

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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28^H SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13th October 2019, Year C/1



DURER, Albrecht, Virgin Mary in Prayer, 1519

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: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with You is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading: Kings 5:14-17

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Oli Taufa (Recently Deceased)

SUNDAY 8:30am

Phyllis Herbert (Deceased Ann.)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 28th Week Ordinary Time

Paulo Taufa

Tuesday 8:00am St Teresa of Avila

Julietta Dulay

Wednesday 8:00am 28th Week Ordinary Time

Jon Burnitt (Deceased Ann.)

Thursday 8.00am St Ignatius of Antioch

Oli Taufa (Recently Deceased)

Friday 8.00am ST LUKE

Nazha Maklouf (Recently Deceased)

Saturday 8.30am Mass of the Virgin Mary

Souls in Purgatory

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:

Oli Taufa, Nazha Maklouf

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Phyllis Herbert, Jon Burnitt

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.

SACRAMENTS 2019

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

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.

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PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$842
Loose: \$360.90
Visitor Contribution: \$5

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 this Wednesday 16th October. All young people from Year 6 to 18 years old are most welcome.

PARISH LUNCH:

Held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 13th November 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.

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. We have banked \$845. Thank you.

CALLING TO THE MINISTRY

SRE will have a weekend 26th/27th October, where you have an opportunity to join, ask questions or donate to our leaving collection. Look forward to chatting with you.

MEN'S BBQ NIGHT

Saturday 26th October after 6pm Mass. All men over 18 are welcome. RSVP Andy 0420 581 427.

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.

DIVINE MERCY AND ROSARY

Next Sunday 20th October and every third Sunday at 3pm at St Nicholas of Myra Meeting Room 1. Ring Steffi on 0436 395 763.

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 this weekend.

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.

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 Paul's Conversion

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Beginning from the episode of the stoning of Stephen, a figure appears that, next to that of Peter, is the most present and incisive in the Acts of the Apostles: that of "a young man named Saul" (*Acts* 7:58). He is described at the beginning as one who approved Stephen's death and wanted to destroy the Church (*Cf. Acts* 8:3); but then he became the instrument chosen by God to proclaim the Gospel to the Gentiles (*Cf. Acts* 9:15; 22:21; 26:17).

With the authorization of the high priest, Saul hunted Christians and seized them. You, who come from some peoples that were persecuted by dictatorships, you understand well what it means to hunt people and seize them. So did Saul. And he did so thinking that he was serving the Lord's Law. Luke says that Saul "breathed threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord" (*Acts* 9:1): there was in him a breath that knew of death, not of life.

The young Saul is portrayed as intransigent, namely, as one who manifests intolerance towards those that think differently from him; he absolutizes his political or religious identity and reduces the other to a potential enemy to fight — an ideologist. In Saul, religion was transformed into an ideology: religious ideology, social ideology and political ideology. Only after having been transformed by Christ will he then teach that the true battle is not "against flesh and blood, but [. . .] against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness" (*Ephesians* 6:12). He will teach that one must not fight against people, but against the evil that inspires their actions.

Saul's angry condition — because Saul was angry — and his conflictive condition invites each one to ask himself: how do I live my life of faith? Do I go to encounter others or am I against others? Do I belong to the universal Church (good people and bad people, all) or to I have a selective ideology? Do I adore God or do I adore dogmatic formulations? How is my religious life? Does the faith in God that I profess make me friendly or hostile towards those who are different from me?

Luke recounts that, while Saul is wholly intent on extirpating the Christian community, the Lord is on his trail to touch his heart and to convert him to

Himself. It's the Lord's method: He touches the heart. The Risen One takes the initiative and manifests Himself to Saul on the road to Damascus, event that is narrated a good three times in the Book of the Acts (*Cf. Acts* 9:3-19; 22:3-21; 26:4-23). Through the binomial "light" and "voice," typical of a theophany, the Risen one appears to Saul and asks him to account for his fratricidal rage: "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?" (*Acts* 9:4). The Risen One manifests here His being one with all those that believe in Him: to strike a member of the Church is to strike Christ Himself! Also, those that are ideologists because they want the "purity" — in quotation marks — of the Church, strike Christ.

Jesus' voice says to Saul: "Rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do" (*Acts* 9:6). Once he is standing, however, Saul no longer sees anything, he has become blind, and from a strong, authoritative and independent man he becomes weak, needy and dependent on others, because he can't see. The light of Christ has dazzled him and made him blind. "Thus, he seemed even exteriorly what his interior reality was, his blindness to the truth, to the light that is Christ" (Benedict XVI, General Audience, September 3, 2008).

From this "body to body" between Saul and the Risen One the transformation begins that shows Saul's "personal Easter," his passage from death to life: what before was glory becomes "rubbish" to reject, in order to acquire the true gain that is Christ and life in Him (*Cf. Philippians* 3:7-8).

Paul receives Baptism. Baptism thus marks for Saul, as for each one of us, the beginning of a new life, and it's accompanied by a new look on God, on himself and on others, who from enemies now become brothers in Christ.

Let us ask the Father to make us also experience, as Saul did, the impact of His love, which can only make of a heart of stone a heart of flesh (*Cf. Ezekiel* 11:15), capable of receiving in itself "the same sentiments of Christ Jesus" (*Philippians* 2:5).

A particular thought goes to young people, the elderly, the sick and newlyweds. I call newlyweds to be "courageous," because you need courage to get married today. They are good! In this Marian month, imitate the zeal and missionary impetus of Our Lady; make yourselves heralds of Christ in every environment of your life.