

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12th November 2017, Year A/1



St Martin of Tours and St Nicholas of Bari

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

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

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LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Let my prayer come into Your presence.
Incline Your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Responsorial Psalm: My soul is thirsting for You, O Lord my God.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Souls in Purgatory
	8.30am		Souls in Purgatory
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	32 nd Week Ordinary Time	Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday:	8:00am	32 nd Week Ordinary Time	Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	8:00am	ST ALBERT THE GREAT	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	8:00am	32 nd Week Ordinary Time	Souls in Purgatory
Friday	8.00am	St Elizabeth of Hungary	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	8.30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary	Souls in Purgatory

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:

Souls in Purgatory in our Book of Remembrance,
Brian Blazek.

EXPOSITION BEFORE MORNING MASS

While Fr Andrew is away, there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before the morning Mass from Monday to Wednesday until 4th December.

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will 18th November at 6pm.
Please invite all young people to come along for Mass and a get together after Mass.

POPE FRANCIS' NOVEMBER INTENTIONS**Christians in Asia**

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

NOVEMBER MASSES

Please put your November Mass Envelope in the basket at the back of the Church with the names of your friends and relatives. All Masses in November are for our Deceased.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, 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

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$725**
 Loose: \$518.50

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 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 2018:

Reconciliation: Thursday 22nd March

Registration: Sunday 18th February

First Communion: Sunday 3rd June

Registration: Sunday 8th April

Confirmation Tuesday 23rd October

Registration Sunday 22nd July

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, except for 15th and 29th November, when there will be no Bible Study. 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.

PARISH LUNCH:

All Parishioners are invited to our lunch on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Venue is Penrith Golf Club for 13th December. 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.

THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

We are pleased to announce the launch of The Catholic Foundation next weekend, when it will officially replace the Diocesan Works Fund, as the central charity for the good works of the Diocese of Parramatta. The Catholic Foundation will support The Seminary, CCD, the Ephpheta Centre and Catholic Care.

Our Parish will be holding a special collection next weekend. Please give generously.

EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE

A 7 day 110 km Catholic pilgrimage through the Blue Mountains, which coincides with the Feast of the Epiphany. It begins at Emu Plains 2nd January and finishes at Bell 8th January 2018. For details visit www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage/ or www.epiphanypilgrimage.org

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Sunday 19th November at 2pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, St Marys.

BISHOP VINCENT LONG OFM CONV STATEMENT ON MANUS ISLAND

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop Delegate for Migrants and Refugees has issued a statement on behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, following the closure of the Manus Island Centre. He states: "The policy of offshore detention has failed and it is time for us to deal with the issue of asylum seekers and refugees according to this nation's proud tradition and the best nature of its citizens. We can do a whole lot better, just as we did welcome "those who've come across the seas" after the wars in Europe and in Southeast Asia. The concern for maritime border security does not have to make us into a mean-spirited people. The policy of offshore detention has cost Australia dearly. But it has cost the detainees and their families even more. I appeal to the government and political leaders to act in accordance with our honourable tradition. It is time to find an alternative and conscionable solution, including accepting New Zealand's offer of resettlement and bringing the remaining detainees on Manus Island to Australia for further processing."

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

Pope Francis' Angelus Address 5th November

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Today's Gospel (Cf. Mathew 23:1-12) takes place at Jerusalem in the last days of Jesus' life – days charged with expectations and also tensions. On one hand Jesus addresses severe criticisms to the scribes and Pharisees, and on the other He leaves important orders to Christians of all times, hence also to us.

He says to the crowds: "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat, so practice and observe whatever they tell you." This means that they have the authority to teach what is in conformity with the law of God. However, immediately after, Jesus adds: "but not what they do; for they preach, but do not practice" (v. 2-3). Brothers and sisters, a frequent defect, in those that have authority, be it civil or ecclesiastical, is to exact from others things that, although just, they, however, don't put into practice personally. They live a double life. Jesus says: "They bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with their finger" (v. 4). This attitude is an evil exercise of authority, which instead should have its first force in fact from good example. Authority is born of good example, to help others to practice what is right and due, supporting them in trials that are met on the way of goodness. Authority is a help, however, if it's badly exercised, it becomes oppressive, it doesn't let a person grow and creates an atmosphere of mistrust and hostility, and also leads to corruption.

Jesus criticizes openly some negative behaviour of the scribes and of some Pharisees: "They love the places of honour at feasts and the best seats in the synagogue, and salutations in the marketplaces" (vv. 6-7). This is a temptation that corresponds to human arrogance and it's not always easy to overcome. It's the attitude to live only for appearance.

Then Jesus gives orders to His disciples: "You are not to be called 'Rabbi,' for you have one teacher, and you are all brethren. Neither be called 'masters,' for you have one master, the Christ. He who is greatest among you shall be your servant" (vv. 8-11).

We, disciples of Jesus, should not seek titles of honour, of authority or of supremacy. I tell you that it hurts me personally to see persons that live, psychologically, running behind the vanity of honours. We, disciples of Jesus, must not do this, because, among us, there must be a simple and fraternal attitude. We are all brothers and in no way must we overpower others, and look down on them. No. We are all brothers. If we have received qualities from the celestial Father, we must put them at the service of brothers, and not take advantage of them for our personal satisfaction and interest. We must not consider ourselves superior to others; modesty is essential for an existence that wishes to be in conformity with the teaching of Jesus, who was meek and humble of heart, and who came not to be served but to serve.

May the Virgin Mary, "humble and higher than any creature" (Dante, *Paradise*, XXXIII, 2), help us, with her maternal intercession, to shrink from pride and vanity, and to be meek and docile to the love that comes from God, for the service of our brothers and for their joy, which will also be ours.

Yesterday, at Indore, India, Regina Maria Vattalil was proclaimed Blessed, Religious of the Congregation of the Franciscan Claretian Sisters, killed for her Christian faith in 1995. Sister Vattalil gave witness of Christ in love and in meekness, and she joins the long ranks of martyrs of our time. May her sacrifice be seed of faith and peace, especially in Indian soil. She was so good. She was called "the smiling Sister."

I wish you all a good day. Please, don't forget to pray for me and goodbye!