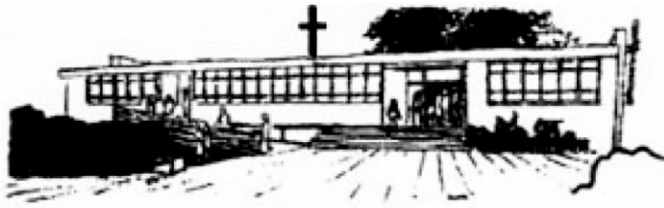


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

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EMERGENCY PHONE: 02 9673 5046

Please leave a detailed Message

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30th July 2017, Year A/1



ANGELICO, Fra, Virgin and Child with Sts Dominic and Thomas Aquinas (St. Dominic detail) c. 1445

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

Address

94 Joseph Street
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Telephone: 4732 3999; **Fax:** 4731 1432

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am - 2:00pm and Friday: 8:30am - 1:30pm

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ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: God is in His holy place, God who unites those who dwell in His house; He Himself gives might and strength to His people.

First Reading: Kings 3:5, 7-12

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, I love Your commands.

Second Reading St. Paul to the Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Gianni Panozzo (Deceased Anniversary)

SUNDAY 8.30am

Thanksgiving for 49 years of Marriage for Henry & Stania Brancik

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am **St Ignatius of Loyola**

Camilla Enos (Deceased Anniversary)

Tuesday: 8:00am **St Alphonsus Liguori**

Thanksgiving for safe arrival of baby Peter

Wednesday 8:00am **Bl Jane of Aza**

Thursday 8:00am **ST DOMINIC**

Friday 8.00am **St John Vianney**

Saturday 8.30am **Mass of the Virgin Mary** **Dec. Members of St Vincent de Paul**

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.

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Gianni Panozzo, Camilla Enos
Dec. Members of St. Vincent de Paul

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Come and spend precious time with the Lord on Friday 4th August from 5pm to 10pm.

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 19th August 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.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$741
Loose: \$438.50

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 Saturday at 2pm in the old office building. All persons interested in meeting and participating in Legion's activities are most welcome.

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.

SACRAMENTS FOR 2017:

Confirmation: Tuesday 24th October

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.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

We collected \$408.20 for Peter's Pence this weekend to support the work of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Please prayerfully consider nominations to the Parish Council. Forms are at the back of the Church.

RUNNING FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Dear friends, thank you for your donations I have raised \$2223 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.

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 from 7.30pm to 8.30pm on 27th August, 24th September, 22nd October, 26th November.

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.

UNDERSTANDING FAMILY LAW

7-9pm on Tuesday 8th August (Divorce/Separation and Children's needs) and Tuesday 22nd August (Property Settlement) at 38 Prince St, Blacktown
Cost \$7. Per session. Registration essential. Contact Rita on 8822 2222 or soloparentservice@ccss.org.au.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

From 12th to 25th November 2017 with Fr Clifford D'Souza. Early Bird cost \$4,990; \$500 deposit before 15th August. For a detailed itinerary or to reserve seats contact Mr George on 0422 215 855.

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!
Sunday 23 July Angelus Address

Before the Angelus

Today's Gospel page proposes three *parables* with which Jesus speaks to the crowds of the Kingdom of Heaven. I will reflect on the first: that of *the good seed and the darnel*, which illustrates the *problem of evil* in the world and highlights God's patience (Cf. *Matthew* 13:24-30. 36-43). How much patience God has! Each one of us can also say this: "How much patience God has with me!" The story unfolds in a field with two opposite protagonists. On one hand the house-holder, who represents God and sows the good seed; on the other the enemy, which represents Satan and sows the darnel.

With the passing of time, darnel also grows in the midst of the wheat and in face of this fact the householder and his servants have different attitudes. The servants want to intervene and pull out the darnel, but the householder, who is concerned above all with saving the wheat, is opposed saying: "No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them" (V. 29). With this image, Jesus tells us that in this world the good and the evil are so intertwined that it is impossible to separate and extirpate all the evil. God alone can do this, and He will do so in the Last Judgment. The present situation, with its ambiguities and its composite character, is the field of the freedom, the field of the freedom of Christians, in which the difficult exercise of discernment between good and evil takes place.

Therefore, in this field, it is about combining, with great trust in God and in His Providence, two seemingly contradictory attitudes: *decision* and *patience*. The decision is to *want to be the good seed* — we all want this, with all our strength, and, hence, distancing ourselves from the Evil One and his seductions.

Patience means to prefer a Church that is leaven in the dough, who does not fear soiling her hands washing the clothes of her children, rather than a Church of "pure ones," that pretends to judge before the time who is an who is not in the Kingdom of God.

The Lord, who is Wisdom incarnate, helps us today to understand that the good and the evil cannot be identified with defined territories or specific human groups: "These are the good, these are the evil." He tells us that the boundary line between the good and the evil *passes in the heart of every person, passes in the heart of every one of us, that is, we are all sinners*. The desire comes to me to ask you: "Let him who is not a sinner raise his hand." No one! Because we all are, we are all sinners. Jesus Christ, with His Death on the Cross and Resurrection, has freed us from the slavery of sin and He gives us the grace to walk in a new life. However, with Baptism He has also given us Confession, because we are always in need of being forgiven for our sins. To look always at the evil that is outside of us, means to not want to recognize the sin that is also in us.

And then Jesus shows us a different way of looking at the field of the world, of observing the reality. We are called to learn the times of God — which are not our times — and also God's "look": thanks to the beneficial influence of an anxious wait, what was darnel or seemed to be darnel can become a good product. It is the reality of conversion. It is the prospect of hope!

May the Virgin Mary help us to pick up in the reality that surrounds us not only the filth and evil but also the good and beautiful; to unmask Satan's work but especially to trust in God's action that makes history fruitful.

News:

As a result of the drought that is affecting not only Rome but a great part of Italy, the Vatican authorities decided to close all the fountains scattered on the territory of the small State, including those of Saint Peter's, announced Vatican Radio yesterday, Tuesday, July 25, 2017.

In its decision not to waste water, the Governorate of Vatican City State was inspired by Pope Francis' teaching, in particular, by his encyclical "*Laudato Si'*," revealed Vatican Radio.

In the Encyclical, The pope writes about: "unheard of" waste of water (no. 27), which is described as "of primary importance," because it is "indispensable for human life and to sustain the terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems: (no. 28).