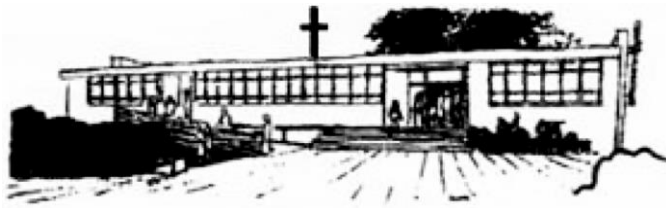


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23rd February 2020, Year A/2



ANGELICO, Fra, Scenes from the Life of Christ, 1451-52

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 Lord, I trust in Your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in Your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Muriel Saparamadu (Dec. Ann.)

SUNDAY 8:30am

Maria & Michael Polinski

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 7th Week Ordinary Time

Tuesday 8:00am 7th Week Ordinary Time

Wednesday 8.00am
7.00pm **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Thursday 8.00am **Thursday after Ash Wednesday**

Friday 8.00am **Friday after Ash Wednesday**

Saturday 8.30am **Saturday after Ash Wednesday**

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:

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Marian Kupka, Muriel Saparamadu

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be on Saturday 7th March at 6pm. Young People required for singing, reading, etc. 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses on 26th February – 8am, 12noon (School Mass) and 7pm. **This is a day of Fast and Abstinence.**

If you can return your Palms by Tuesday morning, they will be burnt on Tuesday in the presence of the school children, ready for Wednesday. Otherwise, please bring them back next weekend and they will be burnt next year.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be Stations of the Cross at 6pm on Fridays during Lent, commencing this Friday 28th February.

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$848
Loose: \$353.90
Visitor Contribution: \$Nil

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2020

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

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

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

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.

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.

There will be no Group on Monday 2nd March.

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. **From this Thursday 27th February there will also be Bible Study at 7pm each Thursday night.** All are welcome. Please bring your Sunday Missal.

YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth 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 Wednesday 11th March at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

LENTEN CONCERT – "ASHES TO EASTER"

Peter Kearney Concert Saturday 29th February from 7-8pm at Holy Family Church, Willowdene Avenue, Luddenham. Entry fee is by donation.

PARISH FETE

Our Parish Fete will be on Sunday 16th August. Parish Council members will be talking at the Masses this weekend about setting up a Subcommittee to assist with the organising.

SCHOOL OPEN DAYS/NIGHTS

St Joseph's Primary – Tuesday 3rd March
9am-10am & 4pm-5pm

Xavier College – Tuesday 3rd March 4-6pm

St Dominic's – Sunday 8th March 10am and 12.30pm

Penola (Emu Plains) – Tuesday 10th March 5-8pm

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION NIGHT

Tuesday 10th March at 6.45pm at Institute of Mission, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. Speakers are Sr Patty Andrew & Dr Laurie Woods.

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

RELICS OF ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

As part of a four month pilgrimage in Australia, the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux and her parents, Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, will visit St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta for overnight veneration from 9.30pm on Wednesday March 4.

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 3rd Beatitude

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

In today's catechesis we focus on the third of the eight Beatitudes of Matthew's Gospel: "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth" (*Matthew* 5:5). The term "meek" used here means, literally, delicate, docile and gentle, devoid of violence. Meekness is manifested in moments of conflict, seen is how one reacts to a hostile situation. Anyone can sow meekness when all is calm, but how does one react "under pressure," if attacked, offended, assaulted?

Saint Paul recalls in a passage "the meekness and gentleness of Christ" (*2 Corinthians* 10:1). And Saint Peter in turn recalls Jesus' attitude in the Passion: He did not respond or threaten because "He trusted to Him who judges justly" (*1 Peter* 2:23). And Jesus' meekness is seeing strongly in His Passion.

In Scripture the word "meek" also indicates one who does not have earthly property; therefore, we are struck by the fact that the third Beatitude says, in fact, that the meek "shall inherit the earth."

In reality, this Beatitude quotes Psalm 37, which we heard at the beginning of the catechesis. There, also, meekness and possession of the earth are related. On second thought, these two things seem incompatible. In fact, possession of the earth is the typical ambit of conflict: often there are combats for a territory, to have hegemony over a certain area. In wars, the strongest prevails and conquers other lands.

However, let's look well at the verb used to indicate the possession of the meek: they don't conquer the earth. No, it doesn't say "blessed are the meek because they will conquer the earth," but they will "inherit" it. Blessed are the meek because they will "inherit" the earth. In the Scriptures the verb "inherit" has an even greater meaning. In fact, the People of God call "inheritance" the land of Israel, which is the Promised Land.

That land is a promise and a gift for the People of God, and it becomes a sign of something much

greater than a simple territory. There is a "land" — allow me the play on words — that is Heaven, namely, the land towards which we are walking: the new Heavens and the new earth towards which we are going (Cf. *Isaiah* 65:17; 66:22; *2 Peter* 3:13; *Revelation* 21:1). So, the meek is he who "inherits" the most sublime of territories. He isn't a coward, a "weak" person who finds an expedient morality to remain outside of problems. Quite the contrary! He is a person that has received an inheritance and doesn't want to squander it. The meek person isn't accommodating, but is a disciple of Christ who has learned to defend another land. He defends his peace; he defends his relationship with God; he defends his gifts, God's gifts, guarding mercy, fraternity, confidence and persons with hope.

Here we must make reference to the sin of anger, a violent motion, whose impulse we all know. Who hasn't been angry sometime? All. We must reverse the Beatitude and ask ourselves a question: how many things have we destroyed with anger? How many things have we lost? A moment of anger can destroy so many things; one loses control and one doesn't value what is really important, and one can ruin the relationship with a brother, sometimes without a remedy. So many brothers don't talk to one another any longer because of anger; they distance themselves from each other. It's the opposite of meekness. Meekness, gathers, anger, separates.

Meekness is the conquest of so many things. Meekness is capable of winning the heart, of saving friendships, and so many other things, because people get angry but then they calm down, they think again and retrace their steps, and so one can reconstruct with meekness.

The "earth" to be won with meekness is the salvation of that brother of whom Matthew's Gospel itself speaks: "If he listens to you, you have gained your brother" (*Matthew* 18:15). There is no land more beautiful than the heart of others; there is not territory more beautiful to gain than peace found again with a brother. And that's the earth to inherit with meekness!