ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16th October 2016, Year C/2



Fra Angelico, Cortona Polyptych

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm (Mass in Polish)

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

Mr John Laffan - Acting Principal

School Office Times

8:30 am - 4:00 pm - Monday to Friday

Address

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LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon:

To You I call; for You will surely heed me, O God; turn Your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of Your eye; in the shadows of Your wings protect me.

Responsorial Psalm: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm Francis Montenegro (Dec. Ann.)

SUNDAY 8:30am Len Clarke (Deceased Anniversary)

10:00am For the Parish

Monday 8:00am St Ignatius of Antioch Anna Blazek (Recently Deceased)

Tuesday: 8:00am ST LUKE Anna Blazek (Recently Deceased)

Wednesday 8:00am Ordinary Time Nive & Milica (Birthdays)

Thursday 8:00am Ordinary Time Nive & Milica (Birthdays)

Friday 8:00am Ordinary Time Anna Blazek (Recently Deceased)

Saturday 8:30am St John Paul II Anna Blazek (Recently Deceased)

ADORATION CHAPEL:

Open during office hours or speak to Fr Andrew to arrange another time.

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.

HYMNS FOR WEEKEND MASSES:

Processional: Screen Offertory: 82 Communion: 516 or Screen Reflection: Screen

Recessional: 595

RECENTLY DECEASED: Anna Blazek

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

Francis Montenegro, Len Clarke

ROSARY IN OCTOBER:

During this month of October, the Statue of Our Lady will be on the Sanctuary and we will have Benediction and the Rosary after 8:00am Mass each weekday morning. Everyone is most welcome! During this month feel free to fill in the form at the back of the Church if you are interested in having Our Lady's Statue and the Rosary in your home for a week at a time, beginning in November.

POPE FRANCIS' OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTIONS

Universal: That journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics.

Evangelization: That World Mission Day may renew within all Christian communities the joy of the Gospel and the responsibility to announce it.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, Alistair McArthur, Dianne Devitt, John McCahon, Kathryn Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Debbie O'Connor, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, Gisela Drobiszewski, Charles Timmins, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Valerie Davies, Janet Boreham, Raymond Waters, Francene Flannery, Jason Isbitski, Rosslyn Talbot, David Jenkins, Noeline Cruzado & Les Smith.

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

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$1051

Loose: \$380-65

First Collection contributions go to the Diocese to support the priests working in the Parish.

Second collection contributions go directly to the Parish to support day to day operation of the Parish.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM:

Confirmation: 22 November 2016

SKY YOUTH GROUP:

Youth Group Wednesday from 3.00pm to 5.00pm.

LEGION OF MARY - 'Mary Seat of Wisdom'

Meetings are held every Tuesday from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the old office building. All persons interested in meeting and participating in Legion's activities are most welcome.



YEAR OF MERCY

Pope Francis has called on the whole Church to celebrate an extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. The Jubilee commenced on 8th December 2015 and will close on the Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe 20th November 2016.



GIFT OF THE PLENARY INDULGENCE

Pope Francis has granted a special Jubilee Plenary Indulgence, on usual conditions, for the faithful praying in a Dominican church. That is why every days' morning adoration we finish with special prayers.

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays after Mass-9am to 10am in Parish Hall. Aloma 4731 8102; Teresa – 4731 4222

2nd & 4th Thursday 7:00pm at 2/40 Single Road, South Penrith. Elaine - 4736 8162.

SRE TERM 4 MEETING:

Monday 9:30am in SRE Office. Please attend this important meeting.

NOVEMBER MASSES:

When you fill out your November Mass Envelope place it in the basket at the back of the Church, and please be sure to fill in the Remembrance Book with the names of your friends and relatives.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Available for purchase after all Masses at \$9 each.

SISTERS OF ST ELIZABETH

Handmade religious articles made by the Sisters at their convent in Belarus, will be available for sale after 8.00am Mass on Thursday 20th October. Please take this opportunity to support the numerous works of the Sisters.

LIFTED LIVE IN THE FORECOURT

Celebrate the feast of John Paul II. Meet Bishop Vincent. Live music, singers and dancers. Saturday 22nd October 7-10pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. See Poster on Notice Board.

SCHOENSTATT'S FOUNDATION DAY

Sunday 23rd October from 10.30am to 2.30pm at 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Inquiries please call 4773 8338.

DIOCESAN FAMILY SUNDAY

Hear from Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity and meet Bishop Vincent at the Shrine of the Holy Innocents, 8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville on Sunday 23rd October from 2pm to 5pm.

WAY OF MERCY CELEBRATION

Celebrating the love and mercy of God with the Cross of Mercy and the relics of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and St Teresa of Kolkata with praise, worship, testimonies and veneration of the Cross and Relics.

This will be a Community Celebration at St Nicholas of Myra at Penrith.

Saturday 29th October 11.30am to 12.30pm is St Joseph's specific time slot, which we are encouraged to support. Sunday 30th October from 11.30am to 1.15pm includes Procession of the cross and relics, liturgy of the word and veneration of the cross and relics. Please see Poster on Notice Board.

SOLO PARENT SERVICES

"Stepping Beyond" Support Group for those navigating their way through separation or divorce is held on the last Tuesday of each month at the CCSS Centre, 38 Prince St, Blacktown from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

Following proclamation of the Privacy Act 1988 at the end of 2001, a privacy policy has been developed in accordance with Diocesan norms and has been approved by the Parish Priest. A copy is available from the Parish Office.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

Pope's Message for World Day of Migrants – Part 1

Dear brothers and sisters,

"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me". With these words, the evangelists remind the Christian community of Jesus' teaching, which both inspires and challenges. This phrase traces the sure path which leads to God; it begins with the smallest and, through the grace of our Saviour, it grows into the practice of welcoming others. To be welcoming is a necessary condition for making this journey a concrete reality: God made himself one of us. In Jesus God became a child, and the openness of faith to God, which nourishes hope, is expressed in loving proximity to the smallest and the weakest. Charity, faith and hope are all actively present in the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, as we have rediscovered during the recent Extraordinary Jubilee.

But the Evangelists reflect also on the responsibility of the one who works against mercy: "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin: it is better for him to have a great millstone fastened round his neck and be drowned in the depth of the sea". How can we ignore this severe warning when we see the exploitation carried out by unscrupulous people? Such exploitation harms young girls and boys who are led into prostitution or into the mire of pornography; who are enslaved as child labourers or soldiers; who are caught up in drug trafficking and other forms of criminality; who are forced to flee from conflict and persecution, risking isolation and abandonment.

For this reason, on the occasion of the annual World Day of Migrants and Refugees, I feel compelled to draw attention to the reality of child migrants, especially the ones who are alone. In doing so I ask everyone to take care of the young, who in a threefold way are defenceless: they are children, they are foreigners, and they have no means to protect themselves. I ask everyone to help those who, for various reasons, are forced to live far from their homeland and are separated from their families.

Migration today is not a phenomenon limited to some areas of the planet. It affects all continents and is growing into a tragic situation of global proportions. Not only does this concern those looking for dignified work or better living conditions, but also men and women, the elderly and children, who are forced to leave their homes in the hope of finding safety, peace and security. Children are the first among those to pay the heavy toll of emigration, almost always caused by violence, poverty, environmental conditions, as well as the negative aspects of globalisation. The unrestrained competition for quick and easy profit brings with it the cultivation of perverse scourges such as child trafficking, the exploitation and abuse of minors and, generally, the depriving of rights intrinsic to childhood as

sanctioned by the International Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Childhood, given its fragile nature, has unique and inalienable needs. Above all else, there is the right to a healthy and secure family environment, where a child can grow under the guidance and example of a father and a mother; then there is the right and duty to receive adequate education, primarily in the family and also in the school, where children can grow as persons and agents of their own future and the future of their respective countries. Indeed, in many areas of the world, reading, writing and the most basic arithmetic is still the privilege of only a few. All children, furthermore, have the right to recreation; in a word, they have the right to be children.

And yet among migrants, children constitute the most vulnerable group, because as they face the life ahead of them, they are invisible and voiceless: their precarious situation deprives them of documentation, hiding them from the world's eyes; the absence of adults to accompany them prevents their voices from being raised and heard. In this way, migrant children easily end up at the lowest levels of human degradation, where illegality and violence destroy the future of too many innocents, while the network of child abuse is difficult to break up.

How should we respond to this reality?

Firstly, we need to become aware that the phenomenon of migration is not unrelated to salvation history, but rather a part of that history. One of God's commandments is connected to it: "You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt"; "Love the sojourner therefore; for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt". This phenomenon constitutes a sign of the times, a sign which speaks of the providential work of God in history and in the human community, with a view to universal communion. While appreciating the issues, and often the suffering and tragedy of migration, as too the difficulties connected with the demands of offering a dignified welcome to these persons, the Church nevertheless encourages us to recognise God's plan. She invites us to do this precisely amidst this phenomenon, with the certainty that no one is a stranger in the Christian community, which embraces "every nation, tribe, people and tongue". Each person is precious; persons are more important than things, and the worth of an institution is measured by the way it treats the life and dignity of human beings, particularly when they are vulnerable, as in the case of child migrants.

Furthermore, we need to work towards protection, integration and long-term solutions.

(Continued next week)