

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6th October 2019, Year C/1



Our Lady of the Rosary, 16th Century, St James Church, Sandomierz

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

Address

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am – 2:00pm and Friday: 8:30am – 1:30pm

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Within Your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist Your will.
For You have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven; You are the Lord of all.

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Betty & Neville Locke (Dec. Ann.)
SUNDAY	8:30am		John Curtain (Dec. Ann.)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY	Stephen Muller
Tuesday	8:00am	27 th Week Ordinary Time	Derek Walsh
Wednesday	8:00am	St Louis Bertran	Shirley O'Brien
Thursday	8.00am	27 th Week Ordinary Time	Elizabeth Phelan (Dec. Ann.)
Friday	8.00am	St John XXIII	Michael Devine
Saturday	8.30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary	Dolly Mahoney

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:

Zofia Tyc

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Betty and Nevill Locke, John Curtain, Elizabeth
Phelan

OUR LADY'S MONTH – OCTOBER

There will be Rosary, Litany to Our Lady and
Benediction after weekday Mass Monday to Friday
then Saturday 5:15pm 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

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be Saturday 19th October
at 6pm, with a time for fellowship in the Parish Hall
after Mass. Please invite any young people to come
along.

POPE FRANCIS' OCTOBER INTENTIONS

Evangelisation – Holy Spirit

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new
missionary “spring” in the church.

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, Nora Hehir.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$983
Loose: \$407.65
Visitor Contribution: \$Nil

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 LUNCH:

Held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Our next Lunch will be this 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 this Sunday 6th October at 2pm is the "Restless Heart". All are welcome.

NO EXIT VIA JOSEPH STREET

Please take care when entering or leaving via Richmond Road.

TILING ADORATION CHAPEL

The Tiles have been donated to the Parish; as has the work of the Tilers. Thank you to the Donors; may the Lord bless you for your generosity.

UPGRADING PARKING LOT

All monies in the Donation Box at the back of the Church will go towards this project. Money will be counted and banked on Monday. Thank you.

KINGSWOOD COURT MINISTRY

Each Sunday after 8.30am Mass the Ministers to the Sick take the Blessed Eucharist to the residents of Kingswood Court Nursing Home. We have been doing this for many years.

Unfortunately, due to age and ill health, some of our people have had to resign. This means that we can now only go to Kingswood Court three times a month, with the residents missing out on the Holy Eucharist on the fourth Sunday.

If anyone would like to become a Minister to the Sick, or even accompany one of our Ministers, please ring Nadia on 4731 3819. It means giving 1½ hours of your time once a month (or even once every two months if we get a good response). We really need your help!

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Sunday 13th October at 2pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys. Celebrant Fr Adam Crouch MGL.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN)

ACN was founded in 1947 by Fr Werenfried to alleviate the suffering of millions of displaced persons after WWII. Today ACN supports suffering Christians both spiritually and pastorally.

Raphael Alimangohan will be speaking at the end of each Mass on the weekend 12th/13th October.

HOUSE OF WELCOME DONATIONS

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

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.

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!

After Stephen's martyrdom, the "race" of the Word of God seems to suffer a setback, given the outbreak of "a great persecution against the Church in Jerusalem" (Acts 8:1). Following this, the Apostles stayed in Jerusalem, while other Christians dispersed in other places of Judea and in Samaria. In the Book of the Acts, the persecution appears as the permanent state of life of the disciples, in keeping with what Jesus said: "If they persecuted me, they will persecute you" (John 15:20). However, instead of extinguishing the fire of evangelization, the persecution fuels it even more.

We have heard what Deacon Philip did, who began to evangelize the cities of Samaria, and numerous were the signs of liberation and healing that accompanied the proclamation of the Word. At this point, the Holy Spirit marks a new stage of the Gospel's journey: he drives Philip to go and meet a stranger with a heart open to God. Philip rose and went with enthusiasm and, on a deserted and dangerous road he met a minister of the Queen of Ethiopia, the administrator of her treasure. This man, a eunuch, after having been in Jerusalem to worship, is returning to his country. He was a Jewish proselyte of Ethiopia.

Seated in his chariot, he was reading the scroll of the prophet Isaiah, in particular, the fourth canto of the "servant of the Lord." Philip ran to the chariot and asked him: "Do you understand what you are reading?" (Acts 8:30). The Ethiopian answered: "How can I unless someone guides me?" (Acts 8:31). That powerful man recognized he had need of being guided to understand the Word of God. He was a great banker, he was the Minister of the Economy, he had all the power of money, but he knew that without an explanation he couldn't understand; he was humble. And this dialogue between Philip and the Ethiopian makes one reflect also on the fact that it's not enough to read the Scripture, one must understand the meaning, find the "juice" by going beyond the "rind," draw the Spirit that animates the letter. As Pope Benedict said at the beginning of the Synod on the Word of

God, "the exegesis, the true reading of Sacred Scripture, is not only a literary phenomenon, it is the movement of my existence" (Meditation, October 6, 2008). To enter in the Word of God is to be willing to come out of one's limitations to encounter God and be conformed to Christ who is the living Word of the Father.

So, who is the protagonist of what the Ethiopian was reading? Philip offers his interlocutor the key to the reading: that meek suffering Servant, who doesn't react to evil with evil and who, although considered a failure and sterile and, finally, taken out of their midst, liberates the people from iniquity and bears fruit for God; it is in fact that Christ, whom Philip and the whole Church proclaim!

Who with Easter has redeemed us all? Finally, the Ethiopian acknowledges Christ and asks for Baptism and professes faith in the Lord Jesus. This account is beautiful; however, who drove Philip to go to the desert to meet this man? Who drove Philip to run to the chariot? It was the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the protagonist of evangelization. "Father, I'm going to evangelize." "Yes, and what do you do?" "Ah, I proclaim the Gospel and I say who Jesus is, I try to convince people that Jesus is God." Dear, this isn't evangelization; if the Holy Spirit isn't there, there isn't evangelization. This can be proselytism, publicity . . . But evangelization is allowing yourself to be guided by the Holy Spirit; it must be He who drives you to the proclamation, to the proclamation with witness, also with martyrdom, also with the word.

After having made the Ethiopian meet with the Risen One — the Ethiopian encounters the Risen Jesus because he understands that prophecy — Philip disappears, the Spirit takes him and sends him to do something else. I said that the protagonist of evangelization is the Holy Spirit, and what is the sign that you, Christian, are an evangelizer? — Joy, even in martyrdom. And Philip went full of joy elsewhere to preach the Gospel.

May the Spirit make baptized men and women who proclaim the Gospel draw others, not to themselves but to Christ, men and women who are able to make room for God's action, who are able to render others free and responsible before the Lord.