

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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EASTER SUNDAY



ANGELICO, Fra, Noli Me Tangere, 1440-42

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

Baptism, Marriage Please contact the Parish Office

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: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
 You have laid Your hand upon me, alleluia.
 Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43

Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

VIGIL SATURDAY

	7:00pm	HOLY SATURDAY	
SUNDAY	8:30am	EASTER SUNDAY	
	10:00am	EASTER SUNDAY	For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	Octave of Easter	
Tuesday	8:00am	Octave of Easter	David Clark (Dec. Ann.)
Wednesday	8:00am	Octave of Easter	Special Intention
Thursday	8.00pm	Octave of Easter	Gabriel Ghougassian (Dec. Ann.)
Friday	8.00am	Octave of Easter	Special Intention
Saturday	8.30am	Octave of Easter	Dec. Mem. of Vella & Portelli Families

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:

David Clark, Gabriel Ghougassian, Deceased
 Members of the Vella & Portelli Families

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be Saturday 4th May at 6pm. There will be a time for fellowship in the Parish Hall after the Mass. Please pass on the word to all our young people.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 28TH APRIL

Divine Mercy Devotions at 3.00pm

Divine Mercy Novena starts Good Friday after the Passion of the Lord, on Saturday 20th at 10am and then after morning Masses.

SACRAMENTS 2019 – AFTER 10AM MASS

First Communion – Sunday 23rd June

Registration & 1st Session – 28th April

Confirmation – Sunday 3rd November

Registration & 1st Session – 28th July

POPE FRANCIS' APRIL INTENTIONS

Universal – Workers in War Zones

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

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, Mary Roughley.

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.

A Happy and Holy Easter to all our Parishioners
From Fr Andrew, Fr Pawel and Fr Piotr

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$772
Loose: \$354.95

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

Will recommence Wednesday 1st May. All are most welcome. Please bring your Bibles with you.

YOUTH GROUP

Resumes Wednesday 1st May 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 10th May at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

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.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Thank you for supporting Project Compassion 2019. If you still have your Project Compassion Box at home, please return it next week.

HOUSE OF WELCOME DONATIONS

Donations of groceries for the refugees can be left 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.

MT SCHOENSTATT – HOME OF LIGHT

Shrine at 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year from 7am to 8pm.

Annual Marian Pilgrimage Sunday 19th May

9.30am to 2pm. Includes Reconciliation Holy Mass, Eucharistic Procession, Anointing of the Sick and Benediction. See flyers at back of Church.

RAISING LAZARUS RETREAT DAY

Contemplating living and our inner journey from death to new life. Tuesday 7th May 10am to 2pm at Parramatta Institute of Mission, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. BYO Lunch. Free but must register at mark.oconnor@parramattacatholic.org

YOUNG BEREAVED SPOUSES SUPPORT GROUP

3rd Tuesday of each month from 7-9pm at 13 Buller St, North Parramatta. Cost \$5 Registration essential. Email soloparentsservices@ccss.org.au or ring Rita on 8843 2575.

MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS SEMINAR

Tuesday 7th May from 7 to 9pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. No charge. Registration essential at 8843 2575.

PALMS AUSTRALIA GLOBAL MISSION INFO

Sunday May 26th at 10.30am at the Aquinas Academy, 141 Harrington Street, The Rocks, Sydney. If you have teaching, medical, admin or trade skills this is an opportunity to share them with those in need.

FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL

Relive the Acts of the Apostles on a 14 day pilgrimage which departs 8th or 16th September or 11th November 2019 at a cost of \$5690. Ring Magi Pilgrimages on 03 8839 6615 for more information.

THE PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 JOURNEY

Ash Wednesday marked the close of the Listening and Dialogue Stage (in which St Joseph's participated). Pentecost marks the launch of the Listening and Discernment process with themes for national discernment by specially chosen teams. For information: pastoralplanning@parracatholic.org.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

Jesus' Words to the Father

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

In these weeks we are reflecting on the prayer of the "Our Father." Now, on the eve of the Easter Triduum, we pause on some words with which Jesus, during his Passion, prayed to the Father.

The first invocation happened after the Last Supper, when the Lord "lifted up His eyes to Heaven and said: 'Father, the hour has come; glorify thy Son' — and then — 'glorify Thou Me in thy own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made'" (*John 17:1.5*). Jesus asks for glory, a request that seems paradoxical while the Passion is imminent. What kind of glory is it? In the Bible, glory indicates God's revealing Himself; it's the distinct sign of His saving presence among men. Now Jesus is He who manifests definitively the presence and salvation of God. And He does so at Easter: raised on the cross, He is glorified (*Cf. John 12:23-33*). There, God finally reveals His glory: He takes away the last veil and astonishes us as never before. We discover, in fact, that God's glory is all love: pure love, mad and unthinkable, beyond every limit and measure.

Brothers and sisters, let's make Jesus' prayer our own: let us ask the Father to take away the veils from our eyes so that in these days, looking at the Crucified, we can understand that God is love. How often we imagine Him Master and not Father; how often we think of Him as a severe Judge rather than as a merciful Saviour! However, at Easter God reduces the distances, showing Himself in the humility of a love that asks for our love. Therefore, we give Him glory when we live all that we do with love, when we do each thing from our heart, as for Him (*Cf. Colossians 3:17*). True glory is the glory of love because it's the only one that gives life to the world. This glory is certainly the opposite of worldly glory, which comes when one is admired, praised, acclaimed: when I am at the centre of attention. Instead, God's glory is paradoxical: no applause, no audience. The 'I' isn't at the centre but the other: at Easter we see in fact that the Father glorifies the Son while the Son glorifies the Father. Neither glorifies Himself. We can ask ourselves today: "What is the glory for which I live, mine or God's? Do I only want to receive from others or also give to others?"

After the Last Supper, Jesus enters the Garden of Gethsemane and here too, He prays to the Father. While the disciples are unable to stay awake and Judas is arriving with the soldiers, Jesus begins to feel "fear and anguish." He experiences all the anguish of what awaits Him: betrayal, contempt, suffering <and> failure. He is "sad" and there, in the abyss of that desolation, He addressed the most tender and sweet word to the Father: "Abba," namely, Daddy (*Cf. Mark 14:33-36*) In trial Jesus teaches us to embrace the Father, because in prayer to Him there is the strength to go forward in sorrow. In toil, prayer is relief, entrustment and comfort. In the abandonment of all, in His interior desolation, Jesus isn't alone; He is with the Father. We, instead, in our Gethsemane's often choose to stay alone rather than say "Father" and entrust ourselves, like Jesus, to His Will, which is our true good. However, when we remain closed in on ourselves in trial we dig a tunnel inside, a painful, introverted course, which has only one direction: always deeper into ourselves. The greatest problem isn't pain but how it's faced. Solitude doesn't offer ways out; prayer does, because it is relationship, it is entrustment. Jesus entrusts everything and everything is entrusted to the Father, taking to Him what he feels, leaning on Him in the struggle. When we enter our Gethsemane's — each one of us has his/her own Gethsemane or has had them or will have them — let us remember this: when we enter in our Gethsemane, let us remind ourselves to pray thus: "Father." We must remember to pray thus: "Father."

Finally, Jesus addresses a third prayer to the Father for us: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (*Luke 23:34*). Jesus prays for those that were wicked to Him, for His killers. The Gospel specifies that this prayer happened at the moment of the crucifixion. It was probably the moment of the most acute pain when the nails were hammered into His wrists and His feet. Here, at the summit of pain, He reaches the apex of love: forgiveness comes, namely, the gift of the umpteenth power, which breaks the circle of evil.

Praying the "Our Father" in these days, we can ask for one of these graces: to live our days for the glory of God, namely, to live with love; to be able to entrust ourselves to the Father in trials and say "Daddy" to the Father and find in the encounter with the Father the forgiveness and courage to forgive. Both things go together. The Father forgives us, but He gives us the courage to be able to forgive.