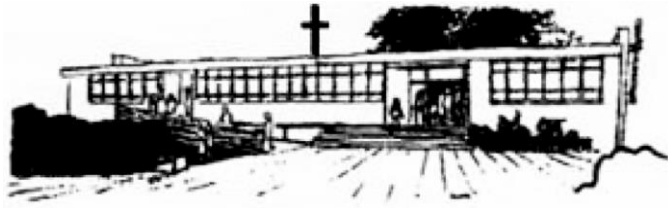


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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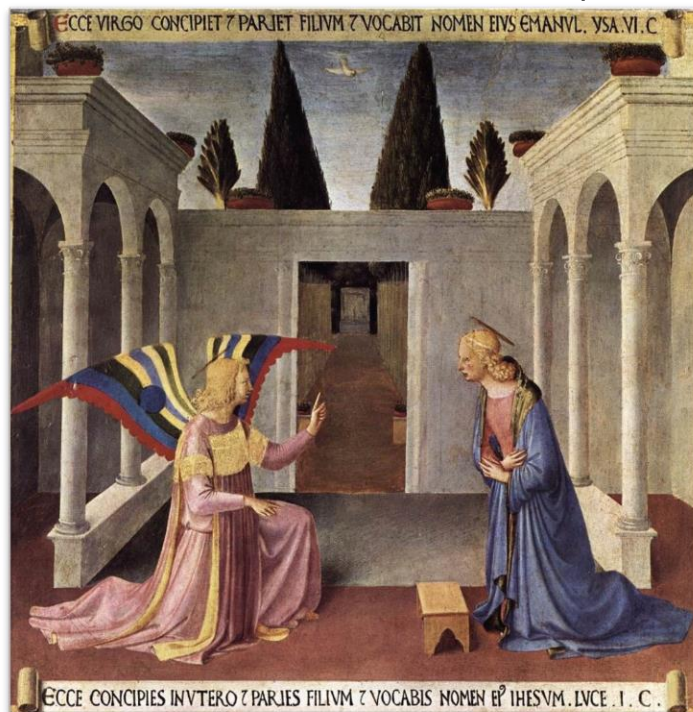
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## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1<sup>st</sup> December 2019, Year A/2



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

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# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Entrance Antiphon:** To You, I lift up my soul, O my God. In You, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in You be put to shame.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 2:1-5

**Responsorial Psalm:** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**Second Reading:** Romans 13:11-14

**Gospel:** Matthew 24:37-44

### VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Fr Andrew (Blessings for his Feast)
SUNDAY	8:30am		Herman Mulder (Rec. Dec.)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Advent	Stanislaw & Bronislav Blazek (Dec. Ann.)
Tuesday	8:00am	St Francis Xavier	Ruth Bolton (Rec. Dec.)
Wednesday	8:00am	1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Advent	Alfred Waltisbuhl (Dec. Ann.)
Thursday	8.00am	1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Advent	For Australian Farmers
Friday	8.00am	St Nicholas of Myra	For God's Precious Infants

### 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:

Herman Mulder, Ruth Bolton

### DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Stanislaw & Bronislav Blazek, Alfred Waltisbuhl, Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

### BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There is an opportunity to spend time with the Lord on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 5pm to 10pm. All are welcome.

### YOUTH MASS

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

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> - Vigil Mass at 6.00pm (Youth Mass)**  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> - Midnight (Carols from 11.30pm Tuesday night)**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> - 9.00am Mass**

**Reconciliation - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**  
 9.00am to 12.00 noon & 5.00pm to 7.30pm  
 Also Saturday mornings after Mass

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Zig Barglik, Kevin Collins, Margaret Colville, Valerie Davis, Katalin Domotor, Nora Hehir, Andrew Isbitski, Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Shayla, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Barbara Thompson, Cecylia Tobera, Kathryn Tuckwell, Geoffrey Waltis, Gill Waltisbuhl, Robert Waltisbuhl, Raymond Waters, Denis Woodward.

**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.

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**POPE FRANCIS' DECEMBER INTENTIONS**

**Universal – The Very Young**

That every country resolutely commits to taking the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

**SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$882**  
**Loose: \$272.55**  
**Visitor Contribution: \$6**

**ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP:**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 9.15am. Please note that there will be no Bible Study this week 4<sup>th</sup> December as our Priests are not available.

**YOUTH GROUP**

Our last Youth Group is this Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 3-5pm. Young people from Year 6 to 18 years old are most welcome. Year 5 are welcome at this Group.

**PARISH LUNCH:**

Held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Our last Lunch for the year will be Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**WORKING BEE**

Please join us from 9am to 12noon on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December to prepare the Church and Grounds for Christmas. Any time you can spare on that morning will be appreciated.

**PARISH MOVIE**

This Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 2pm in the Parish Hall. Our Movie will be "The Man Who Invented Christmas".

**BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

This Weekend we have our appeal to help vulnerable people in crisis turn their lives around, recover and thrive. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare to connect people with support and services to build strong foundations for self-sufficiency, fulfilling family relationships and brighter futures. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal in the envelopes or at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)

**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 10<sup>th</sup> February at Blacktown and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February at Penrith. Please see Office for Form.

**GIFTS OF FAITH**

The Catholic charity "Aid to the Church in Need" has produced a **Gifts of Faith** Catalogue to support suffering and persecuted Christians. Copies can be found at the back of the Church. Order by 9<sup>th</sup> December to receive your **Gift of Faith Cards and Envelopes** in time for Christmas.

**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](http://www.catholic.org.au/drought)

**HOUSE OF WELCOME DONATIONS**

If you would like to donate groceries for the refugees please leave them at the Parish Office.

**PLENARY COUNCIL 2020**

For the latest information on the Plenary Council please visit [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH  
CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

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**THE HOLY FATHER'S CATECHESIS**  
**Apostolic Journey to Thailand & Japan**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

I returned yesterday from the Apostolic Journey to Thailand and Japan, a gift for which I am very grateful to the Lord. I want to renew my gratitude to the Authorities and to the Bishops of these two countries, who invited me and received me with great solicitude, and I wish to thank especially the Thai people and the Japanese people. This visit has enhanced my closeness and my affection for these peoples: may God bless them with an abundance of prosperity and peace.

Thailand is an ancient Kingdom, which has highly modernized itself. Meeting with the King, the Prime Minister, and other Authorities, I rendered homage to the rich spiritual and cultural tradition of the Thai people, the people of the "beautiful smile." The people down there smile. I encouraged the commitment to harmony among the nation's different components, as well as that the economic development be for the benefit of all, and that the wounds of exploitation be healed, especially of women and minors. The Buddhist religion is an integral part of the history and life of these people; therefore, I went to visit the Supreme Patriarch of the Buddhists, following the way of mutual esteem initiated by my Predecessors, so that compassion and fraternity may grow in the world. Very significant in this connection was the ecumenical and inter-religious meeting, which was held in the country's largest University.

The witness of the Church in Thailand passes also through the works of service to the sick and the least. Excelling among these is Saint Louis Hospital, which I visited, encouraging the health personnel and meeting some patients. Then I dedicated specific moments to priests and consecrated persons, to the Bishops, and also to brother Jesuits. I celebrated Mass in Bangkok with all the People of God in the National Stadium and then with young people in the Cathedral. There we witnessed that in the new family formed by Jesus Christ there are also faces and voices of the Thai people.

Then I went to Japan. On my arrival at the Nunciature of Tokyo, I was welcomed by the

country's bishops, with whom we shared right away the challenge of being Pastors of a very small Church, but bearer of the living water, the Gospel of Jesus.

The motto of my visit to Japan was "Protect All Life," a country that has imprinted the wounds of the atomic bombing and is spokesman for the whole world of the fundamental right to life and to peace. I paused in prayer at Nagasaki and Hiroshima; I met some survivors and relatives of the victims, and I reiterated the firm condemnation of nuclear arms and the hypocrisy of speaking of peace while constructing and selling weapons of war. After that tragedy, Japan has demonstrated an extraordinary capacity to fight for life; and it did so also recently, after the triple disaster of 2011: the earthquake, tsunami, and incident in the nuclear plant.

To protect life it's necessary to love it, and today the grave menace, in the more developed countries, is the loss of the sense of living.

The first victims of the empty sense of living are the young people; therefore, a meeting at Tokyo was dedicated to them. I listened to their questions and their dreams; I encouraged them to oppose together every form of bullying and to overcome fear and closure, opening themselves to the love of God in prayer and in the service of their neighbour. I met other young people there at Sophia University, along with the academic community. This University, like all the Catholic schools, is much appreciated in Japan.

In Tokyo I had the opportunity to visit Emperor Naruhito, to whom I renew the expression of my gratitude; and I met the country's Authorities with the Diplomatic Corps. I hoped for a culture of encounter and dialogue, characterized by wisdom and a wide horizon. By remaining faithful to its religious and moral values, and open to the evangelical message, Japan will be able to be a driving country for a more just and peaceful world and for harmony between man and the environment.

Dear brothers and sisters, we entrust to God's goodness and providence the peoples of Thailand and of Japan. Thank you.