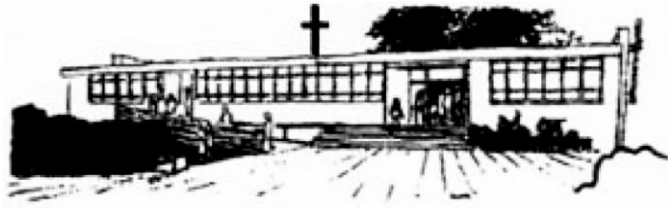


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Please leave a detailed Message

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17th November 2019, Year C/1



ANGELICO, Fra, Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, 1440

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: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon Me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

All Souls

SUNDAY 8:30am

All Souls

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 33rd Week Ordinary Time All Souls

Tuesday 8:00am 33rd Week Ordinary Time All Souls

Wednesday 8:00am 33rd Week Ordinary Time All Souls

Thursday 8.00am Presentation of Bl Virgin Mary All Souls

Friday 8.00am St Cecilia All Souls

Saturday 8.30am Mass of the Virgin Mary All Souls

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.

NOVEMBER MASSES

All Masses during November are for our Deceased, whose names are written in the Remembrance Book or on the Envelopes. They will be included in the Masses from the time you add them to either the Book or envelope until the end of November. R.I.P. On Sunday 10:00am Mass is for the Parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

ADORATION CHAPEL:

Open during office hours or speak to Fr Andrew.

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass is Saturday 7th December at 6pm, with a time for fellowship in the Parish Hall after Mass. Please invite any young people to come along.

POPE FRANCIS' NOVEMBER INTENTIONS

Universal – Communication & Reconciliation

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter and reconciliation emerges in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$684.20

Loose: \$416.35

Visitor Contribution: \$45.70

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

Bible Study every Wednesday at 10.30am. All are welcome. Please bring your Bibles with you.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group every Wednesday from 3-5pm. 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 11th December at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

NO EXIT VIA JOSEPH STREET

Please take care when entering or leaving via Richmond Road.

UPGRADING PARKING LOT

All monies in the Donation Box at the back of the Church will go towards this project. We have banked \$1045. Thank you.

CLEANING THE LORD'S HOUSE

If anyone has a free hour on a Friday or Saturday morning we would appreciate help clean the Church or arrange flowers. Our next Roster will begin in January 2020.

Please ring the Parish Office if you can help.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Sunday 17th November at 2pm at Our Lady of the Rosary, St Marys. Celebrant is Fr Adam Crouch MGL.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSES

Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses for Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar begin Monday 10th February at Blacktown and Thursday 13th February at Penrith. Please see Office for Form.

NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR RAIN

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The impact of the drought is national – and so the response should be national. Access resources at www.catholic.org.au/drought

REFLECTION DAY FOR WOMEN

Preparing Our Hearts for Advent 9.30am to 3pm Saturday 23 November at Mt Schoenstatt, Fairlight Rd Mulgoa. Facilitator: Sr Mary Louise. Cost \$25. BYO own lunch. Tea & coffee provided. Take some time out for prayer and reflection! To register phone 4773 8338 or email info@schoenstatt.org.au

WALK WITH CHRIST

Sunday 24th November at 2.30pm is our annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Sydney on the Feast of Christ The King. Thousands of people took part in last year's joyful public proclamation and act of worship to invoke Christ's blessing upon our beautiful city. Meet at the corner of Martin Place & Pitt Street. More details through the Archdiocese of Sydney.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK IS BACK

Quarterly from Sunday 1st December.

HOUSE OF WELCOME DONATIONS

If you would like to donate groceries for the refugees please leave them at the Parish Office. They need olive oil, tinned tomatoes, Basmati rice, flour, UHT milk, washing and dishwashing liquid, cleaning products, chick peas, tea and coffee.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

For the latest information on the Plenary Council please visit www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

THE HOLY FATHER'S CATECHESIS Continuation of the Acts of the Apostles

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

The Acts of the Apostles recount that Paul, tireless evangelizer that he was, after his stay at Athens, characterized by hostility but also by fruits such as the conversion of Dionysius and Damaris, carries forward the course of the Bible in the world. The new stage of his journey is Corinth, capital of the Roman province of Achaia, commercial and cosmopolitan city, thanks to the presence of two important ports.

As we read in chapter 18 of the Acts, Paul is given hospitality in the home of a married couple, Aquila and Priscilla (or Prisca), constrained to go from Rome to Corinth after Emperor Claudius ordered the expulsion of the Jews (Cf. *Acts* 18:2). I would like to make a parenthesis <here>. The Jewish people have suffered so much in history. They were thrown out, persecuted. And in the past century, we saw so many, so many brutalities done to the Jewish people and we were all convinced that this was over. However, today the rebirth begins of the habit of persecuting the Jews. Brothers and sisters, this isn't human or Christian. The Jews are our brothers! And they must not be persecuted. Understood?

These spouses [i.e. Aquila and Priscilla] demonstrated they had a heart full of faith in God and generous towards others, able to make room for one who, like them, experienced the condition of stranger. Their sensibility led them to be de-centred from themselves to practice the Christian art of hospitality (Cf. *Romans* 12:13; *Hebrews* 13:2) and to open the doors of their home to receive the Apostle Paul. So they not only received the evangelizer but also the proclamation he bore in himself: Christ's Gospel that is "the power of God for the salvation to everyone who has faith" (*Romans* 1:16). And from that moment their home was permeated with the perfume of the "living" Word (*Hebrews* 4:12), which vivifies hearts.

Aquila and Priscilla also shared with Paul his professional activity, namely, that of tent making. Paul, in fact, esteemed manual work very much and considered it a privileged place of Christian witness (Cf. *1 Corinthians* 4:12), in addition to being a right way to maintain oneself without being a burden to others (Cf. *1 Thessalonians* 2:9; *2 Thessalonians* 3:8), or to the community.

Aquila's and Priscilla's home in Corinth not only opens the doors to the Apostle but also to brothers and sisters in Christ. Paul, in fact, can speak of the community that gathers in their home" (*1 Corinthians* 16:19), which becomes a "home of the Church," a "*domus ecclesiae*," a

place of listening to the Word of God and of celebration of the Eucharist. Today also, in some countries where there isn't religious freedom and there is no freedom for Christians, Christians gather in a house, somewhat hidden, to pray and celebrate the Eucharist. Also today there are these houses, these families that become a temple for the Eucharist.

After a year and a half stay at Corinth, Paul leaves that city together with Aquila and Priscilla, who stop at Ephesus. There also their home becomes a place of catechesis (Cf. *Acts* 18:26). Finally, the two spouses return to Rome and are the recipients of splendid praise that the Apostle inserts in the Letter to the Romans. He had a grateful heart and Paul wrote thus about these two spouses in the Letter to the Romans. Listen: "Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I but also all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks" (16:4). How many families in times of persecution risk their heads to keep the persecuted hidden! This is the first example: family hospitality, also in awful moments.

Among Paul's numerous collaborators, Aquila and Priscilla emerge as "models of a conjugal life responsibly committed at the service of the whole Christian community: and they remind us that, thanks to the faith and the commitment in the evangelization of so many laymen, such as them, Christianity has come down to us. In fact, "to be rooted in the land of the people, to develop profoundly, the commitment of these families was necessary. But think that from the beginning Christianity was preached by the laity. You lay people are also responsible, by your Baptism, to take the faith forward. It was the commitment of so many families, of these spouses, of these Christian communities, of the lay faithful that offered the '*humus*' for the growth of the faith" (Benedict XVI, Catechesis, February 7, 2007). This phrase of Pope Benedict XVI is beautiful: the laity gives the *humus* for the growth of the faith.

Let us ask the Father, who chose to make of spouses His "true living 'sculpture'" (Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, 11) — I believe there are newlyweds here: listen to your vocation, you must be the true living sculpture — to effuse His Spirit on all Christian couples so that, on the example of Aquila and Priscilla, they are able to open the doors of their hearts to Christ and to brothers and transform their homes into domestic churches. Beautiful word: a home is a domestic church, where communion is lived and worship is offered of a life lived with faith, hope, and charity. We must pray to these two Saints, Aquila and Prisca so that they teach our families to be like them: a domestic church where there is *humus* so that the faith grows.