

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

21st May 2017, Year A/1



DUCCIO di Buoninsegna, Christ Taking Leave of the Apostles, 1308-11

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 Riley - Principal

School Office Times

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

Address

94 Joseph Street
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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: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
Proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed His people, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Elizabeth Colville (Dec. Ann.)

SUNDAY 8.30am

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 6th Week of Easter

Tuesday: 8:00am 6th Week of Easter

Sandra McSpadden (Dec. Ann.)

Wednesday 8:00am **OUR LADY
HELP OF CHRISTIANS**

Matthew, Adam, Lawrence & Paul

Thursday 8:00am 6th Week of Easter

Varghese Manjaly (Dec. Ann.)

Friday 8.00am St Philip Neri

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Saturday 8.30am 6th Week of Easter

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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.

HYMNS FOR WEEKEND MASSES:

Entrance: 447 Offertory: 635
Communion: 451 Reflection: 580
Recessional: 449

RECENTLY DECEASED: Wiera Matejus,
Elizabeth Pearce

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Elizabeth Colville, Sandra McSpadden and
Varghese Manjaly

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is now available every day before morning Mass.

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass is Saturday 27th May at 6pm.
Please spread the word to our young people.

READERS

If anyone is interested in reading at 8am Mass during the week or at any of the weekend Masses please ring the Parish Office.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR MAY:

Christians in Africa

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice and peace.

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, Elaine D'Arcy & 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.

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

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.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$751**
 Loose: \$519.75

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.

As we are approaching the new Financial Year, if you would like to contribute to the Second collection through the Envelopes, please fill out a form at the back of the Church and give it to one of the Priests.

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.

SACRAMENTS FOR 2017:

First Communion: Sunday 18th June

Confirmation: Tuesday 24th October

Registration - 23rd July after 10am Mass

SKY YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group Wednesdays 3pm to 5pm. All young people from Year 6 to Year 12 are most welcome.

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:

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

2nd & 4th Thursdays 7pm at 2/40 Single Road, South Penrith. Elaine - 4736 8162.

PARISH LUNCH:

All Parishioners are invited to our lunch every 2nd Wednesday of the Month at midday. Venue for 14th June is Penrith Golf Club. If you need a lift please ring the Office. All are most welcome.

ST JOSEPH'S ENROLMENTS

St Joseph's Primary School is now enrolling for 2018. Please contact the school on 4732 3999 for an enrolment pack.

PARKING ON GROUNDS

Parking in the Church Courtyard area is only for the disabled. Please feel free to park in the school grounds or on the grass area at the weekend and on the grass area during the week. Thank you.

DWF APPEAL

There will be a DWF Collection again this weekend to meet our quota. We have received \$1595. Our quota is \$2584. Please be generous.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Sunday 21st May at 2pm at Our Lady of the Rosary, St Marys, concelebrated by Fr John Walenciej.

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR SRES

Friday 2nd June 9.15am to 2.20pm at St Margaret Mary's Parish, Merrylands. Theme: "Spirit Filled Disciples". Parishioners are also welcome. See flyer at back of Church for more information.

MT SCHOENSTATT

Shrine at 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year from 7am to 8pm.

Formation for Young Adults 18-35 on 3rd Sunday of the month from 12 noon to 3pm.

Evening for Married Couples to dance, dine and pray from 5pm to 10pm on Saturday 3rd June. Cost \$150 per couple. To register contact Sr M Julie on juliebrcar@gmail.com or 0408 738 334.

"Grace and Silence" Retreat Day

A silent retreat day for Young Women on Saturday 10th June from 9.30am to 4pm. Cost \$30, includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea and materials. Register at juliebrcar@gmail.com or 0408 738 334.

"Prepare Our Hearts for Marriage"

A weekend for Engaged Couples from 9th to 11th June. Cost \$200 per person. For information and to register contact Sr M Julie on juliebrcar@gmail.com or 0408 738 334.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Fr Clifford D'Souza is leading a 14 day pilgrimage from 12th to 25th November 2017. Cost \$4990. Deposit of \$500 prior to 30th May. Contact Mr George on 0422 215 855 for itinerary and to reserve seats.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

THE HOLY FATHER'S CATECHESIS

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

In these weeks our reflection is moving, so to speak, in the orbit of the paschal mystery. Today we meet her who, according to the Gospels, was the first to see Jesus Risen: Mary Magdalene. The Sabbath rest had just ended. On the day of the Passion there was no time to complete the funeral rites; therefore, on that dawn full of sadness, the women went to Jesus' tomb with perfumed unguents. The first to arrive was she, Mary of Magdala, one of the disciples that had accompanied Jesus from Galilee, putting themselves at the service of the nascent Church. Reflected in her path to the sepulcher is the fidelity of so many women who are devoted for years to the paths of cemeteries, in memory of someone who is no longer. The most genuine bonds are not broken not even by death: one continues to love even if the beloved person has gone forever.

The Gospel (Cf. *John* 20:1-2.11-18) describes Magdalene, making it evident immediately that she was not a woman of easy enthusiasms. In fact, after the first visit to the sepulcher, she returned disappointed to the place where the disciples were hiding; she said that the stone was moved from the entrance to the sepulcher, and her first theory is the simplest that can be formulated: someone must have stolen Jesus' body. Thus, the first announcement that Mary brings is not that of the Resurrection, but of a robbery that unknowns perpetrated, while the whole of Jerusalem was asleep.

Then the Gospels tell of a second trip of Magdalene to Jesus' sepulcher. She was headstrong! She went, she returned . . . because she was not convinced! This time her step is slow, very heavy. Mary suffers doubly: first of all because of Jesus' Death, and then because of the inexplicable disappearance of His body.

It is while she is kneeling close to the tomb, with her eyes filled with tears, that God surprises her in the most unexpected way. The evangelist John stresses how persistent her blindness was: she is not aware of the presence of two Angels who question her, and does not even get suspicious seeing the man behind her, that she thinks is the guardian of the garden. And instead she discovers the most overwhelming event of human history, when she is finally called by her name: "Mary!" (v. 6). How lovely it is to think that the first apparition of the Risen One — according to the Gospels — happened in such a personal way! That there is Someone who knows us, who sees our suffering and disappointment,

and who is moved for us, and calls us by name. It is a law that we find engraved in many pages of the Gospel. There are so many persons that seek God around Jesus, but the most prodigious reality is that, long before, it is first of all God who is concerned for our life, who wants to uplift it, and to do this He calls us by name, recognizing each one's personal face. Every man is a story of love that God writes on this earth. Every one of us is a story of God's love. God calls every one of us by our name: He knows us by name, He looks at us, He waits for us, He forgives us, He has patience with us. Is this true or is it not true? Every one of us has this experience.

And Jesus calls her: "Mary!": the revolution of her life, the revolution destined to transform the existence of every man and woman, begins with a name that echoes in the garden of the empty sepulcher. The Gospel describes for us Mary's happiness: Jesus' Resurrection is not a joy given in dribs and drabs but a cascade that assails the whole of life. Christian existence is not woven of soft happiness, but of waves that overwhelm everything. You also try to think at this moment, with the baggage of disappointments and defeats that each one bears in the heart, that there is a God close to us who calls us by name and says to us: "Rise, stop crying, because I have come to free you!" This is beautiful.

Jesus is not one who adapts Himself to the world, tolerating that in it death, sadness, hatred, the moral destruction of persons should endure . . . Our God is not inert, But our God — I permit myself the word — is a dreamer: He dreams of the transformation of the world, and He realized it in the mystery of the Resurrection.

Mary wanted to embrace her Lord, but He is now oriented to the celestial Father, while she is sent to bring the announcement to brothers. And so that woman, who before encountering Jesus was at the mercy of the Evil One (Cf. *Luke* 8:2), has now become *apostle of the new and greatest hope*. May her intercession help us also to live this experience: in the hour of weeping and in the hour of abandonment, to listen to the Risen Jesus who calls us by name and, with a heart full of joy, go to announce: "I have seen the Lord!" (v. 18). I have changed my life because I saw the Lord! Now I am different from before, I am another person. I have changed because I saw the Lord. This is our strength and this is our hope. Thank you.