word bears fruit – and so much – but it can also be hard, impermeable. This happens when we hear the Word, but it bounces off, in fact as on a road: it does not enter us.

Between the good soil and the road, asphalt – if we throw a seed on "cobblestones" nothing grows; however, there are two intermediate soils that, in different measure, we can have in ourselves. The first, says Jesus, is the rocky one. Let us try to imagine it: a rocky ground is ground "where there is not much soil" (Cf. v.5) so that the seed sprouts but is unable to put down deep roots. So is the superficial heart, which receives the Lord, wants to pray, love and witness, but does not persevere, gets tired and never "takes off." It is a heart

without thickness, where the stones of laziness prevail over the good earth, where love is inconstant and passing. But he who receives the Lord only when it suits him, does not bear fruit. There is, then, the last soil, the thorny one, full of brambles that choke the good plants. What do these brambles represent? "The cares of the world and the delight in riches" (v. 22), says Jesus explicitly. The brambles are the vices that are at odds with God, which choke His presence: first of all, the idols of worldly wealth, living avidly, for oneself, to have and for power. If we cultivate these brambles, we suffocate God's growth in us. Each one can recognize his small and large brambles, the vices that dwell in his heart, those more or less rooted bushes that do not please God and impede having a clean heart. They must be torn out, otherwise the Word cannot bear fruit; the seed will not develop.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Jesus invites us today to look within ourselves: to be grateful for our good soil and to work on the soil that is not yet good. Let us ask ourselves if our heart is open to receive the seed of the Word of God with faith. Let us ask ourselves if the stones of laziness are still numerous and large in us; let us identify and call by name the brambles of vices. Let us find the courage to make a good soil remediation, a good remediation of our heart, bringing to the Lord in Confession and prayer our stones and our brambles. Thus Jesus, the good sower, will be happy to carry out an additional work: to purify our heart, removing the stones and thorns that choke the Word.

May the Mother of God, who today we remember with the title Blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel, unsurpassable in receiving the Word of God and putting it into practice (Cf. Luke8:21), help us to purify our heart and to keep the presence of the Lord.