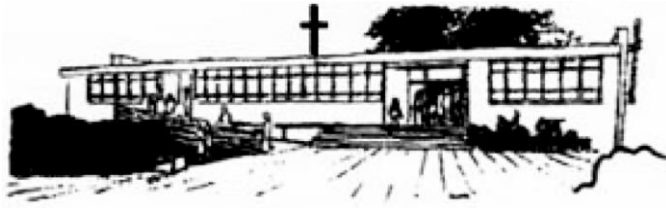


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## PALM SUNDAY

9<sup>TH</sup> April 2017, Year A/1



Pietro Lorenzetti, 1320

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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# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGY

### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Entrance Antiphon:** Hosanna to the Son of David, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**Responsorial Psalm:** My God, my God, why have You abandoned me?

#### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

8.30am

10:00am

For the Parish

**Monday 8:00am Monday of Holy Week Blessings for the McLean Family**

**Tuesday: 8:00am Tuesday of Holy Week Blessings for the Milica Family**

**Wednesday 8:00am Wednesday of Holy Week**

**Thursday 7:00pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Friday 11.00am STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
3:00pm PASSION OF THE LORD**

**Saturday 6:30pm RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

#### 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:

Processional: (outside) 302 Entrance: 303

Offertory: 507 Communion: 482

Reflection: 316 Recessional: 537

#### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Cecylia Borowska

#### RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER

**Individual Reconciliation - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
9am to 12 noon & 5pm to 7pm**

#### EASTER LITURGIES

**Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper - 7pm  
Waiting Prayer until Midnight**

**Good Friday - Stations of the Cross - 11am  
Passion of the Lord - 3pm**

**Easter Vigil - Saturday 6.30pm**

**Easter Sunday - 8.30am & 10am  
Polish Mass - 12 noon**

**Please note: There are no Morning Masses on  
Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday**

#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be no Adoration before morning Mass  
from Monday to Wednesday during April, due to  
Fr Pawel being away and our commitments.

**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 Davies, 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

**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS**

**Novena**

Begins Good Friday after Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday – 9.30am

Sunday – after 8.30am Mass

Weekdays – after 8.00am Mass

**Divine Mercy Devotions**

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 3.00pm

**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.

**POPE FRANCIS' APRIL INTENTIONS:**

**Universal: Youth**

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

**SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$952**

**Loose: \$389-35**

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 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 18<sup>th</sup> June**

Registration – 30<sup>th</sup> April after 10am Mass

**Confirmation: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

Registration – 23<sup>rd</sup> July after 10am Mass

**EASTER TRIDUUM TRAINING FOR SERVERS**

All Junior Servers are required to attend Training Sessions if wanting to serve during the Easter Triduum. Sessions are as follows:

**Holy Thursday & Good Friday: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 10am**

**Holy Saturday: Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 10am**

**YOUTH MASS**

Our next Youth Mass is Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm. Please spread the word to our young people.

**SKY YOUTH GROUP**

Youth Group will recommence on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April from 3pm to 5pm. All young people from Year 6 to Year 12 are most welcome. Our thanks and best wishes for the future to Eleanor Bonwick for her service to our Youth this Term.

**ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays** 7pm at 2/40 Single Road, South Penrith. Elaine – 4736 8162.

**WEEKDAY READERS**

If anyone is interested in reading at 8am during the week please add your name and phone number to the sheet at the back of the Church.

**CLEANING FOR EASTER**

We would encourage all who would like to serve the Lord by cleaning His Church, to please add your name and phone number to the sheet at the back of the Church.

**PARISH LUNCH:**

All Parishioners are invited to our lunch every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month at midday. Venue for 12<sup>th</sup> April is Penrith Golf Club. If you need a lift please ring the Office. All are most welcome

**PROJECT COMPASSION**

Boxes are at the back of the Church. Please support this Lenten season themed "Love Your Neighbour".

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month from 12 noon to 3pm.

**Evening for Married Couples** to dance, dine and pray from 5pm to 10pm on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April or Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Cost \$150 per couple. To register contact Sr M Julie on [juliebrcar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebrcar@gmail.com) or 0408 738 334.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

THE HOLY FATHER'S CATECHESIS

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

The Apostle Peter's First Letter bears in it an extraordinary charge! It is able to infuse great consolation and peace, making one perceive how the Lord is always at our side and never abandons us, especially in the most delicate and difficult situations of our life. But what is the "secret" of this Letter, and, particularly, of the passage we just heard (cf. 1 Peter 3:8-17)? This is a question. I know that you will take the New Testament today, you will look for the First Letter of Peter and you will read it slowly, slowly, to understand the secret and force of this Letter. What is the secret of this Letter?

1. The secret is in the fact that this writing *sinks its roots directly in Easter*, in the heart of the mystery that we are about to celebrate, thus making us perceive all the light and joy that flow from the Death and Resurrection of Christ. Christ is truly Risen, and this is a beautiful greeting to give one another on Easter day: "Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen!," as so many people do. Remember that Christ is Risen, He is alive among us; He is alive and dwells in each one of us. It is because of this that Saint Peter invites us forcefully to adore Him in our hearts (cf. v. 16). The Lord made His abode there at the moment of our Baptism, and from there He continues to renew us and our life, filling us with His love and the fullness of His Spirit. See then why the Apostle recommends that we *account for the hope that is in us* (cf. v. 16): our hope is not a concept, it is not a sentiment, it's not a mobile phone, it's not a pile of riches! Our hope is a Person; it is the Lord Jesus that we acknowledge alive and present in us and in our brethren, because Christ is Risen. When the Slav people greet one another, instead of saying "good morning," "good evening," during the Easter days they greet one another with this "Christ is Risen!," "*Christos voskrese!*" they say to each other, and they are happy to say it! This is the "good morning" and the "good evening" they give one another: "Christ is Risen!"
2. Then we understand that we must not so much give an account of this hope at the theoretical level, with words, but especially with the testimony of life, and this be it within the Christian community, be it outside of it. If Christ is alive and dwells in us, in our heart, then we must also let Him be visible, not hide Him, and let Him act in us. This means that the Lord Jesus must become increasingly our model: model of life and that we must learn to behave as He

behaved. To do what Jesus did. Therefore, the hope that dwells in us, cannot remain hidden within us, in our heart: but, it would be a weak hope, which does not have the courage to go out and have itself seen; but our hope, as it shines through in Psalm 33 quoted by Peter, must necessarily burst outside, taking the exquisite and unmistakable form of gentleness, respect and benevolence toward our neighbor, being able in fact to forgive one who does evil. A person who does not have hope is unable to forgive, is unable to give the consolation of forgiveness and to have the consolation of forgiving. Yes, because Jesus did this, and He continues to do through those who make room for Him in their heart and in their life, in the awareness that evil is not overcome with evil, but with humility, mercy and meekness. The *mafiosi* think that evil can be overcome with evil, and so they engage in revenge and do the many things we all know. But they do not know what humility, mercy and meekness are. And why? Because the *mafiosi* do not have hope. Think of this.

3. See what Saint Peter affirms that "it is better to suffer for doing right, than for doing wrong" (v. 17): it does not mean that it is good to suffer but that, when we suffer for the good, we are in communion with the Lord, who accepted to suffer and to be put on the cross for our salvation. Then, when we also accept to suffer for the good, in the smallest or greatest situations of our life, it is as if we scattered around us seeds of resurrection, seeds of life, and made the light of Easter shine in the darkness. It is because of this that the Apostle exhorts us to respond always "with a blessing" (v. 9): a blessing is not a formality, it is not only a sign of courtesy, but it is a great gift which we received first and that we have the possibility to share with brethren. It is the proclamation of the love of God, a limitless love, which is not exhausted, which never fails and which constitutes the true foundation of our hope.

Dear friends, we also understand why the Apostle Peter calls us "blessed," when we must suffer for justice (cf. V. 13). It is not only for a moral or ascetic reason, but it is because every time we take the side of the last and the marginalized, or that we do not respond to evil with evil, but by forgiving and blessing, every time we do this we shine as living and luminous signs of hope, thus becoming instruments of consolation and peace, according to God's heart. An so we go forward with gentleness, meekness, being kind and doing good also to those who don't love us, or who do us evil. Go on!