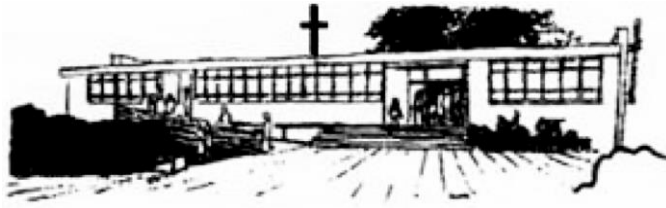


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Please leave a detailed Message

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

22nd September 2019, Year C/1



ANGELICO, Fra, St Cosmas and St Damian Crucified and Stoned, 1438-40

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 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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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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: Amos 8:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Greta Colville (Dec. Ann.)
SUNDAY	8:30am		Herman Mulder (Rec. Dec.)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	St Pius Pietrelcina	Dec. Mems. of the Holmes Family
Tuesday	8:00am	25 th Week Ordinary Time	Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
Wednesday	8:00am	25 th Week Ordinary Time	Reparation for Sin of Abortion
Thursday	8.00am	St Cosmas & St Damian	Kazimiera Ostrowski (Dec. Ann.)
Friday	8.00am	St Vincent de Paul	Conversion of Sinners
Saturday	8.30am	St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions	Anna Laskosz, Klemens & Thae Blazek

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Herman Mulder, Mario Bonnici

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Greta Colville, Dec. Mems. of the Holmes Family,
Kazimiera Ostrowski, Anna Laskosz, Klemens &
Thae Blazek, Virginia Sayago

MASS INTENTIONS

To arrange for a Mass Intention please contact one of the Priests in person.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTS 2019

Confirmation – Sunday 3rd November
Program after 10am Mass each Sunday

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be next Saturday 5th October at 6pm, with a time for fellowship in the Parish Hall after Mass. Please invite any young people to come along.

POPE FRANCIS' SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS

Universal – Politicians, Scientists and Economists
That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

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, Denis Woodward.

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$717
Loose: \$698.95
Visitor Contribution: \$117

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

Every Wednesday at 10.30am. All are welcome. Please bring your Bibles with you.

YOUTH GROUP

This Wednesday's Group is the last for this term. We will resume Wednesday 16th October. Thank you to all who contribute food or donate their empty bottles and cans to cover afternoon tea.

PARISH COUNCIL:

On Sunday 15th September nominations for the Parish Council ended. 5 Nominations were received. One of them was not accepted due to a conflict of interest. Remaining four nominees are by virtue of Nomination elected to the Parish Council for the term of two (2) years. New Parish Council members are: Maria Woodbury, Doreen Galistan, Bernie Schoemaker and for the second term Columban Devine.

Congratulations to the new Parish Council members. First meeting of the new Parish Council is 30th September.

PARISH LUNCH:

Held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 9th October at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Calendars are now available at the sale price of \$9. Be early as there are a limited number.

TILING ADORATION CHAPEL AND UPGRADING PARKING LOT

We plan to raise approximately \$3,000 towards both of these projects. All monies in the Donation Box at the back of the Church will go towards them. We have collected \$845 so far. Thank you.

NO EXIT VIA JOSEPH STREET

Please take care when entering or leaving via Richmond Road.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Fr Pawel raised \$1405.25 for Vinnies. Thank you to Fr Pawel and to all who supported him.

SRE MEETING

Meeting at 9am on the 25th September to plan for Term 4 and 2020.

ADORATION CHAPEL: On Friday 27th September we plan to start work on tiling the floor of the Adoration Chapel. The Chapel will not be available for use over the weekend.

ST MARY'S PARISH GARAGE SALE

8am to 12noon on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th October. Proceeds are to go towards fixing the Church roof.

YOUR LEGACY OF FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY

Please consider a gift in your Will to our Parish, a Catholic ministry or Parramatta Catholic Foundation, as an enduring way to give thanks to God and share your blessings beyond your lifetime. For information on remembering the Church in your Will see brochure or go to: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinwills

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Married couples and their families are invited to the Diocese's Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass and Lunch on Sunday 27 October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Please register your names, numbers of years married and the numbers attending the lunch by contacting the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 02 8838 3460 or email lmf@parracatholic.org.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

The "Listening and Discernment" phase recently developed a guide to encourage groups to take part in communal discernment on the National Themes for Discernment. Download the guide, "Let's Listen and Discern", at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH
CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

The Holy Father's Catechesis

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

We continue the catechesis on the Acts of the Apostles. In face of the Jews prohibition to teach in the Name of Christ, Peter and the Apostles respond with courage that they can't obey those that want to halt the Gospel's travel in the world. The Twelve thus show that they have that "obedience of the faith" which they then want to arouse in all men (Cf. *Romans* 1:5). In fact, since Pentecost they are no longer men "alone." They experience that special synergy, which makes them de-centred from themselves and makes them say: "we and the Holy Spirit" (*Acts* 5:32) or "the Holy Spirit and us" (*Acts* 15:28). They feel they can't say "I" only, they are men de-centred from themselves. Strong in this alliance, the Apostles don't let themselves be intimidated by anyone. They had an impressive courage! Let us think that these were cowards: they all escaped, they fled when Jesus was arrested. However, from cowards they became so courageous. Why? They became courageous because the Holy Spirit was with them. The same happens to us: if we have the Holy Spirit within, we will have the courage to go forward, the courage to win so many fights, not by ourselves but by the Holy Spirit who is with us. They don't retreat in their march as intrepid witnesses of the Risen Jesus, as the martyrs of all times, including our own. The martyrs give their life, they don't hide that they are Christians. Let us think, a few years ago – today also there are so many – but let us think of four years ago, those Christian Orthodox Copts, true workers, on the beach of Libya: they all had their throats cut, but the last word they said was "Jesus, Jesus." They didn't sell out the faith, because the Holy Spirit was with them. These are today's martyrs!

The Apostles are the "megaphones" of the Holy Spirit, sent by the Risen One to spread promptly and without hesitation the Word that gives salvation.

And this determination makes the Jewish "religious system" truly tremble, which feels threatened and responds with violence and death sentences. The persecution of Christians is always the same: people who don't want Christianity feel threatened and so bring death to Christians. However, in the midst of the Sanhedrin, the different voice of a Pharisee is raised, who chooses to stem the reaction of his own: his name was Gamaliel, a prudent man, "Doctor of the Law, esteemed by all the people" In his school, Saint

Paul learned to observe "the Law of the Fathers" (Cf. *Acts* 22:3). Gamaliel takes the floor and shows his brothers how to exercise the art of discernment in face of situations that surpass the usual schemes.

He shows that every human project can at first gain approval and then fail, whereas all that comes from on High and brings God's "signature" is destined to last. Human projects always fail; they have a time, as we do. Think of the many political projects, and how they change from one side to the other, in all countries. Think of the great empires, think of the dictatorships of the last century: they felt very powerful, they thought of dominating the world. And then they all collapsed. Think, also, of today's empires: they will collapse, if God isn't with them, because the strength that men have in themselves isn't lasting. Only God's strength lasts. We think of the history of Christians, also the history of the Church, with so many sins, with so many scandals, with so many awful things in these two thousand years. And why hasn't it collapsed? It hasn't collapsed because God is there. We are sinners and many times we also give scandal, but God is with us. And God saves us first, and then them, but the Lord always saves. The strength is "God with us." Mentioning some personalities that peddled themselves as Messiah, Gamaliel shows that every human project can first gain approval and then fail. Therefore, Gamaliel concludes that, if the disciples of Jesus of Nazareth have believed an impostor, they are destined to disappear into thin air. If, instead, they follow one who came from God, it's better to give up combating them and, he admonishes: "You might even be found opposing God!" (*Acts* 5:39). He teaches us to undertake this discernment. They are placating and farsighted words, which enables them to see the Christian event in a new light and offer criteria that "knows of the Gospel," because they invite to recognize the tree by its fruits (Cf. *Matthew* 7:16). They touch the hearts and obtain the hoped-for effect: the other members of the Sanhedrin follow his opinion and give up death intentions, namely, to kill the Apostles.

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to act in us so that, be it personally or communally, we can acquire the habit of discernment. Let us ask Him to make us see always the unity of the history of salvation through the signs of God's passage in this, our time, and on the faces of those next to us, so that we learn that time and human faces are messengers of the living God.