

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2nd December 2018, Year C/1



ANGELICO, Fra, Annunciation Cortona, 1433-34

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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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: To You, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In You, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in You be put to shame.

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Responsorial Psalm: To You, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Joseph Montaut
SUNDAY	8:30am		The Woodbury Family
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	St Francis Xavier	The Awadalla Family
Tuesday	8:00am	1 st Week of Advent	The Atteya Family
Wednesday	8:00am	1 st Week of Advent	The Kushnir Family
Thursday	8.00am	St Nicholas of Myra	The Brancik Family
Friday	8.00am	St Ambrose	For God's Precious Infants
Saturday	8.30am	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Fr Jack Green

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: Helena Grzadka

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES: Joseph Montaut

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass is on Saturday 15th December at 6pm. Please invite all our Young People.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There is an opportunity to spend time with the Lord on Friday 7th December from 5pm to 10pm. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Monday 24th - Vigil Mass at 6.00pm
**Tuesday 25th - Midnight (Carols from 11.30pm
Monday night)**
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

POPE FRANCIS' DECEMBER INTENTIONS

In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$973**
 Loose: \$263.25

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

Our last Group for the year is this Wednesday 5th December. Thank you to all who so generously supported our Youth Group through the year.

WELCOME TO OUR SEMINARIAN

George Stanton will be assisting in our Parish until Christmas. Please make him 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 this Sunday 2nd December from 2.00pm to 4.00pm will be "Letters from Mother Teresa". Please join us.

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

The appeal, to be held this 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

Welcome to Fr Jessie Balorio, Fr Jack Green, Fr Chris del Rosario and Fr Galbert Albino, ordained last Friday. May the Lord bless each of you as you serve in our Diocese.

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

FUNERAL MASS FOR HELENA GRZADKA – Wednesday 5th December at 10:30am.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

Conclusion to Series on Ten Commandments

In today's catechesis we can use as the key theme that of desires, which enables us to go over the journey made and summarize the stages accomplished reading the Decalogue's text, always in the light of the full revelation in Christ.

We began with gratitude as the basis of the relationship of trust and obedience: we saw that God does not ask for anything before having given much more. He invites us to obedience to rescue us from the deceit of the idolatries that have so much power over us. In fact, to seek one's fulfillment in the idols of this world empties us and enslaves us, whereas what gives stature and consistency is the relationship with Him, who renders us children in Christ beginning by His paternity (Cf. *Ephesians* 3: 14-16). This implies a process of blessing and liberation, which is true, genuine rest. As the Psalm says: "For God alone, my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my salvation" (*Psalms* 62:2).

This liberated life becomes the acceptance of our personal story and reconciles us with what we have lived from childhood to the present, making us adults and capable of giving the right weight to the realities and persons of our life. By this path, we enter in the relationship with our neighbour that, beginning from the love that God shows in Jesus Christ, is a call to the beauty of fidelity, of generosity and of authenticity.

However, to live thus — namely in the beauty of fidelity, of generosity and of authenticity — we are in need of a new heart, inhabited by the Holy Spirit (Cf. *Ezekiel* 11: 19; 36:26)). I ask myself: how does this "transplant" of the heart happen, from the old heart to the new heart? It happens through the gift of new desires (Cf. *Romans* 8:6); which are sown in us by the grace of God, particularly through the Ten Commandments, brought to fulfillment by Jesus, as He teaches in the "discourse of the mountain" (Cf. *Matthew* 5:17-48). In fact, in the contemplation of the life described by the Decalogue, which is a grateful, free, genuine, benedictory, adult existence, custodian and lover of life, faithful, generous and sincere we, find ourselves, almost without realizing it, before Christ. The Decalogue is His "X-ray," He describes it as a photographic negative that lets His face appear — as in the Holy Shroud. And so the Holy Spirit fertilizes our heart, putting in it desires that are a gift of His, desires of the Spirit. To desire according

to the Spirit, to desire to the rhythm of the Spirit, to desire with the music of the Spirit. Looking at Christ we see the beauty, the good, the truth. And the Spirit generates a life that, seconding these desires of His, triggers in us hope, faith and love.

So we discover better what it means that the Lord Jesus didn't come to abolish the Law but to bring it to fulfillment, to make it grow, and whereas the Law according to the flesh was a series of prescriptions and prohibitions, according to the Spirit this same Law becomes life (Cf. *John* 6:63; *Ephesians* 2:15), because it's no longer a norm but the very flesh of Christ, who loves us, seeks us, forgives us, consoles us and, in His Body, recomposes communion with the Father, lost by the disobedience of sin. And thus the literal negativity, the negativity in the expression of the Commandments — "do not steal," "do not insult," "do not kill" — that "not" is transformed into a positive attitude: to love, to make room in my heart for others, all desires that sow positivity. And this is the fullness of the Law that Jesus came to bring us.

In Christ, and only in Him, the Decalogue stops being condemnation (Cf. *Romans* 8:1) and becomes the authentic truth of human life, namely, desire of love — born here is the desire of the good, to do good — desire of joy, desire of peace, of magnanimity, of benevolence, of goodness, of fidelity, of meekness, of self-mastery. From that "no" one passes to this "yes": the positive attitude of a heart that opens with the strength of the Holy Spirit.

See why it is useful to seek Christ in the Decalogue: to fertilize our heart so that it's fraught with love, and opens itself to God's work. When man seconds the desire to live according to Christ, then he is opening the door to salvation, which cannot but arrive, because God the Father is generous and, as the Catechism says, "God thirsts that we may thirst for Him" (n. 2560).

If there are evil desires that ruin man (Cf. *Matthew* 15:18-20), the Spirit deposits in our heart His holy desires, which are the germ of the new life (Cf. *1 John* 3:9). The new life, in fact, isn't a titanic effort to be consistent with a norm, but the new life is the Spirit of God Himself who begins to guide us to its fruits, in a happy synergy between our joy of being loved and His joy of loving us. The two joys meet: God's joy in loving us and our joy in being loved. See what the Decalogue is for us Christians: to contemplate Christ to open ourselves to receive His heart, to receive His desires, to receive His Holy Spirit.