



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 Sat: 5:30pm (Vigil)
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 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

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 hall. 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

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. For Credit Card donations, these will be processed every 15th day of the calendar month.

TAX RECEIPTS 2017-2018 A total amount of 25% of your Planned Giving will be contributed to Charitable Works Fund, so that you can benefit a 25% tax deductibility from your Planned Giving contributions for the new financial year ending 2018.

ROSTERS
 The new readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, cleaners, children's liturgy rosters are now available for collection in the sacristy. Please collect them and introduce yourself to Fr. Kim.

ROSARY & STATUE OF OUR LADY THIS WEEK
 Will be with Antonette Karam, 10 Firth Street Strathfield. Please call Antonette on 0421057896 if you would like to attend and pray with the group.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL
 Our winter appeal raised \$5,404. We would like to thank you the parishioners, for your generosity and compassion. The money raised will greatly assist us in helping the people in our parish who are in need.
 Noel Richardson.

HEALING MASS every first Friday of the month at 7pm. More information contact Rose 0412 115 961.

PRAYER GROUP
 Wednesday 7pm Rosary followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet. 7.30pm Prayer & Praise, then looking at next Sunday's Gospel, what is the Gospel saying to me? How do I go out and live the Gospel? A time of sharing what is God doing in my life, intercessory prayer praying for the sick and the needs of our Parish. Close 9pm.

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
 Dear Lord, may I receive you in this Communion With open arms, and a loving, contrite heart, So that I may be filled with Your grace, For my good and Your glory! Amen.

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH AFTER MASS
 O Guardian of virgins and father, Saint Joseph, to whose faithful custody Innocence itself, Christ Jesus, and Mary, Virgin or virgins, was committed; I pray and beseech thee by each of these dear pledges, Jesus and Mary, that, being preserved from all uncleanness, I may with spotless mind, pure heart, and a chaste body, ever serve Jesus and Mary most chastely all the days of my life. Amen.

PARISH MONTHLY BARBEQUE
 Starting on the first Sunday of October after the 10:30am Mass.

YOUNG ADULTS YOUTH GROUP
 First meeting will be on Friday 6th October at 6pm in the parish meeting room. Pizza and drinks will be provided for dinner.

LENTEN DVD SALE
 Bishop Robinson presented a 5 week Lenten lecture series which has been produced into a 5 part DVD series. The lecture series provides a deeper understanding of the Gospel readings during Lent. The DVD series can be purchased through the Parish office. A kind donation of \$30 is appreciated.

MARRIAGE SURVEY
 As survey forms begin arriving in letterboxes across Australia, it is important that we are fully equipped with information about the consequences of changing the definition of marriage and the impacts this will have on individuals, families, education and churches. The Coalition for Marriage has released a comprehensive guide to some of the key consequences and questions around this important conversation. Go to www.coalitionformarriage.com.au/handbook to download your free copy.

PATH NEWS:
 REMINDER: Carolyn Kitto from the Stop the Traffik will be speaking in our Parish Hall next Tuesday evening (19 September) at 7pm. (Supper provided). Bishop Terry Brady will be attending. All welcome to come and learn how we can avoid being part of the horrible business of slavery by being careful with our purchasing choices.

Dear Parishioners,

Debt is a dirty word and we all would feel much better and freer without it. It is a burden that ties us down. But there is a debt that makes us feel good, that lifts us up. This debt is a debt to God for paying the price of our short comings before the eyes of God. The price of sin is death and Jesus pays this price so we can live in the freedom of being God's children. Thus, we should be grateful and know we are always in God's debt. He is the one who is always forgiving us and reconciling us to himself.

Love is best given as forgiveness. To cooperate with God's grace in the other person who asked for forgiveness, we must always forgive them from our heart, no matter how many times they offend us. We must always have hope for their conversion and humanity, just as God has for us, and forgive them.

The most beautiful act we can give the other person if we truly care for their eternal life is forgiveness. Sooner or later we need forgiveness since we will make mistakes.

Below is some wisdom from Pope Benedict XVI.
 Fr. Kim

BREAKFAST WITH BENEDICT - DAILY READINGS
SEEKING TRUTH AND FREEDOM

Have you noticed how often the call for freedom is made without ever referring to the truth of the human person? Some today argue that respect for freedom of the individual makes it wrong to seek truth, including the truth about what is good. In some circles to speak of truth is seen as controversial or divisive, and consequently best kept in the private sphere. And in truth's place—or better said its absence—an idea has spread which, in giving value to everything indiscriminately, claims to assure freedom and to liberate conscience. This we call relativism. But what purpose has a “freedom” which, in disregarding truth, pursues what is false or wrong? How many young people have been offered a hand which in the name of freedom or experience has led them to addiction, to moral or intellectual confusion, to hurt, to a loss of self-respect, even to despair and so tragically and sadly to the taking of their own life? Dear friends, truth is not an imposition. Nor is it simply a set of rules. It is a discovery of the One who never fails us; the One who we can always trust. In seeking truth we come to live by belief because ultimately truth is a person: Jesus Christ. That is why authentic freedom is not an opting out. It is an opting in; nothing less than letting go of self and allowing oneself to be drawn into Christ's very being for others (cf. Spe Salvi, 28).

APPLYING CHRIST'S VICTORY

If, to save us, the Son of God had to suffer and die on the Cross, it was certainly not by a cruel design of the heavenly Father. The reason is the gravity of the illness from which he came to heal us; it was such a serious, mortal disease that it required all his Blood. Indeed, it was with his death and Resurrection that Jesus defeated sin and death and re-established God's lordship. Yet the battle is not over. Evil exists and resists in every generation, as we know, in our day too. What are the horrors of war, violence to the innocent, the wretchedness and injustice unleashed against the weak other that the opposition of evil to the Kingdom of God? And how is it possible to respond to so much wickedness except with the unarmed and disarming power of love that conquers hatred and of life that has no fear of death? It is the same mysterious power that Jesus used, at the cost of being misunderstood and abandoned by many of his own.

Dear brothers and sisters, in order to bring the work of salvation fully to completion, the Redeemer continues to associate to himself and his mission men and women who are prepared to take up their cross and follow him. (Angelus, August 31, 2008).

Feast Days Wednesday 20 August St. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang and their Companions
 Thursday 21 August St Matthew, Apostle Evangelist.

	5.30pm	9.00am	10.30am	6pm
Week 4- 23/24 Sept				
Acolytes	Richard	Tom	Allen	Chris
1st Reader	Natasha	Lalita	Paula	John
2nd Reader	Teresa	Sr. Helena	Vesna	Carol
EMHC	Rose C & Jenny	Kate & Julie	Rosetta & Marie-Ange	Sonia & Carla
Altar Servers	Niamh, Dan & Deegan	Gianluca & James	Ethan & Joshua	Isabella, Patrick, Dylan & Kilian
Counters	Pat Geradis & Thomas Au			
Ministers to the Sick	Richard Allcock Kevin Fernandez Clover Lea - Permanent Commitment Amy Alarcon			
Children's liturgy	School Holidays			
Church Cleaning 11-17	Linda Praum, Belinda, Barbara Manduca, Liz Reardon			

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



School Motto
 Live Justly, Love Tenderly and Walk Humbly with Our Loving God.
 For all new enrolments please call 9744 2811.

Principal Mrs Maria Maiorana

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
 Sonia Grigoriou
 Barbara Mitchell
 Lina Grande
 Michael Tucker
 Antoniette Serci
 Sean Da Silva
 Alfonso Costantini
 Joseph You
 Martin Fleming
 Sam Shepherd
 Patrick Morris
 Rocob Shi
 Haishong Andy Shi
 Theresa Lee

- For the Souls of**
 Valenzisi Salvatore
 Antonietta Cartiere
 Eileen Cummins
 Mary McKeon
 Joanne Curro
 Gaetano Crolla-Famularo
 Leanne Hendricks
 Ivan Mustac
 Melinda Manikas
 Sophia Franchi
 Carlo Calgagno
 Eliabeth Pellicano
 Giuseppe Vetrivano
 James Malone
 Luigi Isidori
 Giovanna Sciarone
 Angelo Vitaliti
 Souls of the unborn children
 All Holy Souls in Purgatory
 Celie Maddock
 Anis Haddad

Anniversary
 Pietrina Curro
 Arthur Wong

Recently Deceased
 Joanne Curro
 Renato Luna
 Frank Jenkins
 Keith De Britt

Special Intentions
 Nicotina Family
 Pezzuto Family
 Hendricks Family
 Shirley Wong
 Veronica Mustac

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

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no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

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. Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord, and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings, that what each has offered to the honour of your name may serve the salvation of all. 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: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection 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 35: 8

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray, take possession of our minds and bodies, so that its effects, and not our own desires, may always prevail in us. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

FORGIVENESS OF DEBTS

In the mostly oral culture of Jesus time, people did not 'measure' their words but often used hyperbole, extravagant imagery, symbolism, and comparison to bring out an unforgettable message. A good case is today's Gospel parable.

The parable speaks of the 'big family' of a king. The 'servants' are slaves who are members of his household. They are his slave-bureaucrats. Asked for an accounting, one slave is discovered to owe the king ten thousand talents. A talent was approximately equivalent to 6,000 denarii; a denarius was equivalent to a day's pay. The amount boggles the imagination, and is clearly intended to underline the impossibility of repayment. But the king is sensitive to his honourable reputation. If he exacts the payment from a servant of his own household, he would be judged as without honour. He cancels his debt.

If the behaviour the king is 'too good to be true', that of the forgiven slave is both shocking and sad. The slave turns to his fellow slave and exacts from him an amount (only 100 denarii) that is so small compared to his own debt. He refuses to imitate the mercy of his king-patron. This time the sense of honour of the king makes him punish the 'wicked servant'. If the servant gets away with his deed, the king will be dishonoured before his servants and his subjects.

The parable is part of a collection of Jesus' teachings called the Community Discourse (Matthew 18). Matthew here teaches that the members of the Christian community must treat one another as God has treated each of them. As they were called to be believers and were forgiven their sins at the cost of Jesus' blood, so they must forgive one another 'from the heart'.

FR GIL ALINSANGAN SSP

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HOW OFTEN MUST I FORGIVE? There is much truth in the proverb, 'to err is human, to forgive divine'. We all make mistakes. We all do or say things we later regret. And yet, when others wrong us, we can find it beyond our human strength to forgive. As we celebrate the mystery of Christ's love today, let us ask Jesus to heal our divisions and fill our hearts with his spirit of forgiveness.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Sir 36: 18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

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.

P. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. 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. Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. 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 Sir 27:30 – 28:7

A reading from the Book of Sirach. Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

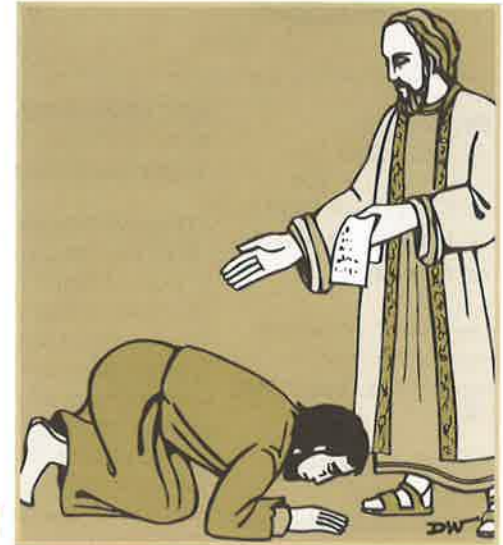
RESP PSALM Ps 102: 1-4, 9-12. R. v. 8

R. The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, / all my being, bless his holy name. / My soul, give thanks to the Lord / and never forget all his blessings. R.

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, / who heals every one of your ills, / who redeems your life from the grave, / who crowns you with love and compassion. R.

3. His wrath will come to an end; / he will not be angry for ever. / He does not treat us according to our sins / nor repay us according to our faults. R.



4. For as the heavens are high above the earth / so strong is his love for those who fear him. / As far as the east is from the west / so far does he remove our sins. R.

SECOND READING 14: 7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 13: 34

Alleluia, alleluia! / I give you a new commandment: / love one another as I have loved you. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 18: 21-35

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.

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had