ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18th November 2018, Year B/2



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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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: Daniel 12:1-13

Responsorial Psalm: Keep me safe, O God; You are my hope.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm All Souls *

SUNDAY 8:30am All Souls *

10:00am For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 33rd Week Ordinary Time All Souls *

Tuesday 8:00am 33rd Week Ordinary Time All Souls *

Wednesday 8:00am Presentation of Bl Virgin Mary All Souls *

Thursday 8.00am St Cecilia All Souls *

Friday 8.00am 33rd Week Ordinary Time All Souls *

Saturday 8.30am St Ignatius Delgado, St Vincent Liem, All Souls *

St Dominic An-Kham & Companions

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:

Brian Blazek (14th November)

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass is on Saturday 1st December at 6pm. Please invite all our Young People.

*NOVEMBER MASSES

All Masses during November are for the Souls of our Deceased Relatives and Friends in the Book of Remembrance and from the Envelopes.

You can add your departed beloved to the list. We will include them in our prayers from the moment you add them until the end of the month.

POPE FRANCIS' NOVEMBER INTENTIONS In the Service of Peace

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

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, Cecylia Tobera.

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: \$821

\$337.85

Loose:

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'

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.

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:

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

Aloma - 4731 8102; Teresa 4731 4222.

 1^{st} & 3^{rd} Mondays 7pm in the Parish Office. Jim – 0411 280 950

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month in the Church from 12.30pm to 3pm. All are most welcome. Please contact Delfin on 0478 784 885 with any questions.

YOUTH GROUP

Every Wednesday from 3pm – 5pm. All young people from Year 6 to 18 years old are most welcome.

BIBLE STUDY

Next Bible Study Wednesdays 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 12th December at Penrith Golf Club. If you need a lift please ring the Office. All are most welcome.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Calendars are now available for the price of \$9 each. Proceeds of sales go to the Parish. They are a great gift for Christmas.

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.

CLEANING THE LORD'S HOUSE

If anyone has a free hour on a Friday or Saturday morning we would appreciate some help cleaning the Church, polishing brass or arranging flowers. Please ring the Parish Office.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Sunday 18th November at 2pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys, celebrated by Fr Adam Crouch MGL.

MEMORIAL MASS

Mass celebrated by Rev Fr Chris de Souza on Tuesday 20th November at 6.45pm for those Bereaved by Suicide. Light supper to follow. RSVP by Friday 16th November on 8843 2530 or <u>rita.chater@ccss.org.au</u>

HOUSE OF WELCOME DONATIONS

If you would like to donate groceries for the refugees please leave them at the Parish Office. They need olive oil, tinned tomatoes, Basmati rice, flour, UHT milk, washing and dishwashing liquid, cleaning products, chick peas, tea and coffee.

REFLECTION DAY FOR WOMEN

Preparing our Hearts for Advent: 24 November

Cost \$25 BYO own lunch, tea & coffee provided. To register or for more information ring 4773 8338 or email info@schoenstatt.org.au

EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE

This is a 7 day, 110 km Catholic Pilgrimage through the Blue Mountains. It begins at Emu Plains on 2nd January 2019 and finishes at Bell on 8th January 2019. For information and to register please see www.epiphanypilgrimage.org

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. Information at back of the Church or at plenary council.catholic.org.au

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

8th Commandment: Do not bear false witness against your neighbour.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

This Commandment — says the Catechism — "forbids misrepresenting the truth in our relations with others" (n. 2464). To live of inauthentic communications is grave because it impedes relationships and, therefore, impedes love. Where there is a lie there is no love, love can't be exercised. And when we speak of communication between persons we mean not only words but also gestures, attitudes, even silences, and absences. A person speaks with all that he is and does. We are all in communication always. We all live communicating and we are continually poised between the truth and lies.

But what does it mean to tell the truth? Does it mean to be sincere or exact? In reality, this isn't enough, because one can be sincerely in error, or one can be precise in the detail but not gather the meaning of the whole. Sometimes we justify ourselves saying: "But I said what I felt!" Yes, but you have absolutized your point of view. Or "I only said the truth!" It may be so, but you have revealed personal or reserved facts. How much gossip destroys communion because it's inopportune or lacking in delicacy! Rather, gossip kills, and the Apostle James says this in his Letter. Gossipers are people who kill: they kill others because the tongue kills as a knife. Beware! A gossiper is a terrorist because with his tongue he hurls the bomb and leaves calmly, but the thing that that hurled bomb says destroys others' reputation. Don't forget: to gossip is to kill.

But then, what is the truth? This is the question asked by Pilate, precisely while Jesus was carrying out the Eighth Commandment before him (Cf. *John* 18:38). In fact, the words "Do not bear false witness against your neighbour" belong to forensic language. The Gospels culminate in the account of Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection; and this is the account of a trial, of the execution of the sentence and of an unheard of consequence.

Interrogated by Pilate, Jesus says: "For this, I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth" (*John* 18:37). And Jesus gives this

"witness" with his Passion and Death. The evangelist Mark recounts that "the centurion, who stood facing Him, saw that He thus breathed his last, he said: 'Truly this man was the Son of God!'" (15:39). Yes, because He was coherent, He was coherent: with his way of dying, Jesus manifests the Father, His merciful and faithful love.

The truth finds its full realization in the person of Jesus himself (Cf. *John* 14:6), in His way of living and dying, the fruit of His relationship with the Father. This existence as children of God, He, risen, gives it also to us by sending the Holy Spirit who is Spirit of truth, who attests to our heart that God is our Father (Cf. *Romans* 8:16).

In every act of his, man affirms or denies this truth — from little daily situations to more demanding choices. But it's always the same logic: that which parents and grandparents teach us when they tell us not to tell lies.

Let us ask ourselves: what truths attest the works of us Christians, our words or our choices? Each one can ask himself: am I a witness of truth, or am I more or less a liar disguised as true? Each one must ask him/herself. We, Christians, aren't exceptional men and women. However, we are children of the heavenly Father, who is good and doesn't delude us and puts in our hearts love for brothers. This truth isn't said so much with speeches; it's a way of existing, a way of living, and it's seen in every single act (Cf. *James* 2:18). This man is a true man, that woman is a true woman: one can see it. He/she behaves as true. He/she says the truth, acts with truth — a good way of living for us.

The truth is God's wonderful revelation, of His face of Father, and His boundless love. This truth corresponds to human reason but surpasses it infinitely, because it's a gift come down on earth and incarnated in Christ crucified and risen; it is rendered visible by one to whom it belongs and shows his same attitudes.

Not to bear false witness means to live as a child of God, who never, never denies himself, never tells lies; live as children of God, letting emerge in every act the great truth: that God is Father and we can trust in Him. I trust God: this is the great truth. From our trust in God, who is Father and loves me, loves us, my truth is born and my being true and not a liar.