

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to You with willing heart,
and praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10

Responsorial Psalm: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

SUNDAY 8:30am

In Gratitude for Priests & Religious

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am **ST MARY MAGDALENE**

Annamma (Deceased Anniversary)

Tuesday 8:00am **16th Week Ordinary Time**

Special Intention

Wednesday 8:00am **St Sharbel Makhluf**

Maggie Isbitzki (Birthday)

Thursday 8.00am **ST JAMES**

Intentions of the Woodbury Family

Friday 8.00am **St Joachim & St Anne**

Conversion of Sinners

Saturday 8.30am **Mass of the Virgin Mary**

Missionaries

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: Annamma

MASS INTENTIONS

To arrange for a Mass Intention please contact one
of the Priests in person. Donations need to be cash
as we are unable to process credit cards.

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be Saturday 3rd August
at 6pm, with a time for fellowship in the Parish Hall
after Mass. Please invite any young people you
know.

SACRAMENTS 2019

Confirmation – Sunday 3rd November

Registration & 1st Session – 28th July

ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass times are:

Wednesday 14th August – Vigil Mass at 6pm

Thursday 15th August – Masses at 8am and 7pm

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 Davis, Raymond Waters, Jason Isbitski, Andrew Isbitski, David Jenkins, Margaret Colville, Gill Waltisbuhl, Robert Waltisbuhl, Cecylia Tobera, Geoffrey Waltis, Ophelia Paraan.

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

POPE FRANCIS' JULY INTENTIONS

Universal – Justice

That those who administer justice may work with integrity and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$609

Loose: \$171

Visitor Contribution: \$15

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP:

1st & 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm in the Parish Office. All are welcome.

Any questions please ring Jim on 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

There will be no Bible Study this Wednesday 24th July due to Fr Andrew being committed elsewhere. We will resume Wednesday 31st July at 10.30am. All are welcome. Please bring your Bibles with you.

YOUTH GROUP

Will recommence this Wednesday 24th July from 3pm to 5pm. Young people from Year 6 to 18 years are most welcome.

PARISH LUNCH:

Held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 14th August at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF EXIT

There will be no exit via Joseph Street on Sundays until construction work at the school is completed. Please take care when entering or leaving via Richmond Road.

50 YEARS OF ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

If you have not yet filled in the Survey to assist the Parish Council with planning for our Anniversary, please do so and place forms in the box at the back of the Church.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA COLLECTION

We collected \$320.35 towards the support of our seafarers. Thank you for your generosity.

SERVING AT THE ALTAR

Formation Day for Acolytes and Senior Servers on 3rd August from 9.30am to 2.30pm at Institute for Mission 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. Morning Tea and Lunch provided. RSVP by 29th July on 8838 3456 or ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org

'COME AND SEE' EVENT

A day of discernment for single men aged 16 years and over considering a vocation to priesthood. On Sunday 18th August between 10am and 7pm at Holy Spirit Seminary, 33 Allen Street, Harris Park.

REFLECTIVE MINISTRY – COMPONENT 2

A program presented by the Institute of Mission to enrich those involved in Catholic Ministries. Begins 20th August until 23rd November. For information email connect@ifm.org.au or ring 9296 6369.

SOCIAL JUSTICE NIGHT

Vinnies Western Sydney discuss Refugees & People Seeking Asylum at 6.30pm on Wednesday 31st July at Mad Mex, 285 Church Street, Parramatta. Register at <http://bit.ly/VinniesSJJuly>

UNDERSTANDING FAMILY LAW

Saturday 10th August at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. Two sessions from 10am to 12pm and 1pm to 3pm at a cost of \$10 per session.

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.

FOOTPRINTS OF JESUS

14 day Hold Land pilgrimage led by Fr Robert William departing 16th September 2019. Cost \$5690 + \$150 tips. Email info@magiholidays.com.au or ring 03 8839 6615.

YOUNG BEREAVED SPOUSES SUPPORT GROUP

3rd Tuesday of each month from 7-9pm at 13 Buller St, North Parramatta. Cost \$5. Ring Rita on 8843 2575 or email soloparentsservices@ccss.org.au

THE PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 JOURNEY

The agenda for the Plenary Council will be developed over the next 12 months. See the Themes at plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' ANGELUS ADDRESS

Sunday 14th July

Before the Angelus:

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Today the Gospel gives us the famous parable of the "Good Samaritan" (Cf. *Luke* 10:25-37). Questioned by a Doctor of the Law about what is necessary to inherit eternal life, Jesus invites him to find the answer in the Scriptures: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself" (v. 27). There were different interpretations about who should be understood as "neighbour." In fact, that man asked again: "And who is my neighbour?" (v. 29). At this point, Jesus responds with the parable that, thanks to the evangelist Luke, has left an indelible imprint on the history of the Church and of humanity.

The protagonist of the brief account is a Samaritan, who on the road met a man robbed and beaten by brigands and he takes care of him. We know that the Jews were contemptuous of the Samaritans, considering them foreign to the Chosen People. Therefore, it's no accident in fact that Jesus chose a Samaritan as the positive personage of the parable. In this way, He wished to overcome the prejudice, showing that even a foreigner, even one who doesn't know the true God and doesn't frequent the Temple, is capable of behaving according to His will, feeling compassion for a needy brother and helping him with all the means at his disposal.

On that same road, before the Samaritan, a priest and a Levite has already passed, that is, persons dedicated to the worship of God. However, seeing the poor man on the ground, they went on without stopping, probably not to be contaminated by his blood. They had put a human rule linked to worship before the great commandment of God, who first of all wants mercy.

Jesus proposes the Samaritan as model who, loving his brother as himself, shows he loves God with all his heart and all his strength, and expresses at the same time true religiosity and full humanity.

After recounting the parable, Jesus addresses the Doctor of the Law again, who had asked Him "Who

is my neighbour?" And He says to him: "Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?" (v. 36). In this way, He brings about a reversal in regard to His interlocutor's question, and also to the logic of us all. He makes us understand that it's not we that, on the basis of our criteria, define who is and who is not our neighbour, but it's the person in a situation of need who must be able to recognize who is his neighbour, namely, "the one who showed mercy on him" (v. 37). This conclusion indicates that mercy, in confronting a human life in a state of necessity, is the true face of love. It is thus that we become true disciples of Jesus and that the face of the Father is manifested: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (*Luke* 6:36). It is thus that the commandment of the love of God and of our neighbour becomes a unique and coherent rule of life.

May the Virgin Mary help us to understand and, especially, to live ever more the inseparable bond there is between love of God, our Father, and concrete and generous love of our brethren.

After the Angelus:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Once again, I wish to express my closeness to the beloved Venezuelan people, particularly tried by the continuing crisis. Let us pray to the Lord to inspire and illumine the parties involved, so that they can come to an agreement as soon as possible, that will put an end to the sufferings of the people, for the good of the country and of the whole region.

My heartfelt greeting to you all, Romans and pilgrims of Italy and of various parts of the world: the families, the parish groups and associations.

In particular, I greet the young people of the diocese of Pamplona and Tudela, those of the Course for Formators organized by the "*Regnum Christi*," the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, who are holding their General Chapter, and the Confirmation youngsters of Bolgare (Bergamo).

I send a warm greeting to the Polish faithful taking part in the annual Pilgrimage of Radio Maria to the Shrine of Czestochowa.

I wish you all a happy Sunday and, please, don't forget to pray for me.