



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Parishioners,

I am grateful to Fr Kim for inviting me to write this note as I celebrate my eightieth birthday.

I had always been convinced that I would never reach this age, so I feel myself exploring strange and unexpected territory.

Twenty-five years ago, on Christmas Eve in 1992, I had coronary bypass surgery. I will always remember the moment I came awake again and my very first thought was simply "I'm alive". It was a moment of deep gratitude to both God and the medical staff, and was one of the most profound spiritual moments I have ever experienced. My father had died of heart problems at the age of forty-seven because operations such as this had not been available in his day, and yet here was I. I remember the deep feeling that any extra time I would have was borrowed time, a pure gift from God, and was given to me to be used as well as I possibly could. I did not know that very soon afterwards the Australian Bishops would throw me into the middle of the maelstrom of sexual abuse and I would have a great need of this sense of time to be used well.

I have now lived in this parish for almost thirty years. For the first sixteen I was elsewhere on most Sundays, attending to the needs of others. But for the last thirteen I have been here, and I have been deeply grateful for the acceptance and welcome I have been given. A priest influences a parish, but the parish equally influences the priest, if only he is willing to learn. I have been nurtured and formed by you, as I have gradually got to know you better and learned something of your joys and sorrows, your hopes and disappointments. I have rejoiced with you in baptisms and graduations and weddings; I have seen how you have coped with sickness and death. I have been greatly strengthened by you through the last two and a half years of my cancer. I feel strongly supported by you as I reach the most unexpected milestone of eighty years of age.

The parish has been through its ups and downs over the time I have been here, and I am delighted to see that it has moved into calmer waters with the coming of Fr. Kim. I hope that this will provide the opportunity for the parish to build a community based on the kingly rule of God within the heart of each member and on a greater reaching out to each other.

One of the names for a priest from earliest times was "pontifex" and this means a "bridge builder", for the task of a priest is to be a bridge builder between human beings and God, a means by which they might come to God and God might come to them. No priest can do this alone, and every member of the parish is meant to share in this role and assist in the work of building bridges. May we together build bridges between the old and the young, the rich and the poor, people of different ethnic and social backgrounds, bridges above all with those most in need of them – the lonely, the marginalized, those who live in the midst of our community, but feel that they do not belong to it, that there is no one who cares about them.

A parish can be a powerful and liberating force, for it is a means by which people can work together and build something of true value.

Bishop Geoff.

With St Joseph we pray ...

For the sick

- Lee Tilliam
- Fedorowicz Family
- Sokolowski Family
- Sharon Holliday
- Sarah Holliday
- Zachary Marsh
- Sue Brancatisano
- Bishop Geoffrey
- Nikranicz Family
- Waslowicz Family
- Ruth Correy Ahern
- Michael Abou-Antoun
- Douglas Edwards
- Helen Bache
- Lan Fon Yu
- Anna Pezzuto
- Michael Tucker
- Antionette Serci
- Barbara Mitchell
- Lina Grande
- Sean Da Silva
- Alfonso Costantini
- Joseph You
- Martin Fleming
- Sam Shepherd
- Patrick Morris

For the Souls of

- John Stabill
- Gregory Yum
- Robert Damiani
- Irene Malley
- Agnes Hart
- Matteo Ilacqua
- Valerie Jollow
- Patricia Fletcher
- Barbara Wood
- Stefano Bilotta
- Antonino Sorbello
- Jean Johnson
- Algernon Turner
- Alexander Sisk
- Eva Merlino
- Diega Craparotta
- Vincenzo Chisari
- Giovanni Marzi
- Violet Denniss
- Constance O'Hara
- Ellen Peak
- Anna Amarino
- Teresa Pellarin
- Reginald Wood

Souls of the unborn children
All Holy Souls in Purgatory

Recently Deceased

- Peter Murphy
- Giovanna Marmotta
- LeeAnne Hendricks

Anniversary

- Imelda Garcia
- Stanley Hart
- Giovanna Mangraviti

Special Intentions

- Nicotina Family
- Pezzuto Family
- Ferraro Family
- Biviano Family

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. Credit Card donations will be processed every 15th day of the month.

PLANNED GIVING TAX RECEIPTS FOR 1 JULY 16 - 31 DEC 16

Please collect your planned giving tax receipt for the financial year 1 July 2016 - 31 December 2016 on the table at the entrance of the church under photos of previous parish priests. Receipts are also available for those who donated to Charitable Works Fund and other appeals that are tax deductible.

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 & STATUE OF OUR LADY THIS WEEK

Will be with Elizabeth Castellanos, 91 The Boulevard Strathfield, phone 0411 848 617. Rosary 5.30pm.

PRAYER GROUP, HEALING MASS & TEACHING DAY

Prayer Group every 2nd, 3rd, 4th Wednesday of the month from 7-9pm. Rosary, Divine Mercy, Prayer & Praise. **Healing Mass** every first Friday of the month at 7pm. **Teaching Day** Saturday 12th August 9.45am - 3.45pm. Speaker Fr. Baiju Thomas, MGL. Cost \$15. **More information contact Rose 0412 115 961.**

PATH NEWS

On 19 September Carolyn Kitto from Stop the Traffik will be coming to speak in our Parish Hall about what we here in Australia can do to stop slavery in our time. DID YOU KNOW: a young girl of 14 may have been trafficked to make your cotton t-shirt?

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 OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

Almighty and ever-living God, I approach the sacrament of your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. I come sick to the doctor of life, unclean to the fountain of mercy, blind to the radiance of eternal light, and poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth. Amen.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL

Will be held this weekend, and is tax deductible.

VOCATION WEEKEND WITH THE CAPUCHIN FRANCISCAN FRIARS 1-3 September 2017.

Come for a chance to explore the inspiring and uplifting vocations to the priesthood and to consecrated religious life. It's a Live-in weekend retreat for young men (18-35) to aid the discernment of God's call and our response. Starts 7:30pm Friday at 98 Catherine St, Leichhardt and concludes with 6pm Mass on Sunday. Cost is FREE/optional donation. There will be **Mass on Saturday and Sunday, Adoration, quiet prayer, talks, confession available, quiet time and the opportunity to get useful advice.** If you're discerning, come along! Contact Fr Thomas on vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au or 0432 362 052. Retreatants **must register** as there are limited spaces available. Website: capuchinfriars.org.au.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL – ACYF

Early Bird registrations for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival close on Friday 18 August; payment to secure this rate must be finalised by Friday 25 August. All young people from this parish aged from Year 9 to 30 years of age are invited to contact our Deanery Coordinator Anita 0406 607 115 for further information. The Festival will attract around 15,000 young people from all over Australia. Please support this major initiative of the Australian Bishops and encourage your young people to register. There are 30 free registrations available to State School students also available through the Deanery Coordinator. (See attached ACYF flyer).

Parish Office

Administration

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9am - 3pm Linda & Anne
Fr. Kim is not available on Mondays

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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

Every Monday 8am

Rosary & Prayer

Monday 8.30am
Thursday & Saturday 11.30am

	5.30pm	9.00am	10.30am	6pm
Week 3 - 19/20 Aug				
Acolytes	Des	Allen	Richard	Chris
1st Reader	Lalita	Tania	Monique	Chris
2nd Reader	Maria	Rose	Donna	Simran
EMHC	Lina & Kevin F	Romanta & Sr. Helena	Arienne & Beryl H	James
Altar Servers	Louis, Mateusz, Gideon & Grace	Annabella & Savannah	Daniel	Isabella, Nate & Morgan
Counters	Mike Radecki & Luke Touma			
Ministers to the Sick	John Pestana Marita Devaney Clover Lea - Permanent Commitment Amy Alarcon			
Children's liturgy	Cara, Cassandra			
Church Cleaning 14-20	Linda Praum, Liz Reards, Barbara Manduca, Belinda			

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

GOSPEL

Mt 14:22-33

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.*Command me to come to you over the water.*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.****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, / born 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. Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church, for in your mercy you have given them to be offered and by your power you transform them into the mystery of our salvation. 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: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**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** Ps 147:12, 14**O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.****PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P. May the communion in your Sacrament that we have consumed, save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your truth. 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****WINDS AND SEA**

The Israelites called their powerful neighbours – the Philistines – 'sea people' because they were descendants of invaders who entered the land via the Mediterranean Sea. They lived along the coastlines. North of Israel lived the Phoenicians who were active sea traders.

In contrast, the people of Israel were not seagoing. They had a fear of the sea, and saw it as a monster restrained by Yahweh (*Job* 38: 8-11). The only big body of water in Israel is the Sea of Galilee around which Jesus went as an itinerant preacher. His first and closest disciples were fishermen.

Storms can suddenly come over the Sea of Galilee: waters that are calm can turn violent in seconds. In today's Gospel the boat boarded by Jesus' disciples is being tossed ferociously by the waves and strong wind. Even though the disciples are sturdy fishermen and used to the ways of the water, they fear for their lives. They become even more terrified when they see Jesus whom they mistake for a 'ghost' or a water spirit. People in Jesus' time believed in spirits, including wind and water spirits that wreaked havoc on human lives.

Matthew's Christian readers probably saw the boat as a symbol of their community. They are being threatened by trial and persecution – from both Jews and Gentiles – on account of their faith. The incident of the storm mirrors the doubt of the community which is represented especially by Peter. But it also shows the power of Jesus who comes to save. Thus the story is a summons to renew their faith, a faith focused on the Lord's power and expressed in the cry, 'Lord, save me'.

FR GIL ALINSANGAN SSP

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A**13 AUGUST 2017**

JESUS WENT UP INTO THE HILLS TO PRAY. The prophet Elijah and Jesus both went up a mountain to pray. Many people have experienced the presence of God in the wonder and solitude of a mountain top. But God is also to be found at sea level, in the ups and downs of our daily lives. When we are swamped by troubles and cry out, 'Lord, save me,' we allow God to reach out and hold us.

INTRODUCTORY RITES**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 73:20, 19, 22, 23**Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.****Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.****GREETING**

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

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.**PENITENTIAL ACT**

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.**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. Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. 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**

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings
Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.**R. Thanks be to God.****RESP PSALM**

Ps 84:9-14. R. v. 8

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, / a voice that speaks of peace. / His help is near for those who fear him / and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**



2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; / justice and peace have embraced. / Faithfulness shall spring from the earth / and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

3. The Lord will make us prosper / and our earth shall yield its fruit. / Justice shall march before him / and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord.**R. Thanks be to God.****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Ps 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia! / I hope in the Lord, / I trust in his word. / Alleluia!