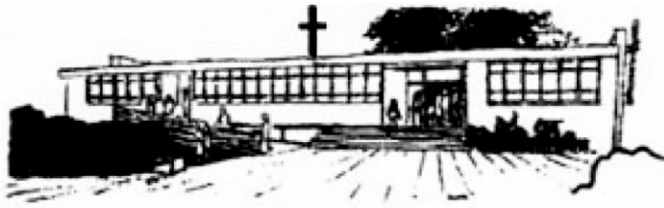


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

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Please leave a detailed Message

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19th November 2017, Year A/1



Fra Angelico, Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, 1440

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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ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon Me, and I will answer you,
And I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Souls in Purgatory
	8.30am		Souls in Purgatory
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	33 rd Week Ordinary Time	Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday:	8:00am	Presentation of the Bl Virgin Mary	Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	8:00am	St Cecilia	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	8:00am	33 rd Week Ordinary Time	Souls in Purgatory
Friday	8.00am	St Ignatius Delgado, St Vincent Liem, St Dominic An-Kham & Companions	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

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 Masses will be 16th & 24th December 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: \$849
Loose: \$406.45

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

The Diocese of Parramatta is delighted to announce the establishment of The Catholic Foundation. The Foundation needs to raise \$2.5 million annually to sustain the works of the Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains - including the formation of our seminarians, providing Christian education in public schools, empowering our disabled with job training, supporting our deaf and assisting single mothers facing homelessness. For more information please visit:

<https://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au>

EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE

A 7 day 110 km Catholic pilgrimage from 2nd to 8th January through the Blue Mountains, which coincides with the Feast of the Epiphany. For details www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage/ or www.epiphanypilgrimage.org

**BISHOP VINCENT LONG OFM CONV
STATEMENT ON MANUS ISLAND**

Bishop Vincent Long, 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 12th November

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

This Sunday's Gospel (Cf. *Matthew* 25:1-13), points out to us the condition to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, and it does so with the parable of the ten virgins: it's about those bridesmaids who were in charge of receiving and accompanying the bridegroom to the wedding ceremony and, as at that time it was customary to celebrate it at night, the bridesmaids were equipped with lamps.

The parable says that five of these virgins were wise and five foolish: the wise, in fact, brought oil with them for the lamps, while the foolish didn't bring any. The bridegroom was delayed in arriving and they all fell asleep. At midnight the arrival of the bridegroom was announced. Then the foolish virgins realized they had no oil for the lamps, and they asked the wise for some. However, the latter answered that they couldn't give them any because there wouldn't be enough for all. So when the foolish went to look for oil, the bridegroom arrived. The wise virgins went in with him to the banquet, and the door was shut. The five foolish ones returned too late. They knocked at the door but the answer was: "I do not know you" (v. 12) and they remained outside.

What does Jesus want to teach us with this parable? He reminds us that we must be ready for our encounter with Him. Jesus often exhorts in the Gospel to watch and He does so also at the end of this story: "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (v. 13). However, with this parable, He tells us that to watch doesn't mean only not to sleep, but *to be ready*. In fact, all the virgins slept before the bridegroom's arrival, but when they awakened, some were ready and others not. Here, therefore, is the meaning of being wise and prudent: it's about not waiting for the last moment of our life to collaborate with God's grace, but to do so already from now on. It would be good to think a bit: one day will be the last. If it were today, how prepared am I? But I must do this and that ... One must be prepared as if it were the last day: this does one good.

The lamp is the symbol of faith that illumines our life, while the oil is the symbol of the charity that nourishes, makes fruitful and credible the light of faith. The condition to be ready for the encounter with the Lord is not only faith but a Christian life rich in love and charity for our neighbour. If we let ourselves be guided by what seems to us more comfortable, by the pursuit of our interests, our life becomes sterile, incapable of giving life to others, and we don't accumulate any oil stock for the lamp of our faith; and the latter — faith — will go out the moment of the Lord's coming, or even before. If, instead, we are vigilant and we seek to do good, with gestures of love, of sharing, of service to our neighbour in difficulty, we can remain at peace while we await the coming of the bridegroom: the Lord can come at any moment, and even the sleep of death doesn't scare us, because we have the reserve of oil, accumulated with the good works of every day. Faith inspires charity and charity guards faith.

May the Virgin Mary help us to make our faith ever more operative through charity, so that our lamp can shine already here, on the earthly journey and then forever, at the wedding feast in Paradise.

After the Angelus:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Proclaimed Blessed yesterday at Madrid were Vicente Queralt Lloret and 20 companions martyrs, and Jose Maria Fernandez Sanchez and 38 companions martyrs. Some of the new Blesseds were members of the *Congregation of the Mission*: priests, Brothers, coadjutors, novices; others were laymen belonging to the *Association of the Miraculous Medal*. All of them were killed out of hatred for the faith, during the religious persecution, which happened in the course of the Spanish Civil War between 1936 and '37.

I greet all of you, families, parishes, Associations and individual faithful, who have come from Italy and from many parts of the world. I wish you all a good Sunday. Please, don't forget to pray for me. Goodbye.