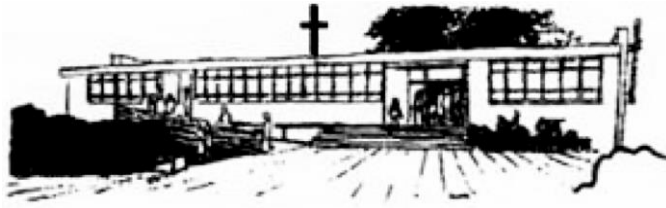


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Please leave a detailed Message

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2nd February 2020, Year A/2



ANGELICO, Fra, Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, 1440

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: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple.
Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth;
Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Responsorial Psalm: Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Dec. Mems. of the McHenry Family
SUNDAY	8:30am		Deceased Priests & Religious
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	4 th Week Ordinary Time	For Persecuted Christians
Tuesday	8:00am	St Catherine de Ricci	For Persecuted Christians
Wednesday	8.00am	St Agnes	For Persecuted Christians
Thursday	8.00am	St Paul Miki & Companions	
Friday	8.00am	4 th Week Ordinary Time	For God's Precious Infants
Saturday	8.30am	St Josephine Bakhita	

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:

Deceased Members of the McHenry Family,
Deceased Priests & Religious

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There is an opportunity to spend time with the Lord on Friday 7th February from 5pm to 10pm. All are welcome.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

YOUTH MASS

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

There will be Anointing of the Sick at the 8am Mass on 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

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

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: \$1128**
 Loose: \$457.85
 Visitor Contribution: \$1

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP:

Next Group is this 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 this Wednesday 5th February 2020. 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 12th February at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

SRE MEETING

Meeting for scripture teachers and helpers on Tuesday 4th February at 1pm. Anyone interested in this ministry are welcome. Antoinette 0413 686 270.

LISTENING & DISCERNING STAGE 2

A big thank-you to those who returned completed forms to the pink box for Plenary 2020.

PARISH MOVIE

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

BUSHFIRE RESPONSE

We collected \$868.40 towards the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal. Thank you for your generosity.

DIVINE MERCY AND ROSARY

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSES

Liturgical Ministry Formation Course for Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar begins Thursday 13th February at Penrith. Please see Office for Form.

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 on 8838 3460 or at marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org

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

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

On the Beatitudes

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

We begin today a series of catecheses on the Beatitudes in Matthew's Gospel (5:1-11). This text that opens the "Sermon on the Mount," and that has illuminated the life of believers and also of many non-believers. It's difficult not to be touched by these words of Jesus, and the desire is right to understand them and to receive them ever more fully. The Beatitudes contain the Christian's "identity card" — this is our identity card —, because they delineate the face itself of Jesus, His style of life.

Now we frame globally these words of Jesus; in the next catecheses we will comment on the individual Beatitudes, one by one.

Important, first of all, is how the proclamation of this message happened: Jesus, seeing the crowds that followed Him, climbs up the gentle slope that surrounds the Lake of Galilee; He sits down and, addressing His disciples, proclaims the Beatitudes. Therefore, the message is directed to the disciples, however, the crowds are on the horizons, namely, the whole of humanity. It's a message for the whole of humanity.

Moreover, the "Mount" refers to Sinai, where God gave Moses the Commandments. Jesus begins to teach a new law: to be poor, to be meek, to be merciful . . . These "new commandments" are much more than norms. In fact, Jesus doesn't impose anything, but reveals the way of happiness — His way — repeating eight times the word "Blessed." Each Beatitude is made up of three parts. First there is always the word "Blessed." Then comes the situation in which the Blessed find themselves: poverty of spirit, affliction, hunger and thirst for justice, and so on. Finally, there is the motive of the Beatitude, introduced by the

preposition "for." "Blessed are these for, Blessed are those for . . ." The eight Beatitudes are so, and it would be good to learn them by heart to repeat them, to have, in fact, in our mind and heart this law that Jesus has given us. Let's pay attention to this fact: the motive of the Beatitude isn't the present situation, but the new condition that the Blessed receive as gift from God: "for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven," "for they shall be comforted," "for they shall inherit the earth," and so on.

In the third element, which is in fact the motive of happiness, Jesus often uses a passive future: "shall be comforted," "shall inherit the earth," "shall be satisfied," "shall obtain mercy," "shall be called sons of God."

However, what does the word "Blessed" mean? Why does every one of the eight Beatitudes begin with the word "Blessed"? The original term doesn't indicate one with a full stomach or who is doing well, but it is a person who is in a condition of grace, who progresses in the grace of God and who progresses on the way of God: patience, poverty, service to others, consolation . . . Those that progress in these things will be happy and will be Blessed.

God often chooses unthinkable ways to give Himself to us, perhaps those of our limitations, of our tears, of our defeats. It's the paschal joy of which our Eastern brothers speak, which has the stigmata but is alive, has gone through death and has experienced God's power. The Beatitudes always lead us to joy; they are the way to attain joy.

It will do us good to take Matthew's Gospel today, chapter five, verses one to eleven and read the Beatitudes — perhaps once more during the week — to understand this very beautiful way, so sure of happiness, which the Lord proposes to us.