



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mass Times
Sat: 5:30pm (Vigil)
Sun: 9am, 10.30am, 6pm
Mon - Thur: 9.15am
Frid - Sat: 12 Noon

Family Mass with Children's Liturgy:
 Sunday 10.30am

Sacraments Reconciliation
 Sat 11.30am - 12 noon
 4.45pm - 5:15pm

Baptism
 2nd & 4th Sun of the month at 12 noon

Marriage - Sat & Sun
 1.30pm - 3pm (at least 6 months notice is required)

Devotions
 Every first Wednesday of the month at 7pm
 Mass, Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Daily Prayer
 Church is open from 8am - 3.30pm

Holy Hour Weekdays
 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Cenacle
 Mondays 8am

Rosary & Prayer
 Monday 8.30am

2017 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
 More information is available on our website or email Heather sacraments@stjosephenfield.org.au

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM INFORMATION & ENROLMENT DAY 15th October 2017 at 3.30pm - 4.30pm in the parish meeting room. Confirmation Commitment Weekend: All Masses 21/10/2017 & 22/10/2017. Those who have enrolled online will be contacted via email to arrange joining a group that will suit them, once the Leaders and their available times are organised by the Parish. This can be quite close to the enrolment date. Catholic Schools and the Catechists to the Public Schools support the programs and instruction on the Sacraments is included in the Religious Education and Scripture curriculum.

CONFIRMATION MASS SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2017, AT 1PM

NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2017 - 2018
 Please collect your new envelope box from the table at the entrance of the church.

TAX RECEIPTS
 Unfortunately there will be a delay in your tax returns for this financial year. There are some complications due to the change of state tax laws in this year from the 1st January. We apologise for any inconvenience and be assured that you will receive them as soon as possible.

PLANNED GIVING
 For new families in our Parish if you would like to register and become a contributor in supporting the parish and its activities, please contact the parish office during business hours.

ROSARY THIS WEEK
 Will be at Rosina & Rocco Rotunno, 10/37 Angelo St, Burwood at 4pm. Phone: 0414 084 574 for more details.

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL
 The St. Joseph's conference of the St. Vincent De Paul Society will be conducting their winter appeal on the 22 - 23 July. Envelopes will be placed on the pews and these can be placed on either collection plates or left in the poor box. From January to 30 June we have distributed \$4380 worth of Woolworths food vouchers, paid \$1990 rent assistance, purchased 3 refrigerators and also 2 washing machines for those in need, a total cost of \$1450. Other help was to a young mother with 3 children \$600 moving fee from Croydon to Waterloo. The parishioners of St Joseph's are our only source of income through our 2 appeals Christmas and Winter and your weekly support of our poor boxes in the church. We rely entirely on your generosity to help us to assist the people in need in our parish area. Thank you for your generous donations.

A MATTER CONCERNING HOLY COMMUNION
 To show due reverence to the Holy Eucharist, I would like to remind you before Holy Communion, please genuflect or bow before receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ on the hand or on the tongue. Also, dipping (intinction) the Eucharist into the Blood is not permitted in the Sydney Archdiocese.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION
 Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, through your Death gave life to the world, free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood, from all my sins and from every evil, keep me always faithful to your commandments and never let me be parted from you. Amen.

PRAY AFTER COMMUNION - ANIMA CHRISTI
 Soul of Christ, sanctify me, Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me within Thy wounds hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from Thee. From the malignant enemy, defend me. In the hour of my death, call me and bid me come to Thee that with thy saints I may praise Thee forever and ever. Amen.

ATTENTION ALL CATECHISTS
 For Catechists presently sharing the good news to our State Public Schools. All Catechists to sign a current, Declaration of Code of Conduct and Volunteer Registration Form. This is required by State Law. These forms are available in the Sacristy.

TRAFFICKING OF HUMANS
 The next Parish Against the Trafficking of Humans meeting will be held Tuesday 1 August at 7pm in the Meeting Room. All welcome to come along and learn more about this important issue. It's a sad day when backpackers on a working holiday in Australia are abused and find themselves in dire straits: You can learn more about what has been happening by watching Part 2 of ABC's Australian Story, on Monday 17 July. It tells the story of a 20 year old backpacker who was murdered during a working holiday in rural Australia, (Queensland). Her grieving mother uncovers a world of sexual, financial and psychological exploitation

Dear friends,
 We welcome back our school community after their two weeks break. Hopefully they all had a good holiday and are eager to listen and learn more in this term.

Today's gospel is about listening. The two ways to faith is through listening and seeing. They are the two sides of the one coin.

Our Lord Jesus assures us that there is abundant life through listening to God. The word of God is truth itself and will never fail us even if we have to wait until the end of time for it to be fulfilled. The word of God is the most powerful force in the world because it is the voice of the true and living God. Our hearts would be instantly filled with grace, hope, love and joy if we listen to Gods word with total receptivity and openness.

How powerful are words that can change our life. For example, someone saying I love you, instantly our life is filled with joy and love. This is the point of todays parable, that listening to God's word can bring us unimaginable joy, peace and love. A lot more than we could ever imagine. Jesus wanted his listeners to break from their old limited thinking about the power of God's word by saying that some seed can yield 30, 60 and 100 fold, an incredible result.

Here is what listening spiritually can do for us:
 The bridge of gender. The door of hospitality. The teacher of respect. The protein of growing. The permit of searching. The strength of friendship. The bed of intimacy. The window of openness. The key to understanding. The fountain of learning. The seed of encouragement. The voice of confidence. The ear of the heart. The relief of anger. The key to forgiveness. The balm of healing. The anchor of peace. The hand of support. The soil of nurturing. The means of change. The sound of leadership. The key to success. The seat of wisdom. The lining of love. The meaning of prayer. The home of the spirit. The foundation of love. The way to humility. The art of living. The experience of enchantment. The only way to the truth. The power of love. The path of salvation. The gate of heaven.
 The touch of God.

Next week, we have our parish Vinnies Winter's Appeal, please give generously for this cause.

Bishop Geoffrey Robinson's 80th birthday is on the 10th August. The parish will celebrate this on the 13th of August at 10:30am Mass. Bishop Robinson will be the main celebrant for this Mass and I will co-celebrate with him. There will be lunch in the hall after Mass. Please bring your national food or sweet dish to share with the rest of the community. There will be drinks and barbeque and jumping castles provided. The school community will be invited to share the joy of Bishop's life.

Saint Mary Magdalene—Feast day 22 July.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation time will change as from the 22 July 4.45pm to 5:15pm rather from 4:30pm to 5pm on Saturdays.

Fr. Kim

Week 4 - 22/23 July	5.30pm	9.00am	10.30am	6pm
Acolytes	Des	Allen	Richard	Chris
1st Reader	Natasha	Sr. Helena	Paula	Josephine
2nd Reader	Teresa	Sr. Helena	Vesna	John
EMHC	Rose C & Jenny	Kate & Julie	Rosetta & Marie-Ange	Sonia & Carla
Altar Servers	Niamh, Dan & Deegan	Gianluca & James	Ethan & Joshua	Isabella, Patrick, Dylan & Killian
Counters	Stephanie Smith & Maria Dight			
Ministers to the Sick	Marita Devaney, Richard Allcock			
Children's liturgy	Susan & Hae Jung			
Church Cleaning 17-23	Theresa M S Lee, Antonietta, Anne			

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

School Motto: Live Justly, Love Tenderly and Walk Humbly with Our Loving God.

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Principal: Maria Maiorana

- With St Joseph we pray ...**
- For the sick**
 Lee Tilliam
 Fedorowicz & Sokolowski Families
 Sharon & Sarah Holliday
 Zachary Marsh
 Sue Brancatisano
 Bishop Geoffrey
 Nikranicz & Waslowicz Families
 Ruth Correy Ahern
 Michael Abou-Antoun
 Douglas Edwards
 Helen Bache
 Lan Fon Yu
 Anna Pezzuto
 Michael Tucker
- For the Souls of**
 Peter Choon Hyo Lee
 Theresa M S Lee
 Antonio Pignataro
 Loffo Maria Grazia
 Antonietta Pignataro
 Russo Bruno
 Anunziata Paiano
 John Stabile
 Anne Jennings
 Marie Robertson
 Katrina Brennan
 Mary Steele
 Maria Vitelli
 Franco Antognoni
 Joan Dickinson
 Anica Luboya
 Giuseppe Aiello
 Raffaele Francone
 Mary Ruddle
 Caterina Perin
 Edith Summerton
 Hazel Thomlinson
 Thomas Si Blasi
 Douglas Biffin
 Antonina Legzoinis
 Rose Wilson
 Sam Ho
 Katerina Verdino
 Mary Hendrey
 Guido Uliana
 John Ryan
 Bartolo Di Losa
 Thomas Hanlon
 Sidney Tayler
 James Horscroft
 Souls of the unborn children
 All Holy Souls in Purgatory

- Recently Deceased**
 Marsha Young
 Maria Celina Rego
 Monsignor Gregory Weaver
 Beryl Chaves
 Leith Myerson
- Special Intentions**
 Lee Tilliam
 Nicotina Family
 Pezzuto Family
 Ferraro Family

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

16 July 2017

longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Shorter form 13:1-9.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED
Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / Aorn of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said...

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

 cf. Ps 83:4-5

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

JOY AT THE RICH HARVEST

While the land of Israel could boast of fertile oasis-towns like Jericho, there were many places where farming was difficult. As the Gospel parable points out, rocky and uneven soil predominates, and farmers have to work hard to render the ground arable (see Is 5:2). After the early rain has softened the soil, ploughing begins. Sowing is done either before or after the ploughing. In the parable, the sower may be sowing with care, but he ends up wasting seed because conditions are so difficult.

But the extravagant harvest gives a clue to the message of the parable. On average, one might expect a four- or five-fold return on sowing. So thirty-, sixty-, or a hundredfold is really unexpected. If a tenant farmer produces such a harvest, he will satisfy the landowner, provide seed for the next sowing, and have enough for his family to eat.

The extravagant harvest, which boggles the imagination, tells us that this is clearly due to God rather than the human effort. The parable may describe an ordinary scenario, but is pointing to 'something more.' The yields are exaggerated, but not when applied to the sowing of the 'seed of the word' done by God who is a generous provider. The parable points to what the prophet Isaiah declares: just as the rain and snow do not return to the heavens without watering the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, so the word that goes forth from my mouth does not return to me empty (Is 55:10-11).

Because of the difficulty of sowing and nurturing the seed, the sowers may sow in tears. But because of the Lord who is always the 'Lord of the harvest,' these sowers will sing when they reap (cf. Ps 125:5).

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LISTEN, ANYONE WHO HAS EARS. Do we really listen when the Word of God is proclaimed at Mass? Do we allow it to take root in our hearts and yield a rich harvest? If we try to listen at Mass, we will learn to listen also to the many voices that cry out to us in the midst of our busy lives – the voices of our children, of our parents, of our spouse, of those who need us to hear them.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; / I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to the Father and to one another: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

You heal the wounds of our sin and division: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You intercede for us with the Father: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. Through our Lord Jesus

Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isa 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The rain makes the earth give growth.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk. 8:8

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water, / you fill it with riches. / Your river in heaven brims over / to provide its grain. **R.**
2. And thus you provide for the earth; / you drench its furrows, / you level it, soften it with showers, / you bless its growth. **R.**
3. You crown the year with your goodness. / Abundance flows in your steps, / in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**
4. The hills are girded with joy, / the meadows covered with flocks, / the valleys are decked with wheat. / They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

SECOND READING Rom 8:18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-

fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! / The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; / all who come to him will live for ever. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 13:1-23

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but for anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men