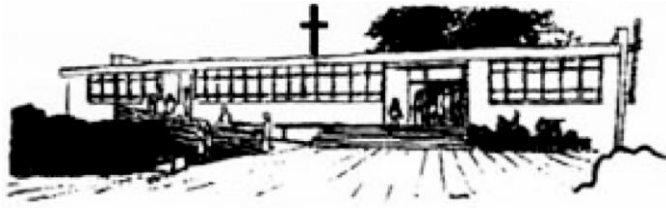


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

25th November 2018, Year B/2



Christ Pantokrator, Mosaic from Cefalu Cathedral, Sicily

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

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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour.
To Him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Second Reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8

Gospel: John 18:33-37

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		All Souls *
SUNDAY	8:30am		All Souls *
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	34 th Week Ordinary Time	All Souls *
Tuesday	8:00am	34 th Week Ordinary Time	All Souls *
Wednesday	8:00am	34 th Week Ordinary Time	All Souls *
Thursday	8.00am	34 th Week Ordinary Time	All Souls *
Friday	8.00am	ST ANDREW	All Souls *
Saturday	8.30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary	Dec. Mem. of St Vincent de Paul

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.

YOUTH MASS

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

POPE FRANCIS' NOVEMBER INTENTIONS

In the Service of Peace

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

***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.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Monday 24th - Vigil Mass at 6.00pm
Tuesday 25th - Midnight (Carols from 11.30pm)
9.00am Mass
11.00am Polish Mass

Reconciliation - Monday 17th December
9.00am to 12.00 noon & 5.00pm to 7.30pm

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: \$667
Loose: \$424.05

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 & 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

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.

BIBLE STUDY

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

YOUTH GROUP

Every Wednesday from 3pm – 5pm. Last Group for the year is 5th December. All young people from Year 6 to 18 years old are most welcome.

PARISH LUNCH:

Held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Our last Lunch for this year is Wednesday 12th December at Penrith Golf Club. 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.

PARISH MOVIE

Our Movie in the Parish Hall on Sunday 2nd December from 2.00pm to 4.00pm will be "Letters from Mother Teresa".

CHOIR MEMBERS REQUIRED

If you enjoy singing, please consider joining our Choir for Christmas Carols and Midnight Mass. Please ring Rubina on 0405 043 865 for more information.

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.

BISHOP VINCENT'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This appeal, to be held next weekend 1st/2nd December, will support CatholicCare Houses to Homes Service, caring for vulnerable women who are pregnant and young mothers faced with homelessness and poverty. Our quota is \$3552. You can visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

On 30th November at 7:30pm Deacons Jessie Balorio, Jack Green, Chris del Rosario and Galbert Albino will be ordained to the priesthood by Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. All are welcome.

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.

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 plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

Last Commandment: "Do not covet another's spouse; do not covet another's goods"

Our meetings on the Decalogue lead us today to the last Commandment. We heard it at the opening. These are not only the last words of the text but much more: they are the fulfillment of the journey through the Decalogue, touching the heart of all that has been given to us in it. In fact, in hindsight, they don't add a new content: the indications "do not covet the wife or anything that belongs to your neighbour" is at least latent in the Commandments on adultery and on theft; what, then, is the function of these words? Is it a summary? Is it something more? Let us keep very present that all the Commandments have the task to indicate the boundary of life, the limit beyond which man destroys himself and his neighbour, spoiling his relationship with God. If you go beyond, you destroy yourself; you also destroy the relationship with God and the relationship with others. The Commandments point this out. Highlighted through this last Word is the fact that all transgressions stem from a common interior root: evil desires. All sins are born from a wicked desire — all. The heart begins to move there, and one enters that wave and ends up in a transgression. But not a formal, legal transgression: it's a transgression that wounds oneself and others. The Lord Jesus says it simply in the Gospel: "From within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, fornication, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a man" (*Mark 7:21-23*).

We understand, therefore, that the whole journey undertaken in the Decalogue would be of no use if it didn't arrive at touching this level: man's heart. From where are all these awful things born? The Decalogue is lucid and profound on this aspect: the point of arrival — the last Commandment — of this journey is the heart and if this, if the heart isn't freed, the rest is of little use. This is the challenge: to free the heart from all these wicked and awful things. God's precepts can be reduced to being only the beautiful facade of a life, which in any case remains an existence of slaves and not of children. Often, behind the Pharisaic mask of asphyxiating correctness, something awful and unresolved hides.

Instead, we must let ourselves be unmasked by these Commandments on desire because they show us our

poverty, in order to lead us to a holy humiliation. Each one of us can ask him/herself: but what ugly desires come often to me? Envy, greed, gossip? — all these things that come to me from within. Each one can ask him/herself and it will do him/her good. Man is in need of this blessed humiliation, that humiliation by which he discovers that he cannot free himself on his own; that humiliation by which he cries to God to be saved. Saint Paul explains it in an insuperable way, precisely in referring to the Commandment not to covet (Cf. *Romans 7:7-24*).

It's vain to think that one can correct oneself without the gift of the Holy Spirit. It's vain to think we can purify our heart in a titanic effort of our will alone: this isn't possible. It's necessary to open oneself to a relationship with God, in truth and in freedom: only thus can our efforts bear fruit because it's the Holy Spirit that leads us forward.

The task of the biblical Law is not to deceive man that a literal obedience will lead him to a doctored salvation and, moreover, unreachable. The task of the Law is to lead man to his truth, namely, to his poverty, which becomes a genuine opening and personal opening to God's mercy, which transforms us and renews us. God is the only one able to renew our heart, on the condition that we open our heart to Him: it's the only condition. He does everything, but we must open our heart to Him. The Last Words of the Decalogue educate all of us to acknowledge ourselves beggars; they help to put us before the disorder of our heart, to stop living egotistically and to become poor in spirit, authentic before the Father, letting ourselves be redeemed by the Son and taught by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the Teacher that guides us: we must let ourselves be helped. We are beggars; let us ask for this grace. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven" (*Matthew 5:3*). Yes, blessed are those that stop deceiving themselves, believing that they can save themselves from their weakness without God's mercy, which alone can heal. Only God's mercy heals the heart. Blessed are those that acknowledge their wicked desires and with a repentant and humiliated heart are not before God and other men as just ones but as sinners. What Peter says to the Lord is beautiful: "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." This is a beautiful prayer: "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."

These are the ones who are able to have compassion, who are able to have mercy on others because they experience it in themselves.