

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018, Year B/2



MASTER of Pratoveccio, The Three Archangels, 1450

### 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

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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:** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to Me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**First Reading:** Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord upholds my life.

**Second Reading:** James 3:16 - 4:3

**Gospel:** Mark 9:30-37

#### VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Bill Eades
SUNDAY	8:30am		Henry & Stania Brancik
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	25 <sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time	Henry & Stania Brancik
Tuesday	8:00am	25 <sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time	Micah & Family
Wednesday	8:00am	St Cosmas & St Damian	Rita Saliba
Thursday	8.00am	St Vincent de Paul	Helen & Wladyslaw Kupka
Friday	8.00am	St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions	Alina Zawadska & Zbigniew Kulakowski
Saturday	8.30am	ST MICHAEL, ST GABRIEL & ST RAPHAEL	Rita Saliba

#### 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.

**DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:** Bill Eades, Helen & Wladyslaw Kupka, Alina Zawadska, Zbigniew Kulakowski, Bonz Cooney

#### YOUTH MASS

The next Youth Mass will be Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

*Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Father Andrew.  
May the Lord bless you and keep you in His care.*

**SECOND COLLECTION:**      **Envelopes: \$845**  
   **Loose:      \$369.30**

### **LEGION OF MARY – 'Mary Seat of Wisdom'**

Meeting 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 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 7.00pm**  
**Lessons on Sunday after 10am Mass**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays** after Mass – 9.15am to 10.15am in the Parish Hall.

Aloma – 4731 8102; Teresa 4731 4222.

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays** 7pm in the Parish Office.

Jim – 0411 280 950

### **YOUTH GROUP**

Our last Youth Group for this Term is this Wednesday 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. The date for our next Lunch is Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

### **PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS**

We have five nominations: Doreen Galistan, Monica Oradini, Mary Prazak, Jim Warburton and Andrew Zahra. There will be voting next weekend.

### **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.

### **PARISH SUNDAY LUNCH**

This Sunday at 12.30pm please come and help us celebrate Father Andrew's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Salads, side dishes and desserts would be appreciated.

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Thank you to Fr Pawel for running to fund-raise for Vinnies and raising \$2321. Fr Paul wishes to thank all for their prayers and support.

### **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.

### **HALL CLEANERS REQUIRED**

We desperately need volunteers to clean the Parish Hall each week. The ladies doing it at present are in their 70's and unable to do it each week. If we get enough people we could make up a roster. If you can help any time on any day please ring the Office.

### **FATIMA DAY PILGRIMAGE**

On 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **MT SCHOENSTATT**

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

### **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**



This weekend is the last opportunity to buy raffle tickets. Please support the young people from our Diocese.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

**On the Commandments: Honour Your Parents**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

In the journey within the Ten Words, we come today to the Commandment on the father and the mother. It talks about the honour due to parents. What is this "honour"? The Hebrew term indicates the glory, the value, literally the "weight," the consistency of a reality. It's not a question of exterior ways but of truth. In the Scriptures, to honour God means to recognize His reality, to reckon with His presence. This is expressed also with rites, but above all it implies to give God the just place in one's existence. Therefore, to honour the father and the mother means to recognize their importance also with concrete acts, which express dedication, affection and care. However, it's not only about this.

The Fourth Word has a characteristic: it's the Commandment that contains an outcome. It says, in fact: "Honour your father and your mother, as the Lord your God commanded you; that your days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with you, in the land which the Lord your God gives you" (*Deuteronomy* 5:16). To honour one's parents leads to a long happy life. The word "happiness" in the Decalogue appears only in connection with the relationship with parents.

This age-old wisdom states what the human sciences were able to elaborate only little more than a century ago: which is that the imprint of childhood marks a lifetime. It can often be easy to understand if someone has grown up in a healthy and balanced environment, but equally one can perceive if a person comes from experiences of abandonment or violence. Our childhood is somewhat like indelible ink; it's expressed in tastes, in ways of being, even if some try to hide the wounds of their origins.

However, the Fourth Commandment says even more. It doesn't speak of the parents' goodness; it doesn't require that fathers and mothers be perfect. It speaks of an act of children, regardless of the parents' merits, and it says an extraordinary and liberating thing: even if not all parents are good and not all childhoods are serene, all children can be happy, because the attainment of a full and happy life depends on the just recognition of one who has brought us into the world.

We think of how this Word can be constructive for so many young people that come from histories of pain,

and for all those that have suffered in their youth. Many Saints — and very many Christians — lived, after a painful childhood, a luminous life because, thanks to Jesus Christ, they were reconciled with life. We think of that youth Sulprizio, today Blessed and next month Saint, who at 19 finished his life reconciled with so many sorrows, so many things, because his heart was serene and he never disowned his parents. We think of Saint Camillus of Lellis, who from a disordered childhood built a life of love and service; of Saint Josephine Bakhita, who grew up in horrible slavery; or of Blessed Carlo Gnocchi, orphan and poor, and of John Paul II himself, marked by the loss of his mother at a young age.

Regardless of what history man comes from, by this Commandment he receives the direction that leads to Christ: in Him, in fact, the true Father is manifested, who offers us to be "born anew from on high" (Cf. *John* 3:3-8). The enigmas of our lives are illumined when we discover that God has always prepared us for a life as His children, where every act is a mission received from Him.

Our wounds begin to be potentialities when by grace we discover that the true enigma is no longer "why?" but "for whom?" has this happened to me. In view of what work has God forged me through my history? Here everything is reversed, everything becomes precious; everything becomes constructive. My experience, also sad and painful, in the light of love, how does it become for others, for whom, source of salvation? Then we can begin to honour our parents with the freedom of adult offspring and with the merciful acceptance of their limitations.

Honour parents: they have given us life! If you have estranged yourself from your parents, make an effort and go back, go back to them, perhaps they are old. They have given you life. And then, among us, there is the habit of saying awful things, also bad language. Please, never, never insult other [people's] parents. Never! Never insult the mother; never insult the father. Never! Never! Take up this interior decision today: henceforth I will never insult someone's mother or father. They gave him/her life! They must not be insulted.

This wonderful life is offered to us, not imposed: to be born anew in Christ is a grace to receive freely (Cf. *John* 1:11-13), and it's the treasure of our Baptism in which, by the work of the Holy Spirit, only one is our Father, that of Heaven (Cf. *Matthew* 23:9; *1 Corinthians* 8:6; *Ephesians* 4:6). Thank you!