

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

27th November 2016, Year A/1



Master of Flemalle, Annunciation, 1420

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

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mr John Laffan - Acting Principal

School Office Times

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

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94 Joseph Street

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: To You, I lift up my soul, O my God. In You, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in You be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

All Souls

SUNDAY 8:30am

All Souls

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 1st Week of Advent

All Souls

Tuesday: 8:00am 1st Week of Advent

All Souls

Wednesday 8:00am ST ANDREW

All Souls

Thursday 8:00am 1st Week of Advent

Dec. Mem. of Catholic Women's League

Friday 8:00am 1st Week of Advent

Max & Bruce Gale (Dec. Ann.)

Saturday 8:30am St Francis Xavier

Dec. Mem. Of St Vincent de Paul

ADORATION CHAPEL:

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

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.

HYMNS FOR WEEKEND MASSES:

Processional: 248 Offertory: 232
Communion: 459 Reflection: 234
Recessional: 239

RECENTLY DECEASED: Wayne Madden

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

Dec. Mem. Of Catholic Women's League
Max & Bruce Gale
Dec. Mem. Of St Vincent de Paul

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Saturday 24th Vigil Mass - 6.00pm

Sunday 25th Midnight Mass
8.30am & 10.am Masses
12 noon Polish Mass
2.00pm Syro Malabar Mass

CONFESSIONS

Monday 19th December
9.00am to 12 noon and 5.30pm to 7.00pm

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. The Statue will be delivered to you by the Legion of Mary. Our Priests will also be able to visit your home to bless it during this time.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday 2nd December from 5pm to 10pm.

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, Charles Timmins, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Valerie Davies, Janet Boreham, Raymond Waters, Francene Flannery, Jason Isbitski, Rosslyn Talbot, David Jenkins, Noeline Cruzado & Elaine D'Arcy.

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

POPE FRANCIS' NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS

Universal: That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

Evangelization: That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$777.10

Loose: \$451

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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

These are our Young People who were Confirmed in our Parish last Tuesday. Please pray for them.

Moriah Hoffmann	Samara Dias
Kenny Manzi	Maddison Holdsworth
Jessie Kristyono	Francesca Pereira
Jennifer Lazo	Jini-Mary McDonald
Jack Wiggins	Jade D'Souza
Daniel Woodbury	Dominique Olesco
Chelsea Weldon	Aleena Alex

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.



JUBILEE 800 1216 - 2016
ORDER OF PREACHERS

www.stjoseph800.org

GIFT OF THE PLENARY INDULGENCE

Pope Francis has granted a special Jubilee Plenary Indulgence, on usual conditions, for the faithful praying in a Dominican church. That is why every days' morning adoration we finish with special prayers.

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays after Mass – 9am to 10am in Parish Hall. Aloma 4731 8102; Teresa – 4731 4222

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

SKY YOUTH GROUP:

Every Wednesday from 3.00pm to 5.00pm.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Available for purchase after all Masses at \$9 each.

DWF APPEAL

Thank you for your generosity. We have reached our DWF quota.

READERS' MEETING

Sr Mary Louise Walsh will be leading a Meeting at 7.00pm on this coming Wednesday 30th November for all our Readers. If you are interested in becoming a Reader you are also most welcome to attend.

PARISH WORKING BEE

We will be having a Working Bee on this coming Saturday 3rd December to get our Church and grounds ready for Christmas. It will begin at 9.15am. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Any questions please ring the Office.

ADULT SEWING CLASSES

Monday or Friday after hours, depending on number of people attending.

Contact Mary on 4722 5127 for more details.

PARISH LUNCH:

All Parishioners are invited to our lunch every 2nd Wednesday of the Month at midday. For information on the venue please ring Denis & Anne on 4731 4618.

All are most welcome.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY PARKING IN THE COURTYARD IS ONLY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABLED STICKERS. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THIS IS A SAFETY ISSUE.

Following proclamation of the Privacy Act 1988 at the end of 2001, a privacy policy has been developed in accordance with Diocesan norms and has been approved by the Parish Priest. A copy is available from the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

The Jubilee having ended, we return today to normality, yet some reflections still remain on the works of mercy, so we continue on this. Today's reflection on the works of spiritual mercy concerns two acts strongly connected between themselves: *to counsel the doubters and to teach the ignorant*, namely, those that don't know. The word ignorant is too strong, but it means those who don't know something and who must be taught. They are works that can be lived both in a simple, family dimension, within everyone's reach, and – especially the second, that of teaching – on a more institutional, organized plane. We think, for instance, of all those children who still suffer from illiteracy. This is hard to understand: in a world where technical-scientific progress is so high, there are illiterate children! It's an injustice. How many children suffer from a lack of education; it's a condition of great injustice that affects the very dignity of the person. Without education, one then becomes easily prey to exploitation and to different forms of social hardship.

In the course of the centuries, the Church has felt the need to commit herself in the realm of education, because her evangelizing mission entails the commitment to restore dignity to the poorest. From the first example of a "school" founded in fact here in Rome by Saint Justin in the second century, so that Christians could know the Sacred Scriptures better, to Saint Joseph Calasanzius, who opened the first popular free schools of Europe, we have a long list of men and women Saints who at different times brought education to the most disadvantaged, knowing that through this, they would be able to surmount poverty and discriminations. How many Christians, laymen, consecrated brothers and sisters, <and> priests gave their life in education, in the education of children and of young people. This is great: I invite you to pay homage to them with loud applause! [Applause of the faithful]. These pioneers of education understood in depth this work of mercy, and such was their lifestyle as to transform society itself. Through simple work and few structures they were able to restore dignity to so many persons! And the education they imparted was often orientated also to work. We think of Saint John Bosco, who prepared street kids to work, with the Oratory and then with schools, jobs. It is thus that many and different professional schools arose, which trained to work while educating in human and Christian values. Hence, education is truly a special form of evangelization.

The more education grows, the more individuals acquire certainties and awareness, of which we are all in need in

life. A good education teaches us the critical method, which also includes a certain type of doubt, useful to pose questions and verify the results reached, in view of greater knowledge. However, the work of mercy of counseling the doubters does not concern this type of doubt. To express mercy to doubters means, instead, to soothe that pain and suffering that comes from fear and anguish, which are consequences of doubt. Therefore, it is a real act of love, with which one intends to support a person in the weakness caused by uncertainty.

I think that someone could ask me: "Father, but I have so many doubts about the faith, what must I do? Do you ever have doubts?" I have so many ... Certainly doubts come to everyone in some moments! The doubts that touch the faith, in a positive sense, are a sign that we want to know God, Jesus, the mystery of His love for us better and more in depth. "But, I have this doubt. I seek, study, see or ask advice on what to do." These are doubts that make one grow! Therefore, it is good that we ask ourselves questions about the faith, because in this way we are pushed to deepen it. In any case, doubts can be overcome. Therefore, it is necessary to listen to the Word of God, and to understand what He teaches us. An important way that helps much in this is *catechesis*, with which the proclamation of the faith comes to meet us in the concreteness of our personal and communal life. And, at the same time, there is another equally important way, that of *living* the faith as much as possible. We do not make of the faith an abstract theory where doubts multiply. Rather, we make the faith our life. We try to practice it in service to brothers, especially the most needy. And then so many doubts vanish, because we feel God's presence and the truth of the Gospel of love that, without our merit, dwells in us and we share with others.

As you can also see, dear brothers and sisters, these two works of mercy are not far from our lives. Each one of us can commit himself in living them to put into practice the Lord's word when He says that the mystery of the love of God was not revealed to the wise and the intelligent, but to the little ones (cf. *Luke 10:21; Matthew 11:25-26*). Therefore, the most profound teaching that we are called to transmit and the safest certainty to come out of doubt is the love of God with which we have been loved (cf. *1 John 4:10*) – a great love, free and given for ever. God never takes back His love! He always goes ahead and waits; He gives His love forever, of which we must feel a strong responsibility, to be witnesses of it by offering mercy to our brothers. Thank you.