

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16th September 2018, Year B/2



CARAVAGGIO, The Calling of St. Matthew, 1599-1600

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

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Patricia Reilly - 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: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait on You, that Your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of Your servant, and of Your people Israel.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9

Responsorial Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Second Reading: James 2:14-18

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Greta Colville

SUNDAY 8:30am

Henry & Stania Brancik (Thanks for 50 Years of Marriage)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 24th Week Ordinary Time

Henry & Stania Brancik

Tuesday 8:00am St Juan Macias

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Wednesday 8:00am 24th Week Ordinary Time

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Thursday 8.00am St Andrew Kim Taegon, St Paul Chong Hasang & Companions

Henry & Stania Brancik

Friday 8.00am ST MATTHEW

Henry & Stania Brancik

Saturday 8.30am Mass of the Virgin Mary

Henry & Stania Brancik

ADORATION CHAPEL:

Open during office hours or speak to Fr Andrew.

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Greta Colville

YOUTH MASS

The next Youth Mass will be Saturday 6th October at 6pm. Please spread the word to our young people.

ROSARY IN OUR HOMES:

Please fill in the form at the back of the Church if you would like 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' SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS

Young People in Africa

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, John McCahon, Kathryn Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, Katalin Domotor, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Valerie Davies, Raymond Waters, Jason Isbitski, Andrew Isbitski, David Jenkins, Margaret Colville, Gill Waltisbuhl, Robert Waltisbuhl.

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$697
Loose: \$336.45

LEGION OF MARY – 'Mary Seat of Wisdom'

Meetings every Thursday from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the old office building. All interested in meeting and participating in Legion's activities are most welcome.

CHILDREN'S LEGION OF MARY

Meeting every Wednesday from 6.00pm in the old office building. Children under 18 years old are most welcome.

SACRAMENTS FOR 2018:

Confirmation: Tuesday 23rd October at 7.00pm
Lessons on Sunday after 10am Mass

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays after Mass – 9.15am to 10.15am in the Parish Hall.

Aloma – 4731 8102; Teresa 4731 4222.

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

Jim – 0411 280 950

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group Wednesdays from 3pm – 5pm. All young people from Year 6 to 18 years old are most welcome.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study every Wednesday at 10.30am. All are most welcome. Please bring your Bibles with you

PARISH LUNCH:

Held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The date for our next Lunch is Wednesday 10th October at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Please prayerfully consider nominations to the Parish Council. Forms are at the back of the Church and are to be returned by this weekend. We need two new Members.

VACANCY: SRE VOLUNTEER (Catechist)

Required to teach or help Scripture in 5 Public Primary Schools in the Kingswood area. Training will be provided. Commit to 1 hour a week. Contact Antoinette Mifsud 0413 686 270 or Parish Office.

ANTOINETTE MIFSUD'S AWARD

Congratulations to Antoinette on receiving the award for 40 years service to the SREs. May the Lord bless you for your commitment to our children.

PARISH SUNDAY LUNCH

Sunday 23rd September at 12.30pm we will be having a get-together for lunch to celebrate Father Andrew's 50th Birthday. Salads, side dishes and desserts would be appreciated.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Fr Pawel is running in the Sydney Marathon this weekend to fund-raise for Vinnies. We wish him all the best in his run. Thank you to our sponsors who have contributed \$1879.

FLOWERS FOR OUR LADY

Please place your flowers in the Palm Frond Basket at Our Lady's feet, not on the Statue as they stain the marble. Thank you.

CHOIR MEMBERS REQUIRED

If you enjoy singing, please consider joining our Choir for 6pm or 10am Mass. Practice is after 8.30am Mass every Saturday morning. All ages welcome.

FATIMA DAY PILGRIMAGE

On 13th October at 8am we leave for Penrose Park. We have hired the Coach, at a cost of \$20 per person. All are welcome. Please ring the Office to register for the trip or if you have any questions.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. Information and Training Session: Saturday 29 September – 2pm to 4.30pm – Our Lady of the Way Parish Hall, Emu Plains

WORLD YOUTH DAY PANAMA 2019



Raffles tickets are on sale until 23rd September. Please support the young people from our Diocese. To register for World Youth Day please go to wydpanama2019.com.au/registration

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

On the Commandments: Day of Rest, Prophecy of Freedom

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

In today's catechesis we turn again to the third Commandment, that of the day of rest. The Decalogue, promulgated in the Book of *Exodus*, is repeated in the Book of *Deuteronomy* in an almost identical manner, with the exception of this Third Word, where a precious difference appears: whereas in *Exodus* the reason for rest is the blessing of Creation, in *Deuteronomy*, instead, the end of slavery is commemorated. On this day the slave must rest as his master, to celebrate the memory of the Passover of liberation.

In fact slaves, by definition, can't rest. However, so many types of slavery exist, be they interior or exterior. There are the external constrictions such as oppressions, lives kidnapped by violence and by other types of injustice. Then there are the interior prisons, which are, for example, psychological blockages, complexes, limitations of character and others. Is there rest in these conditions? In any case, can an imprisoned or oppressed man be free? And can a person tormented by interior difficulties be free?

In fact, there are persons that, even in prison, live great freedom of spirit. We think, for example, of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, or of Cardinal Van Thuan, who transformed dark oppressions into places of light. There are as well persons marked by great interior fragilities that, however, know the rest of mercy and are able to transmit it. God's mercy liberates us. And when one encounters God's mercy, one has great interior freedom and one is also capable of transmitting it. Therefore, it's very important to open oneself to God's mercy so as not to be slaves of ourselves.

So, what is true freedom? Does it consist, perhaps, in the freedom of choice? This is certainly a part of freedom, and we commit ourselves so that it's assured to every man and woman (Cf. Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, Pastoral Constitution *Gaudium et Spes*, 73). However, we know well that to be able to do what one wants isn't enough to be truly free, and not even happy. True freedom is much more.

In fact, there is a slavery that chains more than a prison, more than a panic crisis, more than an imposition of any kind: the slavery of one's ego. There

are those people that spend the whole day looking at themselves in the mirror to see the ego. And one's ego has a higher stature than one's body. They are slaves of the ego. The ego can become a tormentor that tortures man wherever he is and procures for him the most profound oppression, that which is called "sin," which isn't the trivial violation of a code, but failure of the existence and condition of slaves (Cf. *John* 8:34). In the end, sin is to say and do ego. "I want to do this and I don't care if there's a limit, if there is a Commandment, I don't even care if there is love."

Regarding the ego, for example, we think of human passions: the greedy, the lustful, the avaricious, the irascible, the envious, the slothful, the arrogant — and so on — are slaves of their vices, which tyrannize and torment them. There is no truce for the greedy, because the throat is the hypocrisy of the stomach, which is full but which makes us think that it's empty. The hypocritical stomach makes us greedy. We are slaves of a hypocritical stomach. There is no truce for the greedy and the lustful that must live of pleasure; the anxiety of possession destroys the greedy, always piling up money, hurting others; the fire of wrath and the worm of envy ruins relationships. Writers say that envy makes the body and soul yellow, as when a person has hepatitis: he/she becomes yellow. The envious have a yellow soul, because they can never have the freshness of the health of the soul. Envy destroys. The sloth that dodges all labour makes one incapable of living. Egoism — that ego of which I spoke — arrogant, excavates a profound trench between oneself and others.

Dear brothers and sisters, who then is the real slave? Who is he that knows not rest? Who is incapable of loving! And all these vices, these sins, this egoism distance us from love and make us incapable of loving. We are slaves of ourselves and we can't love, because love is always towards others.

The Third Commandment, which invites to celebrate liberation in rest, is for us Christians a prophesy of the Lord Jesus, who breaks the interior slavery of sin to render man capable of loving. True love is true freedom: it detaches from possession, rebuilds relationships, is able to welcome and value one's neighbour, transforms every effort into joyful gift and renders one capable of communion. Love renders one free even in prison, even if one is weak and limited. This is the freedom we receive from our Redeemer, Our Lord Jesus Christ.