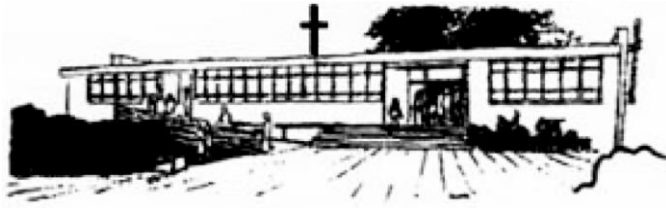


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9th February 2020, Year A/2



Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, 2014

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 come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for He is the Lord our God.

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Responsorial Psalm: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

SUNDAY 8:30am

For the Nation

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am

St Scholastica

For the Nation

Tuesday 8:00am

Our Lady of Lourdes

For the Nation

Wednesday 8.00am

Bl Reginald of Orleans

**For Healing of Family Members &
for Deceased Members of the Family**

Thursday 8.00am

Bl Jordan of Saxony

**Marian Kubka & Marian Zawadzki
(Deceased Anniversary)**

Friday 8.00am

Sts Cyril & Methodius

Souls in Purgatory

Saturday 8.30am

Mass of the Virgin Mary

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

Julia Agnes Clarke

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Marian Kubka & Marian Zawadzki

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be on next Saturday 15th February at 6pm. Please invite all young people to this Mass and a time of fellowship in the Parish Hall afterwards.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

There will be Anointing of the Sick at the 8am Mass on this Tuesday 11th February, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Please let any people who are aged or unwell know. If there is anyone who requires a lift to the Church, please ring the Parish Office.

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' FEBRUARY INTENTIONS

Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$620
Loose: \$362.60
Visitor Contribution: \$1

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP:

1st and 3rd Mondays 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 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 every Wednesday in the School Term. All young people from Year 6 to 18 are most welcome.

PARISH LUNCH:

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

SRE COMMISSIONING MASS

Thursday 13th February at 8.00am Mass.

EVELYN'S RETIREMENT

Evelyn Graham, who has served our Parish for nearly 18 years as Administration Assistant, is retiring on Friday 21st February. We are having a Morning Tea to honour her on that Friday after morning Mass in the Parish Hall. Please join us to thank Evelyn for all she has done. Any enquiries please speak to Aruna or Clare.

DIVINE MERCY AND ROSARY

This Sunday 9th February at 3pm at St Nicholas of Myra Meeting Room 1. Ring Steffi on 0436 395 763.

FEAST OF ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

On Saturday morning we celebrated the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita, Patron Saint of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking. Millions of people globally, including Australia, are forced to perform labour through coercion, intimidation or deceit. We are encouraged to pray for those affected by the crimes of modern slavery and human trafficking, and for the people who volunteer and work for the eradication of these crimes.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

At 2pm on Sunday 16th February at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, St Marys. Celebrant is Fr Adam Crouch MGL. All are welcome.

LENTEN RETREAT FOR WOMEN

From 6pm 28th February to 4pm 1st March at Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Cost \$170 twin share, \$210 single room or \$60 for Day Participation (9am to 5pm). For Bookings info@schoenstatt.org.au or phone 4773 8338 by 14th February.

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 until the drought breaks. 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.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

On the Beatitudes (continued)

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

We are confronted today with the first of the eight Beatitudes of Matthew's Gospel. Jesus begins to proclaim His way for happiness with a paradoxical announcement: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven, "a surprising way and a strange object of beatitude: poverty.

We must ask ourselves, what we understand here by "poor"? If Matthew only used this word, then the meaning would be simply economic, that is, it would indicate people that have little or no means of sustenance and need the help of others.

What does it mean? According to the Bible, the spirit is the breath of life that God communicated to Adam. It is our most intimate dimension — let's say the spiritual dimension, the most intimate, that which makes us human persons, the profound nucleus of our being. Then the "poor in spirit" are those that are and feel themselves poor, beggars, in the depth of their being. Jesus proclaims them blessed, for to them the Kingdom of Heaven belongs.

How many times the contrary has been said! It's necessary to be something in life, to be someone . . . It's necessary to make a name for oneself . . . It's from this that loneliness and unhappiness is born: if I must be "someone," I am in competition with others and I live with obsessive preoccupation for my ego. If I don't accept being poor, I hate all that reminds me of my fragility, because this fragility impedes my becoming an important person, a rich person not only of money but of fame, of everything.

Facing oneself, each one knows well that, however busy he is, he always remains radically incomplete and vulnerable. Each one of us is vulnerable inside, we must see where. However, how badly one lives if one rejects one's limitations! The limitation isn't digested; it's there. Proud people don't ask for help, they can't ask for help, it doesn't occur to them to ask for help because they must demonstrate themselves self-sufficient. And how many of them are in need of help, but pride impedes their asking for help. And how difficult it is to admit an error and ask for pardon! When I give advice to newlyweds, who ask me how to live well their marriage, I say to them: "There are three magic words: permission, thanks, sorry." They are words that stem from poverty of spirit. It's not necessary to be intrusive, but to ask permission: "Do you think it's ok to do this?" So, there is dialogue in the family; wife and husband converse. "You did this for me, thank you I needed it." Then, errors are always

made, one slips: "Sorry." And usually the couples, the newlyweds, those that are here and are so many, say to me: "The third is the most difficult," to apologize, to ask for forgiveness, because the proud person can't. He can't say sorry: he's always right. He isn't poor in spirit. Instead, the Lord never tires of forgiving. Unfortunately, it is we who get tired of asking for forgiveness. Tiredness of asking for forgiveness: this is an awful sickness!

Why is it difficult to ask for forgiveness? It is difficult because it humiliates our hypocritical image. And yet, to live trying to hide our own deficiencies is tiring and anguishing. Jesus Christ says to us: to be poor is an occasion of grace, and He shows us the way out of this difficulty. We are given the right to be poor in spirit, because this is the way to the Kingdom of God.

However, there is one fundamental thing to reiterate: we must not transform ourselves to become poor in spirit, we don't have to do a transformation because we already are so! We are poor . . . or more clearly: we are "poor things" in spirit! We are in need of everything. We are all poor in spirit; we are beggars. It's the human condition.

The Kingdom of God is of the poor in spirit. There are those that have the kingdoms of this world: they have goods and they have ease, but they are kingdoms that end; the power of men, even the greatest of empires pass and disappear. So often we see on the TV news or in the newspapers that a ruler is strong, powerful or that a government that was yesterday, today is no longer, it has fallen. The riches of this world pass away as does money. The old taught us that the shroud has no pockets. It's true. I've never seen behind a funeral procession a truck for the move: no one takes anything. The riches stay here.

The Kingdom of God is of the poor in spirit. There are those that have the kingdoms of this world, they have goods and have ease, but we know how they end. He truly reigns who is able to love the true good more than himself. And this is the power of God. In what did Jesus show Himself powerful? In being able to do what the kings of the earth don't do: to give His life for men. And this is true power, the power of fraternity, the power of charity, the power of love, the power of humility. Christ did this.

In this is true freedom: one who has this power of humility, of service, of fraternity is free. At the service of this freedom is the poverty praised by the Beatitudes. Because there is a poverty we must accept, that of our being, and a poverty that, instead, we must seek, that concrete one of the things of this world, to be free and to be able to love. We must always seek freedom of the heart, that which has its roots in the poverty of ourselves.