

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13th August 2017, Year A/1



ALLORI, Alessandro, St. Peter Walking on the Water, 1590s

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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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: Look to Your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of Your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend Your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek You.

First Reading: Kings 19:9, 11-13

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, show us Your mercy and love, and grant us Your salvation.

Second Reading Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		For Charbel
SUNDAY	8.30am		Rick Amaya (Deceased Ann.)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	St Maximilian Kolbe	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	Vigil: 7.00pm	ASSUMPTION OF BL VIRGIN	
Tuesday:	8:00am	ASSUMPTION OF BL VIRGIN	Matthew, Adam, Lawrence & Paul
	7.00pm	ASSUMPTION OF BL VIRGIN	
Wednesday	8:00am	19th Week Ordinary Time	
Thursday	8:00am	ST HYACINTH	
Friday	8.00am	Bl Mannes	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	8.30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary	William Eades (Deceased Ann.)

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:

Gerard Kelly

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Rick Amaya, William Eades.

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be Saturday 19th August at 6pm. Please invite young people to come along.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Masses on this Holy Day are as follows:

Monday 14th August – Vigil at 7pm

Tuesday 15th August – 8am and 7pm

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST:

Artists

That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

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.

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.

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PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$830
Loose: \$416.05

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 the 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 is Penrith Golf Club for 13th September. If you need a lift please ring the Office. All are most welcome.

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 \$2333 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.

CATHOLIC MISSION

Next weekend we will be holding our Catholic Mission Appeal. This year we are supporting women's and children's health in Uganda. Please be generous.

FATIMA DAY - FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER

Are you interested in going to Berrima for Our Lady of Fatima's 100th Anniversary Feast? We will hire a bus to travel as a Parish when we know how many would like to go. Please ring the Office.

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.

Gospel of the Family - Joy to the World

Program of Spiritual Enrichment for families. Sunday 27th August 1pm to 3.15pm. Mass at 11am. BYO Picnic Lunch. Register at 8838 3460 or Imf@parra.catholic.org.au.

FAITH IN MARRIAGE SEMINAR

Dr Edward Sri is speaking on Men, Women and the Mystery of Love at 7.30pm Friday 8th September at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta.

INSTITUTE FOR MISSION LIFESTYLE PROGRAM

"Life to the Full: Health, Faith & Fitness."

Monday 14th August at 6.30pm at the Don Bosco Centre at St Marys.

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. For all enquiries contact James Camden, Director of Youth on 8838 3428 or jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

The Holy Father's Catechesis

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

We heard the reaction of Simon the Pharisee's guests: "*Who is this, who even forgives sins?*" (Luke 7:49). Jesus had just carried out a scandalous gesture. A woman of the city, known by all as a sinner, entered Simon's house, knelt down at Jesus' feet and poured perfumed oil on His feet. All those that were there at the table murmured: if Jesus is a prophet, He shouldn't accept gestures of this sort of such a woman. Those women, poor things, were only useful to be encountered in a hidden way, also by Heads, or to be stoned. According to the mentality of the time, the separation between the saint and the sinner, between the pure and impure, should be clear.

However, Jesus' attitude was different. From the beginning of His ministry in Galilee, He approached lepers, demoniacs, all the sick and marginalized. Such behaviour was in no way usual. So true is this that Jesus' liking for the excluded, the "untouchables," was one of the things that most disconcerted His contemporaries. Wherever there was a person suffering, Jesus took charge of him, and that suffering became His own. Jesus shared human pain and when He came across it there burst in His innermost being that attitude that characterizes Christianity: mercy. In face of human pain Jesus feels mercy; Jesus' heart is merciful. Jesus feels compassion, literally; He feels His innermost being quiver. How many times in the Gospels we encounter reactions of this sort. The heart of Christ incarnates and reveals the heart of God, that, wherever there is a man or woman suffering, He wills their cure, their liberation, their full life.

It is because of this that Jesus *opens wide His arms to sinners*. How many people continue, also today, in a wrong life because they don't find anyone willing to look at them in a different way, with the eyes, better yet, with the heart of God, namely, to look at them *with hope*. Jesus, instead, sees a possibility of resurrection also in one who has accumulated many wrong choices. Jesus is always there, with an open heart; that mercy issues, which He has in His heart; He forgives, embraces, understands, comes close: Jesus is thus!

Sometimes we forget that for Jesus it wasn't about an easy love, of small price. The Gospels record the first negative reactions in Jesus' dealings in fact when He forgave a man's sins (Cf. *Mark* 2:1-12). He was a man who suffered doubly, because he couldn't walk and because he felt he was "wrong." And Jesus understood that the latter pain was greater than the former, so much

so that He received him immediately with the proclamation of his liberation: "Son, your sins are forgiven!" (v. 5). He frees him from that sense of oppression of feeling wrong. It was then that some scribes – those who believed themselves perfect: I think of many Catholics who believe themselves perfect and scorn others . . . this is sad . . . – some scribes who were present there were scandalized by those words of Jesus, which sounded like blasphemy, because only God can forgive sins.

We, who are used to experiencing the forgiveness of sins, perhaps too "cheaply," should at times remind ourselves how much we cost God's love. Each one of us cost a lot: Jesus' life! He would have given it also for just one of us. Jesus didn't go to the cross because He cured the sick, because He preached charity. The Son of God went to the cross above all because He forgave sins, because He willed the total, definitive liberation of the human heart. Because He does not want the human being to be consumed his whole life with the thought of not being able to be received by the merciful heart of God. And with these sentiments Jesus goes to encounter sinners, which we all are.

Thus sinners are forgiven. Not only are they soothed at the psychological level, because they are freed from the sense of guilt, Jesus does much more: He offers people that have erred *the hope of a new life*. Matthew, the publican, became an Apostle of Christ. Zacchaeus, corrupt rich man – who certainly had a degree in bribes – of Jericho, was transformed into a benefactor of the poor. The woman of Samaria, who had had five husbands and now lived with another, heard the promise of a "living water," which would always gush within her (Cf. *John* 4:14). Thus Jesus changes the heart; He does so with all of us.

It does us good to think that God didn't choose people who never erred to form His Church. The Church is a people of sinners, who experience the mercy and forgiveness of God. Peter understood more the truth about himself when the cock crowed, rather than from his outbursts of generosity, which swelled his chest, making him feel superior to others.

Brothers and sisters, we are all poor sinners, in need of God's mercy, which has the strength to transform us and renew our hope. And to people who have understood this fundamental truth, God gives the most beautiful mission in the world, namely, love for brothers and sisters and the proclamation of a mercy that He doesn't deny to anyone. And this is our hope. We go on with this trust in forgiveness, in the merciful love of Jesus.