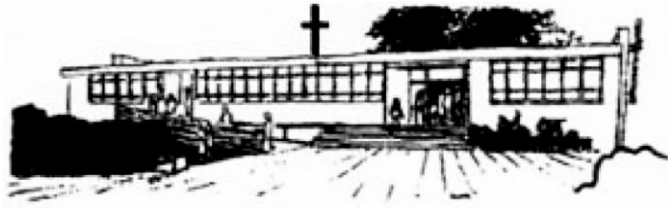


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

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Please leave a detailed Message

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17th February 2019, Year C/1



BLOCH, Carl Heinrich, The Sermon on the Mount, 1877

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

94 Joseph Street
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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.
For You are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of Your name.

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Reg & Elise Waltis (Dec. Ann.)
SUNDAY	8:30am		For Australian Farmers
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	B1 John of Fiesole	Health & Healing
Tuesday	8:00am	6 th Week Ordinary Time	Bernie O'Keeffe (Rec. Dec.)
Wednesday	8:00am	6 th Week Ordinary Time	For Australian Farmers
Thursday	8.00am	6 th Week Ordinary Time	
Friday	8.00am	THE CHAIR OF ST PETER	
Saturday	8.30am	St Polycarp	For Australian Farmers

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.

HOUSE BLESSING

Please speak to one of the Priests after Mass or ring the Parish Office.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bernie O'Keeffe

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Reg & Elise Waltis, Irene Barglik

SACRAMENTS 2019

Reconciliation – Thursday 11th April

Registration 10th March

First Communion – Sunday 23rd June

Registration 28th April

Confirmation – Sunday 3rd November

Registration 28th July

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be Saturday 2nd March at 6pm. Please invite all young people to come along for Mass followed by a get together in the Parish Hall.

POPE FRANCIS' FEBRUARY INTENTIONS

Universal - Victims

For a generous welcome to the victims of human trafficking, enforced prostitution and violence.

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 Davies, Raymond Waters, Jason Isbitski, Andrew Isbitski, David Jenkins, Margaret Colville, Gill Waltisbuhl, Robert Waltisbuhl, Cecylia Tobera, Geoffrey Waltis.

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: \$926**
 Loose: \$251.90

First Collection contributions go to the Diocese to support the priests working in the Parish.

Second collection contributions go directly to the Parish to support day to day operation of the Parish.

LEGION OF MARY – ‘Mary Seat of Wisdom’

Meetings have discontinued here at St Joseph’s due to lack of numbers. St Nicholas of Myra hold their meetings at 10.30am on Tuesdays.

ROSARY IN OUR HOMES:

Please fill in the form at the back of the Church if you would like Our Lady’s Statue and the Rosary in your home for a week at a time.

ST. JOSEPH’S PRAYER GROUP:

1st & 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm in the Parish Office. All are welcome.

We begin with Worship and Prayer; share what God has done in our lives; study the Gospel for the following Sunday (Lectio Divina), have Prayers of Intercession and Spiritual Input.

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

YOUTH GROUP

Every Wednesday from 3pm to 5pm. Young people from Year 6 to 18 years are most welcome.

PARISH LUNCH:

Held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 13th March at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome. Please ring the Office if you need a lift.

CHOIR MEMBERS REQUIRED

If you enjoy singing, please consider joining our Choir. Ring Rubina on 0405 043 865 for information.

THANK YOU FROM ALOMA

Aloma would like to thank everyone for their prayers. She is doing extremely well in her recuperation.

MASS INTENTIONS

To arrange for a Mass Intention please contact one of the Priests in person. Please do not place Mass Intentions envelopes in the Collection plate. We are unable to process Credit Cards, so your donation will need to be cash.

SCRIPTURE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Teachers and helpers are needed urgently to teach Kindy to Year 6 for one hour per week. All training provided. Please contact Antoinette on 0413 686 270 or sremifsud@outlook.com

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Sunday 17th February at 2pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys. All are welcome.

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION APPEAL

We have our Bishop’s Lenten Appeal next weekend 23rd/24th February. Funds raised will support the Ephpheta Centre, Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care, which support the vulnerable and isolated. Our quota is \$3552. Please be generous.

SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

St Dominic’s – Sunday 3rd March – 10am to 2.30pm
Ph. 4731 1933 or info@stdominics.nsw.edu.au

Xavier College – Tuesday 5th March – 4pm & 5pm
Ph. 4777 0900

McCarthy College – Tues. 19th March – 5pm to 8pm
Ph. 4728 8100

LIFTED LIVE – FR ROB GALEA

Friday 22nd February, 7.30pm to 10pm in Evan Theatre, Panthers, 123 Mulgoa Road, Penrith. Open to all ages at a cost of \$5. Be quick to register at catholicyouthparramatta.org

NSW PASTORAL MINISTRY CONFERENCE

Tuesday 26th February from 9.30am to 4.30pm at Dooleys Catholic Club Lidcombe. Keynote speaker is Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO. Cost \$75 and includes morning tea and lunch. For information and registration nappa2019.wixsite.com/conference.

LIMITED TIME FOR PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Submissions to Plenary Council 2020 close on Ash Wednesday, 6th March 2019. YOUR voice matters! To make a submission or to find out more visit: parracatholic.org/haveyoursayplenary2020

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

On Jesus' Way to Pray

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

We continue our course to learn ever better to pray as Jesus taught us. We must pray as He taught us to do so. He said: when you pray, enter in the silence of your room, withdraw from the world, and turn to God calling Him "Father!" Jesus wants His disciples not to be as the hypocrites, who pray standing upright in the Squares to be admired by the people (Cf. *Matthew* 6:5). Jesus doesn't want hypocrisy. True prayer is that which is made in the secret of the conscience, of the heart: inscrutable, visible only to God – God and me. It shuns falsehood: it's impossible to feign with God. It's impossible. Before God there is no trick that has power; God knows us thus, naked in conscience, and we can't feign. At the root of the dialogue with God there is a silent dialogue, as the crossing of looks between two persons who love one another: man and God: our looks cross, and this is prayer. To look at God is to let oneself be looked at by God: this is to pray. "But Father, I don't say words . . ." Look at God and let Him look at you: It's a prayer, a beautiful prayer!

Yet, despite the disciple's prayer being wholly confidential, it never falls into "intimism". In the secret of his conscience, a Christian doesn't leave the world outside the door of his room but carries persons and situations in his heart, their problems, so many things, all are taken to prayer.

There is an impressive absence in the text of the "Our Father." If I asked you what is the impressive absence in the text of the "Our Father"? It won't be easy to answer. A word is missing. All of you think: what is missing in the "Our Father"?

What is the word that is lacking in the "Our Father" that we pray every day? To save time, I'll say it: the word "I" is lacking. "I" is never said. Jesus teaches to pray having on one's lips first of all "You," because Christian prayer is dialogue: hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done." Not my name, my kingdom, my will. "I" no, it should not be. And then it passes to "Us." All the second part of the "Our Father" is declined in the first person plural: "give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." Even man's most elementary requests – such as that of having food to assuage hunger – are all in the plural. In Christian prayer, no one asks for bread for him/herself: Give me my daily bread – no – give us, he entreats for all, for all the poor in the world. This must not be forgotten, the word "I" is lacking. One prays with "you" and with "us." It's a good teaching of Jesus; don't forget it.

Why? – because in the dialogue with God there is no room for individualism. There is no prayer elevated to God that isn't the prayer of a community of brothers and sisters, the "us": we are in community; we are brothers and sisters; we are a people that pray, "we." Once a prison chaplain asked me a question: "Tell me, Father, what is the word contrary to 'I'? And I, naive, said: "You." "This is the beginning of war. The word opposed to 'I' is 'we,' where peace lies, all together." It's a good teaching that I received from that priest. In prayer, a Christian bears all the difficulties of persons that live around him: he tells God the sorrows he has come across that day: he puts before Him many faces, friendly and also hostile, he doesn't drive them away as dangerous distractions. If one doesn't realize that around one there are so many people suffering, if one is not moved by the tears of the poor and is accustomed to everything, then it means that his heart is of stone. In this case, it's good to entreat the Lord to touch us with His Spirit and tenderize our heart." It's a beautiful prayer." "Lord, tenderize my heart. So that I can understand and take charge of all the problems, of all the sorrows of others." Christ didn't pass unaffected next to the miseries of the world: every time He perceived loneliness, pain of body or spirit, he felt a strong sense of compassion, as a mother's innermost being. This "feeling compassion" – let us not forget this very Christian word: to feel compassion – it's one of the keywords of the Gospel: it's what spurred the Good Samaritan to approach the wounded man on the side of the road, as opposed to the others who had a hard heart.

We can ask ourselves: when I pray, do I open myself to the cry of so many close and distant persons? Or do I think of prayer as a sort of anaesthesia, to be able to be more tranquil? I throw out the question there; each one answer to himself. In this case, I would be the victim of a terrible mistake. My prayer would certainly no longer be a Christian prayer, because that "us," which Jesus taught us, impedes me from being in peace on my own, and makes me feel responsible for my brothers and sisters.

If we work for justice, let us not feel ourselves better than others: the Father makes His sun rise on the good and on the evil (Cf. *Matthew* 5:45). The Father loves all! Let us learn from God who is always good to all, as opposed to us who are able to be good only to some, to someone we like.

We are all brothers loved by the same Father. And we will be judged on how we have loved. Not just a sentimental love, but compassionate and concrete, according to the evangelical rule. "As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to Me" (*Matthew* 25:40). Thus says the Lord. Thank you.