

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3rd March 2019, Year C/1



ANGELICO, Fra, Scenes from the Life of Christ, 1451-52

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 became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; He saved me because He delighted in me.

First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, it is good to give thanks to You.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Irena Barglik (Dec. Ann.)

SUNDAY 8:30am

Jan Zawadzki (Dec. Ann.)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am St Casimir

Joan Fitzpatrick (Dec. Ann.)

Tuesday 8:00am 8th Week Ordinary Time

Jan Zawadzki (Dec. Ann.)

Wednesday 8:00am Ash Wednesday
7.00pm

Thursday 8.00am Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Friday 8.00am Friday after Ash Wednesday

Saturday 8.30am Saturday after Ash Wednesday

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.

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES: Irena Barglik, Jan Zawadzki, Joan Fitzpatrick

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be Saturday 16th March at 6pm. Please invite all young people to come along for Mass followed by a get together in the Parish Hall.

ASH WEDNESDAY – 6TH MARCH

Masses at 8am and 7pm.

Please return your Palms so they can be burnt on Tuesday 5th March.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be Stations of the Cross at 6pm every Friday during Lent.

SACRAMENTS 2019 – AFTER 10AM MASS

Reconciliation – Thursday 11th April

Registration & 1st Session – 10th March

First Communion – Sunday 23rd June

Registration & 1st Session – 28th April

Confirmation – Sunday 3rd November

Registration & 1st Session – 28th July

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

POPE FRANCIS' MARCH INTENTIONS

Evangelisation – Christian Communities

That Christian communities, especially those persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$1087
Loose: \$274.70

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:

If you would like Our Lady's Rosary Statue in your home for a week at a time please ring the Parish Office. You would pick it up from the Church at the weekend.

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.

CHOIR MEMBERS REQUIRED

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

PARISH MOVIE

This Sunday 3rd March at 2pm. Our movie is "Paul Apostle of Christ." All are welcome.

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. Please contact Antoinette on 0413 686 270 or remifsud@outlook.com

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION APPEAL

"Bring Hope this Lent"

We will have another collection for the Bishop's Lenten Appeal this weekend to make up our quota, which is \$3552. We have raised \$882.35 so far. Please be generous.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please take home a Project Compassion box and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Give Lent 100%". You are helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves.

SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

St Dominic's – Sunday 3rd March – 10am to 2.30pm

Ph. 4731 1933 or info@stdominics.nsw.edu.au

St Joseph's Primary – Monday 4th or Wednesday 5th March at 9am, 2pm or 5pm. Phone 4726 4200. Come along and see all the great teaching and learning taking place at St Joseph's.

Xavier College – Tuesday 5th March – 4pm & 5pm

Ph. 4777 0900.

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

Ph. 4728 8100.

FRANCIS: A VOICE CRYING OUT

A public conversation between Dr Austen Ivereigh and Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv. on Wednesday 20th March at 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. RSVP mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org

SOCIAL JUSTICE NIGHT – Right to Home

All young adults 18 to 30 years old are most welcome at 6.30pm 27th March at Mad Mex, 285 Church St., Parramatta. We will hear from experts and brainstorm actions over a shared meal. RSVP at parrayouth@vinnies.org.au.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

"Hallowed be Thy Name"

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

It seems like winter is going away and so we have returned to the Square. Welcome to the Square! In our course of rediscovery of the "Our Father" prayer, today we will reflect further on the first of its seven invocations, namely, "hallowed be Thy Name."

There are seven requests in the "Our Father," which are easily divisible into two subgroups. The first three have at the centre the "Thou" of God the Father; the other four have "us" at the centre and our human needs. In the first part Jesus makes us enter in His desires, all addressed to the Father: "hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done"; in the second it's He who enters us and makes Himself interpreter of our needs: daily bread, forgiveness of sin, help in temptation and deliverance from evil.

Here is the matrix of every Christian prayer — I'd say of every human prayer —, which is always made, on one hand, of contemplation of God, of His mystery, of His beauty and goodness and, on the other, of the sincere and courageous request of what we need to live, and live well. Thus, in its simplicity and essentialness, the "Our Father" educates the one who prays it not to multiply vain words because — as Jesus Himself says — "your Father knows what you need before you ask Him" (*Matthew 6:8*).

When we speak with God, we don't do so to reveal to Him what we have in our heart: He knows it better than we do ourselves! If God is a mystery for us, we, instead, aren't an enigma to His eyes (Cf. *Psalms 139:1-4*). God is like those mothers who only need one look to understand everything about their children: if they are happy or sad, if they are sincere or are hiding something.

The first step of Christian prayer, therefore, is our giving ourselves to God, to His Providence, it's as if saying: "Lord, You know all, there isn't even a need to tell you my pain. I only ask You to be next to me: You are my hope." It's interesting to note that, in the discourse on the mountain, immediately after transmitting the text of the "Our Father," Jesus exhorts us not to be worried or anxious about things. It seems like a contradiction: first He teaches us to ask for our daily bread and then He says to us: "Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or

"What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'" (*Matthew 6:31*). However, the contradiction is only apparent: a Christian's requests express trust in the Father, and it is precisely this trust that makes us ask for what we need without anxiety or agitation.

It's because of this that we pray saying: "Hallowed be Thy Name!" Felt, in this request — the first! "Hallowed be Thy Name!" is Jesus' whole admiration for the beauty and grandeur of the Father, and the desire that all recognize Him and love Him for what He really is. And, at the same time, there is the supplication that His Name be sanctified in us, in our family, in our community, in the whole world. It is God who sanctifies, who transforms us with His love, but at the same time it is also we who, with our witness, manifest God's holiness in the world, rendering His Name present. God is holy, but if we, if our life isn't holy, there is a great incoherence! God's holiness must be mirrored in our actions, in our life. "I'm a Christian, God is holy, but I do so many awful things." No, this isn't right. This even does harm; it scandalizes and doesn't help.

God's holiness is an expanding force, and we entreat that the barriers of our world be quickly shattered. When Jesus begins to preach, the first to pay the consequences is in fact the evil that afflicts man. The evil spirits swear: "What have You to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are, the Holy One of God!" (*Mark 1:24*). Such holiness had never been seen before: not preoccupied with itself but turned to the external. A holiness — that of Jesus — that widens in concentric circles, as when a stone is thrown into a pond. The days of evil are counted — evil isn't eternal —, and evil can no longer hurt us: the strong man has arrived who takes possession of his house (Cf. *Mark 3:23-27*). And this strong man is Jesus, who gives us also the strength to take possession of our interior house.

Prayer chases away every fear. The Father loves us, the Son raises His arms supporting ours and the Spirit works in secret for the redemption of the world. And we? We don't hesitate in uncertainty, but we have a great certainty: God loves me, Jesus gave His life for me! The Spirit is within me. This is the great certain thing. And evil? It's afraid, and this is good.

May this Lent be a time to renew the dedication of your heart and your mind to the Lord. Praised be Jesus and Mary!