

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29th September 2019, Year C/1



CRIVELLI, Carlo, Madonna and Child; St Francis of Assisi, 1471-72

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: All that You have done to us, O Lord, You have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against You and not obeyed Your commandments. But give glory to Your name and deal with us according to the bounty of Your mercy

First Reading: Amos 6:1, 4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Thomas Wiggins (Recently Deceased)
SUNDAY	8:30am		Herman Mulder (Rec. Dec.)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	St Jerome	Carmen Vella (Dec. Ann.)
Tuesday	8:00am	St Therese of the Child Jesus	Bill Attard (Rec. Dec.)
Wednesday	8:00am	Holy Guardian Angels	Anna Blazek (Dec. Ann.)
Thursday	8.00am	26 th Week Ordinary Time	Kelly Tonna (God's help with operation)
Friday	8.00am	FRANCIS OF ASSISI	For God's Precious Infants
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.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Thomas Wiggins, Herman Mulder, Bill Attard

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Carmen Vella, Anna Blazek, Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

OUR LADY'S MONTH – OCTOBER

There will be Rosary, Litany to Our Lady and Benediction after weekday Mass during the month of October.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTS 2019

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There is an opportunity to spend time with the Lord on Friday 4th October from 5pm to 10pm. All are welcome.

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.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

POPE FRANCIS' SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS

Universal – Politicians, Scientists and Economists

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$1018
Loose: \$257.95
Visitor Contribution: \$8.20

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

Youth Group will resume Wednesday 16th October.

PARISH COUNCIL:

Thank you to Camille Wiggins, Joseph McDonald and Sunny Mathew for their contribution to the Parish Council over the past two years.

Congratulations to the new Parish Council members: Bernie Schoemaker, Maria Woodbury, Doreen Galistan and for the second term Columban Devine. They will join Jim Warburton and Andrew Zahra, who have served one year. 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.

PARISH MOVIE

Our Movie will be next Sunday 6th October at 2pm. Movie is "The Restless Heart". All are welcome.

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. Thank you for your generosity.

NO EXIT VIA JOSEPH STREET

Please take care when entering or leaving via Richmond Road.

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.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN)

ACN is hosting a prayer campaign on 18th October titled, "One Million Children Praying the Rosary." Teachers, priests, parents and grandparents are invited to pray the rosary with the children for peace and unity around the world. To participate go to www.millionkidspraying.org

YOUR LEGACY OF FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY

For information on remembering the Parish, a Catholic Charity or the Diocese in your Will go to: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinwills or read the Brochure at the back of the Church.

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 by contacting the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 02 8838 3460 or email lmf@parracatholic.org.

HOUSE OF WELCOME DONATIONS

If you would like to donate groceries for the refugees please leave them at the Parish Office.

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
Acts of the Apostles and St Stephen

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

We continue to follow a journey through the Book of the Acts of the Apostles: the journey of the Gospel in the world. Saint Luke shows with great realism both the fruitfulness of this journey as well as the emergence of some problems in the heart of the Christian community. Since the beginning, there have always been problems. How can one harmonize the differences that cohabit within it without oppositions and splits occurring? The community did not welcome only Jews, but also Greeks, namely, people from the diaspora, non-Jews, with their own culture and sensibility and with another religion. Today, we say "pagans." And these were welcomed. This presence determined fragile and precarious equilibriums, and, in face of the difficulties "tares" appear," and what is the worst tare that destroys a community? The tare of murmuring, the tare of gossip: the Greeks murmur because of the community's lack of attention to their widows.

The Apostles had a process of discernment, which consisted in considering the difficulties thoroughly and, together, seeking solutions. They find a way out by subdividing various tasks for the serene growth of the whole ecclesial body and to avoid neglecting either the "course" of the Gospel or the care of the poorest members.

The Apostles are always more aware that their principal vocation is prayer and the preaching of the Word of God: to pray and proclaim the Gospel, and they resolve the question by instituting a nucleus of "seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom" (*Acts 6:3*), who, after having received the imposition of hands, will be concerned with the service of the tables. They are Deacons that are created for this, for service. The Deacon in the Church isn't a second-class priest, he is something else; he isn't for the altar, but for service. He is the custodian of service in the Church. When a Deacon likes to go to the altar too much, he is mistaken. This isn't his way. This harmony between service to the Word and service to charity represents the leaven that makes the ecclesial body grow. And the Apostles create seven Deacons, and among the seven "Deacons," Stephen and Philip are distinguished in a particular way. Stephen evangelizes with force and parrhesia, but his word meets with the most obstinate resistance. Not finding another way to make him desist, what do his adversaries do? They chose the most wretched solution to annihilate a human being: namely, calumny and false testimony.

And you know that calumny always kills. This "diabolical cancer," which is born of the will to destroy a person's reputation, also attacks the rest of the ecclesial body and damages it gravely when, because of petty interests or to cover one's own failures there is a coalition to smear someone.

Taken to the Sanhedrin and accused by false testimonies — they did the same with Jesus and they do the same with all the martyrs through false testimonies and calumnies — to defend himself, Stephen proclaims a rereading of sacred history centred in Christ. And the Easter of Jesus dead and risen is the key of the whole history of the Covenant. In face of this superabundance of the divine gift, Stephen courageously denounces the hypocrisy with which the prophets and Christ Himself were treated. And he reminds them of the history, saying: "Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered" (*Acts 7:52*). He doesn't mince words, but speaks clearly, says the truth.

This caused the violent reactions of the listeners, and Stephen was condemned to death, condemned to stoning. He, however, manifests the true "fabric" of the disciple of Christ. He doesn't seek ways to escape, he doesn't appeal to personalities who could save him but puts his life in the Lord's hands, and Stephen's prayer is very beautiful, at that moment: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit" (*Acts 7:59*) — and he dies as a son of God, forgiving: "Lord, do not hold this sin against them" (*Acts 7:60*).

These words of Stephen teach us that it's not good speeches that reveal our identity as children of God, but only the abandonment of our life in the Father's hands, and forgiveness of the one who offends us, which makes the quality of our faith seen.

Today there are more martyrs than at the beginning of the life of the Church, and the martyrs are everywhere. The Church of today is rich in martyrs. She is watered by their blood, which is "seed of new Christians" (Tertullian, *Apologetics*, 50, 13) and ensures growth and fruitfulness to the People of God. The martyrs aren't "holy picture saints," but men and women of flesh and bone that — as Revelation says — "have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb" (7:14). They are the true winners.

Let us also ask the Lord that, looking at the martyrs of yesterday and of today, we may learn to live a full life, accepting the martyrdom of daily fidelity to the Gospel and of conformation to Christ.