

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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ASCENSION OF THE LORD

2nd June 2019, Year C/1



GHERARDUCCI, Don Silvestro dei, Gradual 2 for San Michele a Murano (Folio 44), c. 1395

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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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: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw Him go, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: God mounts His throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Special Intention
SUNDAY	8:30am		Jose Cordovilla Descalzo (Birthday)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	St Charles Lwanga & Companions	Mass of Thanksgiving
Tuesday	8:00am	St Peter of Verona	Margaret Fay (Recently Deceased)
Wednesday	8:00am	St Boniface	Mary Roughley (Rec. Dec.)
Thursday	8.00am	7 th Week of Easter	Cardinal George Pell
Friday	8.00am	7 th Week of Easter	For God's Precious Infants
Saturday	8.30am	7 th Week of Easter	Franciszka Warda & Gisela Drobiszewski (Dec. Ann.)

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:

Margaret Fay, Mary Roughley

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Franciszka Warda & Gisela Drobiszewski

MASS INTENTIONS

To arrange for a Mass Intention please contact one of
the Priests in person. Donations need to be cash as we
are unable to process credit cards.

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be Saturday 15th June at
6pm, with a time for fellowship in the Parish Hall
after Mass. Please invite any young people you
know.

SACRAMENTS 2019

First Communion – Sunday 23rd June

Sessions after 10am Mass

Confirmation – Sunday 3rd November

Registration & 1st Session – 28th July

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There is an opportunity to spend time with the
Lord on Friday 7th June from 5pm to 10pm. All are
welcome.

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.

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' JUNE INTENTIONS

Evangelisation – Priests

That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are the poorest.

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$1120
Loose: \$226.65

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 most welcome. Please bring your Bibles with you.

YOUTH GROUP

Every Wednesday from 3pm to 5pm during the school term. 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 12th June at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

PARISH MOVIE

This Sunday 2nd June. Movie is "Heaven is for Real". All are most welcome.

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

We collected \$1,561. Thank you to our Parishioners for your generosity.

BISHOPS GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

This collection will be taken up this weekend. Your gift to Parramatta Catholic Foundation will support our seminarians to prepare to be true shepherds of Christ's flock. Please give generously via envelopes or online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal. Our quota is \$3552.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF EXIT

There will be no exit via Joseph Street on Sundays until construction work at the school is completed. Please take care when entering or leaving via Richmond Road.

50 YEARS OF ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

Our Parish Council would like you to fill in the Survey to assist with planning for our Anniversary. Please place forms in the box at the back of the Church.

MEN'S BARBEQUE

Our next Men's Night is Saturday 29th June after 6pm Mass. All men over 18 years old are most welcome.

PENTECOST RETREAT DAY

Join Bishop Vincent for a day of rest, inspiration and renewal on Saturday 8th June from 9am to 4pm. at Mount Schoenstatt, Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Registration by 4th June is essential on 8838 3460 or email lmckeogh@parra.catholic.org.au

ST JOEY'S "OLD SCHOOL" PICNIC

11am Sunday 9th June at Werrington Lakes Reserve, Burton Street, Werrington. If you had anything to do with St Joseph's from the 60's to the 90's come along to meet and have fun. See the Notice Board or contact Michael Kidd on 0439 609 980.

'COME AND SEE' EVENT

A day of discernment for single men aged 16 years and over considering a vocation to priesthood. On Sunday 18th August between 10am and 7pm at Holy Spirit Seminary, 33 Allen Street, Harris Park.

FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

25th Anniversary National Pilgrimage

Commences in Melbourne 22nd October and concludes in Sydney 2nd November 2019. Cost \$3,575. For further information please ring Sr Therese on 0417 683 123, Sr Annie on 8912 4818 or email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

THE PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 JOURNEY

Pentecost marks the launch of the Listening and Discernment process with themes for national discernment by specially chosen teams. pastoralplanning@parracatholic.org for info.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

Acts of the Apostles

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today we begin a journey of catecheses through the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. This biblical book, written by the evangelist Saint Luke, speaks to us of a journey — of a journey: but of what journey? Of the journey of the Gospel in the world and shows us the wonderful union between the Word of God and the Holy Spirit, which inaugurates the time of evangelization. The protagonists of the Acts are in fact a vivacious and effective “couple”: the Word and the Spirit.

God “sends His message on earth” and “His word runs swiftly” — says the Psalm (147:4). The Word of God runs, it is dynamic, it waters every terrain on which it falls. And what is its force? Saint Luke tells us that the human word becomes effective — not thanks to rhetoric, which is the art of good speaking —, but thanks to the Holy Spirit, who is the dynamis of God, the dynamic of God, His force, which has the power to purify the word, to make it bearer of life. For example, in the Bible there are stories, human words, but what is the difference between the Bible and a history book? The difference is that the words of the Bible are taken from the Holy Spirit who gives a very great force, a different force, and who helps us so that that word is seed of sanctity, seed of life, effective. When the Spirit visits the human word it becomes dynamic, like “dynamite,” namely, able to light hearts and break schemes, resistances, and walls of division, opening new ways and expanding the boundaries of the people of God. And we’ll see this, in the course of these catecheses, in the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. He who gives vibrant and incisive sonority to our very fragile human word, capable even of lying and escaping from one’s responsibilities, is solely the Holy Spirit, through whom the Son of God was generated; the Spirit that anointed and sustained Him in the mission; the Spirit thanks to whom He chose His Apostles and guaranteed to them proclamation, perseverance, and fruitfulness, as He also guarantees it today to our proclamation.

The Gospel ends with Jesus’ Resurrection and Ascension, and the narrative plot of the Acts of the Apostles begins precisely from here, from the superabundance of life of the Risen One, transfused in His Church. Saint Luke says to us that Jesus “presented Himself alive after His Passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the Kingdom of God” (*Acts* 1:3). The Risen One, the Risen Jesus carries out very human gestures, such as sharing a meal with His own, and He invites them to live

confidently the awaiting of the fulfillment of the Father’s promise: “you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit” (*Acts* 1:5).

Baptism in the Holy Spirit is, in fact, the experience that enables us to enter into a personal communion with God and to participate in His universal salvific Will, acquiring the gift of the parrhesia, the courage, namely, the capacity to pronounce a word “as children of God,” not only as men, but as children of God: a limpid, free, effective word full of love for Christ and for brothers. Therefore, there is no struggle to earn or merit God’s gift. All is given gratuitously and in its time. The Lord gives all gratuitously. Salvation isn’t purchased, it’s not paid for: it’s a free gift. In face of the anxiety to know beforehand the time in which the events He announced will occur, Jesus answers His own: “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth” (*Acts* 1:7-8).

The Risen One invites His own not to live the present without anxiety, but to make an alliance with time, and to be able to wait for the unfolding of a sacred story that has not been interrupted but that advances, that always goes forward; and to be able to wait for the “steps” of God, Lord of time and space. The Risen One invites His own not to “manufacture” the mission on their own, but to wait for the Father to dynamize their hearts with His Spirit, to be able to involve themselves in a missionary witness capable of radiating from Jerusalem to Samaria and to cross over the boundaries of Israel to reach the peripheries of the world.

The Apostles live this waiting together; they live it as the Lord’s family, in the Upper Room or Cenacle, whose walls are again witnesses of the gift with which Jesus gave Himself to his own in the Eucharist. And how to wait for the force, the dynamis of God? By praying with perseverance, as if there aren’t many but only one. Praying in unity and with perseverance. In fact, it’s with prayer that one overcomes loneliness, temptation, and suspicion and opens the heart to communion. The presence of the women and of Mary, Jesus’ Mother, intensifies this experience: they learned first of all from the Master to witness the fidelity of love and to the force of communion that overcomes every fear.

Let us also ask the Lord for the patience to wait for His steps, not to want to “manufacture” what is His work and to remain docile by praying, invoking the Spirit and cultivating the art of ecclesial communion.