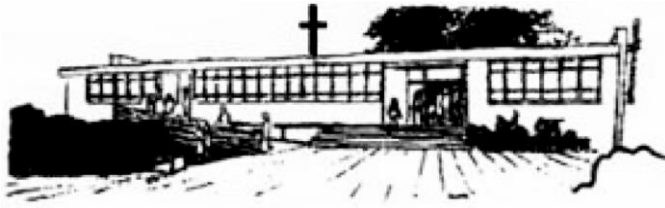


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Please leave a detailed Message

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Australia Day) 26th January 2020, Year A/2



GHIRLANDAIO, Domenico, Calling of the Apostles, 1481,
Cappella Sistina, Vatican

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: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord all the earth.
In His presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in His holy place.

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9-9:3

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:10-13, 17

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Zygmunt Blazek
SUNDAY	8:30am		Dec. Mems. of the Mahns Family
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	St Timothy & St Titus	Dec. Mems. of the Awadalla Family
Tuesday	8:00am	ST THOMAS AQUINAS	Dec. Mems. of the Atteya Family
Wednesday	8.00am	3 rd Week Ordinary Time	Wincenty, Maria & Barbara Blazek & Marianna Pikula
Thursday	8.00am	3 rd Week Ordinary Time	Special Intention
Friday	8.00am	St John Bosco	Joseph Antony (Dec. Ann.)
Saturday	8.30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary	Dec. Mems. of St Vincent de Paul

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.

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES: Joseph Antony,
Zygmunt Blazek, Deceased Members of the
Mahns, Awadalla & Atteya Families, Wincenty,
Maria & Barbara Blazek, Marianna Pikula,
Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2020

Reconciliation: Thursday 2nd April
Registration & 1st Session: 1st March

First Communion: Sunday 14th June
Registration & 1st Session: 26th April

Confirmation: Sunday 15th November
Registration & 1st Session: 28th June

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be next Saturday 1st
February 2020 at 6pm. Please pass the word on to
any young people you know.

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, Kelly Tonna, 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.

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

POPE FRANCIS' JANUARY INTENTIONS

Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$586.50

Loose: \$416.55

Visitor Contribution: \$26

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP:

Next Group is Monday 3rd February 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 4pm. All are most welcome. Please contact Delfin on 0478 784 885 with any questions.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study every Wednesday at 9.15am. All are welcome. Please bring your Bible with you.

YOUTH GROUP

Our next Group is Wednesday 5th February 2020.

PARISH LUNCH:

Held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 12th February at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

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 10th February at Blacktown and Thursday 13th February at Penrith. Please see Office for Form.

LISTENING & DISCERNMENT SESSION

Thursday 6th February from 10.30am to 1pm at 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. We will cover:

Mission & Evangelising;

Inclusive, Participatory & Synodal;

Prayerful & Eucharistic;

Humble, Healing & Merciful;

A Joy, Hope-filled & Servant Community;

Open to conversation, Renewal and Reform.

PARISH MOVIE

Next Sunday 2nd February at 2pm in the Parish Hall. Our movie will be "Les Miserables". All are most welcome.

BUSHFIRE RESPONSE

Australia is currently facing an unprecedented bushfire crisis in many parts of the country. The Australian Bishops have announced that special collections will be taken at Masses on Australia Day this weekend, to support affected communities. They have also urged Catholics to pray constantly for those affected, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the bushfires. All funds will be donated to Vinnies Bushfire Appeal. For information and resources visit www.catholic.org.au/bushfires

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick will be celebrated on Tuesday 11th February at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown at 10.30am. The Mass will include the Sacramental Rite of Anointing of the Sick and Prayers for Healing. Please RSVP to Marisa VanderHout by 31st January to assist with seating and catering at marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org or on 8838 3460.

INSTITUTE OF MISSION

Themes of Faith – 10 Monday evening sessions from 9th March. A guided exploration of key Catholic themes for our life, faith and action in the World.

Reflective Ministry Part 1 – Tuesday evenings from 10th March. A program to enrich and enthuse those involved in the Ministries of Catholic Communities.

See information for both of these courses on the Notice Board or at the back of the Church

NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR RAIN

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place from November 2019. 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. See 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. They need olive oil, tinned tomatoes, Basmati rice, flour, UHT milk, washing and dishwashing liquid, cleaning products.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

"They showed us unusual kindness" Acts 28.2

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Today's catechesis is in tune with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year's theme is that of hospitality, which was carried out by the communities of Malta and Gozo, from the passage of the Acts of the Apostles, which talks about the hospitality offered by the inhabitants of Malta to Saint Paul and his travel companions, shipwrecked along with him. In fact I referred to this episode in the catechesis of two weeks ago.

We begin again, therefore, from the dramatic experience of the shipwreck. The ship in which Paul was traveling is at the mercy of the elements. They have been adrift in the sea for fourteen days, and because neither the sun nor the stars are visible, the travellers feel disorientated, lost. Under them the sea breaks violently against the ship, and they fear that it will break under the force of the waves. From above, the wind and the rain lash them. The force of the sea and of the storm is terribly powerful and indifferent to the destiny of the sailors: there were over 260 persons!

However, Paul who knows that it's not so, speaks. Faith tells him that his life is in God's hands, who resurrected Jesus from the dead, and who has called him, Paul, to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth. His faith tells him also that God, according to what Jesus has revealed, is a loving Father. Therefore, Paul turns to his travelling companions and, inspired by faith, proclaims to them that God will not permit a hair of their head to be lost.

This prophecy comes true when the ship runs aground on the coast of Malta and all the passengers reach *terra firma* safe and sound. And there they experience something new. In contrast with the brutal violence of the sea in the storm, they receive the testimony of the "unusual kindness" of the Island's inhabitants. These people, foreign to them, show themselves attentive to their needs. They light a fire so they can get warm; they offer them shelter from the rain and food. Even though they haven't yet received the Good News of Christ, they manifest the love of God in concrete acts of kindness. In fact, spontaneous hospitality and caring gestures communicate something of the love of God. And the hospitality of the Maltese islanders is repaid by miracles of healing that God works through Paul on the Island. So, if the people of Malta were a sign of God's Providence for the Apostle, he was also a witness of the merciful love of God for them.

Dearests, hospitality is important, and is also an important ecumenical virtue. It means, first of all, to

recognize that other Christians are truly our brothers and sisters in Christ. We are brothers. Someone might say to you: "But he is Protestant, he is Orthodox . . ." Yes, but we are brothers in Christ. It's not a one-way act of generosity, because when we host other Christians, we welcome them as a gift made to us. As the Maltese — these good Maltese — we are repaid, because we receive what the Holy Spirit has sown in these brothers and sisters of ours, and this becomes a gift also for us, because the Holy Spirit also sows His graces everywhere. To receive Christians of another tradition means, in the first place, to show God's love for them, because they are children of God — our brothers —, and it means, moreover, to receive what God has done in their life. Ecumenical hospitality requires the willingness to listen to others, paying attention to their personal stories of faith and to the story of their community of faith with another tradition, different from ours. Ecumenical hospitality implies the desire to know the experience that other Christians have of God and the expectation to receive the spiritual gifts that stem from it. And this is a grace; to discover this is a gift. I think of past times, of my land, for instance. When some Evangelical missionaries came, a small group of Catholics went to burn their tents. This is not on; it's not Christian. We are brothers, we are all brothers and we must offer hospitality to one another.

Today, the sea on which Paul and his companions were shipwrecked is once again a dangerous place for the life of other sailors. Throughout the world men and women migrants face risky journeys to flee from violence, to flee from war, to flee from poverty. Like Paul and his companions, they experience the indifference, the hostility of the desert, of the rivers, of the seas . . . So many times they are not allowed to disembark in ports. But, unfortunately, sometimes they meet with the far worse hostility of men; criminal traffickers exploit them: today! Some rulers treat them as numbers and as a threat: today! Sometimes inhospitality rejects them like a wave to the poverty or the dangers from which they fled.

We, as Christians, must work together to show to migrants the love of God revealed by Jesus Christ. We can and we must witness that there is not only hostility and indifference, but that every person is precious to God and loved by Him. The divisions that still exist among us impede us from being fully a sign of the love of God. To work together to live ecumenical hospitality, in particular towards those whose life is more vulnerable, will make all of us Christians — Protestants, Orthodox, Catholics, all Christians — better human beings, better disciples and a more united Christian people. It will bring us closer ultimately to the unity, which is the Will of God for us.