

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8th October 2017, Year A/1



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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LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Within Your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist Your will.
For You have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven; You are the Lord of all.

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Second Reading Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

SUNDAY 8.30am

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am **St Louis Bertran**

Tuesday: 8:00am **27th Week Ordinary Time**

Wednesday 8:00am **St John XXIII**

Thursday 8:00am **27th Week Ordinary Time**

Friday 8.00am **27th Week Ordinary Time**

Saturday 8.30am **Mass of the Virgin Mary** **Mary Spiteri (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.

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Spiteri

OUR LADY'S MONTH - OCTOBER

There will be Rosary, Litany to Our Lady and
Benediction after weekday Mass during the month
of October in honour of the Blessed Virgin.

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be 14th October at 6pm.
Please invite all young people to come along for
Mass and a get together.

This Mass will be offered for our Year 12 young
people who will be in the middle of their Higher
School Certificate.

NOVEMBER MASSES:

When you fill out your November Mass Envelope
place it in the basket at the back of the Church, and
fill in the Remembrance Book with the names of
your friends and relatives. All Masses in November
are for our Deceased.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, Dianne Devitt, John McCahon, Kathryn Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, Gisela Drobiszewski, Katalin Domotor, Charles Timmins, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Valerie Davis, Raymond Waters, Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Noeline Cruzado, Kathleen Angoves & Margaret Colville.

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' INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER **Workers and Unemployed**

That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$666
 Loose: \$403.85

LEGION OF MARY - 'Mary Seat of Wisdom'

Meetings are held every Saturday at 2pm in the old office building. All interested in 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.

SACRAMENTS FOR 2017:

Confirmation: Tuesday 24th October

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:

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

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

Jim – 0411 280 950

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study is every Wednesday at 10.30am in the Parish Hall. All are most welcome. Please bring your Bible with you.

SKY YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group Wednesdays from 3pm to 5pm. Young people from Years 6 to 12 are most welcome. If anyone would like to contribute towards afternoon tea, please feel free to do so.

PARISH LUNCH:

All Parishioners are invited to our lunch on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Venue is Penrith Golf Club for 11th October. If you need a lift please ring the Office. All are most welcome.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

2018 Calendars are for sale after weekend Masses at \$9 each. They make a lovely Christmas gift.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL AUGUST REPORT

St Vincent de Paul supported 42 families during this month and gave \$9750 Electricity Assistance; \$50 for Phone; \$2300 in Food Vouchers and \$867 for Clothing. Thank you to those who assist those in need in our Parish.

PARKING ON GROUNDS

Please do not leave valuables, such as money or mobile phones, in your cars. We have had cars broken into in the past.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Sunday 15th October at 2pm with Celebrant Fr Hugh Thomas CSsR at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys

DIOCESAN LITURGY CONFERENCE 2017

Fr Peter Williams VG EV is keynote speaker on Saturday 4th November 9.30am to 3pm at St Andrew's Parish, Marayong. Cost \$20 includes lunch. Register at www.parracatholic.org/ofw_or_8838_3456.

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO MARRIAGE ACT

Marriage is... The Church views marriage as a unique relationship between a woman and a man. Marriage is also a fundamental institution for all societies because of its importance in uniting spouses as potential parents and in providing for the upbringing of their children. It has therefore been understood as the union of a man and a woman in all cultures and religions until very recent times and is still so defined in international law and the law of most nations.

... To insist that marriage is a relationship between a man and a woman is not a criticism of other kinds of relationships. By recognising this particular type of relationship our community and its marriage laws do not unjustly discriminate against other relationships: rather, our community and its laws recognize the essential connections between male-female bonding and child-bearing, and between children and their natural parents. Taken from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website:
<https://www.catholic.org.au/plebiscite>

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CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

Pope Francis' Catechesis

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In this catechesis I wish to speak on the theme "Missionaries of Hope Today." I am happy to do so at the beginning of this month, which the Church dedicates particularly to the mission, and also on the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, who was a great missionary of hope!

In fact, a Christian isn't a prophet of doom. We are not prophets of doom. The essence of his proclamation is the opposite, the opposite of doom: it's Jesus, who died out of love and who God resurrected on Easter morning. And this is the nucleus of the Christian faith. If the Gospels ended with Jesus' burial, the story of this prophet would be added to the many biographies of heroic personalities that spend their life for an ideal. The Gospel would then be an edifying and consoling book, but wouldn't be a proclamation of hope.

However, the Gospels don't close with Holy Friday, they go beyond; and it's precisely this further fragment that transforms our lives. Jesus' disciples were depressed on that Saturday after His crucifixion; that stone rolled on the door of the sepulchre also closed the three exciting years lived by them with the Teacher of Nazareth. It's seemed that everything was finished, and some, disappointed and fearful, were already leaving Jerusalem.

But Jesus resurrected! This unexpected event upsets and overturns the mind and heart of the disciples, because Jesus didn't resurrect only for Himself, as if His rebirth was a prerogative of which to be jealous: if He ascends to the Father it's because He wants His Resurrection to be shared by every human being, and take every creature on high. And on the day of Pentecost, the breath of the Holy Spirit transformed the disciples. They not only had good news to take to all, but they themselves were different from before, as though reborn to a new life. Jesus' Resurrection transforms us with the strength of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is alive, He is alive among us, He is living and has that strength to transform.

How beautiful it is to think that we are heralds of Jesus' Resurrection not only in words but in deeds and with the witness of life! Jesus doesn't want disciples capable only of repeating formulas learnt by heart. He wants witnesses: persons that spread

hope by their way of welcoming, of smiling, of loving. Above all by loving, because the strength of the Resurrection renders Christians capable of loving even when love seems to have lost its reasons. There is a certain "more" that dwells in Christian existence, and that is not explained simply with strength of spirit or greater optimism. The faith, our hope isn't only optimism; it's something else, something more! It's as if believers were persons with more of a "piece of Heaven" above the head, accompanied by a presence that some are not even able to intuit.

Thus the task of Christians in this world is to open areas of salvation, as cells of regeneration capable of restoring lymph to what seemed lost forever. When the sky is all cloudy, one who is able to speak of the sun is a blessing. See, the true Christian is thus: not lamenting and angry but convinced, by the strength of the Resurrection, that no evil is infinite, no night is without end, no man is definitively mistaken, no hatred is invincible for love.

Sometimes the disciples would certainly pay a dear price for this hope given to them by Jesus. We think of the many Christians that didn't abandon their people, when the time of persecution arrived. They stayed there, where they were even uncertain of the morrow, where no plans could be made of any sort, they stayed hoping in God. And we think of our brothers, of our sisters of the Middle East that give witness of hope and also offer their life for this witness. They are true Christians! They bear Heaven in their heart, looking beyond, always beyond. One who has had the grace to embrace Jesus' Resurrection can even hope in the unexpected. The martyrs of all times, with their fidelity to Christ, tell us that injustice isn't the last word in life. In the risen Christ, we can continue to hope. However, whoever has Christ truly by his side no longer fears anything. And because of this Christians — true Christians —, are never easy and accommodating men. Their meekness is not confused with a sense of insecurity and submissiveness. Saint Paul spurs Timothy to suffer for the Gospel, and says thus: "for God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control" (2 *Timothy* 1:7). Fallen, they always rise.

See, dear brothers and sisters, why a Christian is a missionary of hope. Not by his merit but thanks to Jesus, the grain of wheat that fell on the ground died and bore much fruit (Cf. *John* 12:24).