



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
 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.

ROSARY & STATUE OF OUR LADY THIS WEEK

Will be with Mark Eid, 35 Baker St Enfield. Please call Mark 0417 194 917.

PRAYER GROUP, HEALING MASS 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.

PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday 30th August 7pm. St Joseph's Prayer Group Adoration All Welcome 7pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, silent Adoration followed by Benediction Conclude 8-30pm.

HEALING MASS FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

Celebrant Fr. Kim Ha
 Rosary 7pm, Reconciliation 7-8pm, Prayer & Praise 7.30pm. Exposition (after Mass)
 Rose: 9642-2359 / 0412 115 961.
 Email: rosetywmysydney@gmail.com

TEACHING DAY 16th September **More information contact Rose 0412 115 961.**

PATH NEWS-DATE CLAIMER: on Tuesday 19 September, at 7pm, Carolyn Kitto from Stop the Traffik will be speaking in our parish hall about what individuals can do to avoid being part of the horror of human slavery. We are fortunate in having Bishop Terry Brady, as Auxiliary of Sydney and Chair of the Australian Bishops' Committee for Pastoral Life, attending and local politicians have been invited as well. Also, Sr Margaret has been interviewed for the Religion Report on the ABC: it will go to air at 5.30pm next Wednesday, 30 August.

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 MASS

O God, to whom every heart is open, every desire known and from whom no secrets are hidden, purify the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily praise your holy name. Amen.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

O God, help me to make a good Communion. Mary, my dearest mother, pray to Jesus for me. My dear Angel Guardian, lead me to the altar of God. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

God Almighty, the Father of the Lord and our Savior Jesus Christ, we give you thanks because you have imparted to us the reception of the holy mystery, let it not be for guilt or condemnation, but for the renewal of soul and body and spirit. Amen.

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.

ACT NOW TO DEFEND MARRIAGE

A change in the marriage law has consequences for all Australians, and particularly for people of faith. It is crucial that you have your say. Visit www.coalitionformarriage.com.au for more information. Vote **NO**, to keep marriage a unique relationship between a woman and a man.

NATURAL FERTILITY SERVICES

We are looking for suitable applicants in the Greater Sydney area to train as Fertility Educators. Thorough, in-depth training over a 12-month period is provided to successful applicants and sessional work is available to those who complete the training and become accredited educators. For more information and application forms please contact The Manager NFS (02) 9509 1222.

GRIEF TO GRACE

Healing the Wounds of Abuse is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held April 8th – 13th 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griefftoGrace.org.au or phone 0407704539. For more information visit www.griefftoGrace.org

Dear friends of God,

I have been in this parish community for two months now and have settled in very well. Thank you for your welcome and support. I have observed how many wonderful things are done and how the spirit of God is working in us in many ways, God is truly with us. The Good News is preached and received with joy, hearts are healed by God's mercy and forgiveness, souls are being nourished by God's word and sanctifying grace is celebrated in the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, souls are being saved. The fruits of salvation is seen in praises, holy lives, patient suffering and good works worthy in God's eyes. However, there are lots of room for improvement for God's grace to flow even more. We do need one more acolyte, a sacristan, Mass slide operator, people to help with Mass collections. Please consider volunteering for these positions and join in the many groups we have in this parish. I am working on each group to produce a brochure inviting others to join.

I did announce some changes that might take effect in our Mass money collections. After observation and discernment, I have decided we will keep things the way they are. Having the second collection just after Holy Communion will disrupt this sacred and loving time with Jesus and that would take away lots of grace from us.

Concerning Holy Communion, I did suggest that only Holy Communion be offered at the altar where Jesus invites us to his table and his sacrifice is offered to the Father on our behalf. However, we will keep things as they are accept for the 6pm Mass where all are invited to come to the front.

I want to inform you on the implications on your non compulsory postal vote on the nature of marriage.

IF WE VOTE 'YES' IN THE PLEBISCITE:

- Loss of freedom of speech.**
 Already we live in a climate of intimidation where civil debate is impossible. Those who support traditional marriage are targeted if they speak up. Like Hobart Archbishop Julian Porteous was
- Loss of freedom of religion.**
 This will affect what faith leaders will be able to preach, what schools will be able to teach, and how everyday Australians will be able to conduct their businesses in accordance with their beliefs.
- Parents won't be able to oppose the radical sex education program 'Safe Schools'.**
 If marriage is redefined, there are consequential changes in education programs and policies in schools, and parents are increasingly excluded from having a say in the sex education of their children.

IF WE VOTE 'NO' IN THE PLEBISCITE:

- We send a strong message on family, faith and freedom**
- Parents can continue to teach their children about their own beliefs about gender, sexuality and marriage.**
- We win the right to civil debate where political correctness has previously intimidated many into silence.**

Fr. Kim.
 Monday, St Augustine, Bishop.
 Tuesday, The Beheading of John The Baptist.

	5.30pm	9.00am	10.30am	6pm
Week 1 – 2/3 Sept				
Acolytes	Des	Allen	Richard	Chris
1st Reader	Miriam	Paula	Maria	Eva
2nd Reader	Kevin	Romanta	Anne	Mary
EMHC	Lina & Mary F	Marianne & Denise	Helmarri & John S	Natasha
Altar Servers	Louis, Mateusz, Gideon & Grace	Annabelle, Savannah	Daniel	Isabella, Nate, Morgan
Counters	Ann King & Georgette McGarry			
Ministers to the Sick	Sr. Helena Gladys Touma Clover Lea - Permanent Commitment Amy Alarcon			
Children's liturgy	Volunteer, Silvia			
Church Cleaning 28-03	Sue Chidiac, Gladys Touma, Miriam Fernandez, Mary Falcone			

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: 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
 Michael Tucker
 Antoniette Serci
 Barbara Mitchell
 Lina Grande
 Sean Da Silva
 Alfonso Costantini
 Joseph You
 Martin Fleming
 Sam Shepherd
 Patrick Morris

For the Souls of

Doug Mitchell
 Birdie Fernandez
 Rex Fernandez
 Patrick Lewis
 Eva D'Silva
 Lorenzo Currenti
 David Shaurili
 Rosaria Scardino
 Giovanni Pantaleo
 Muriel Rochester
 Una Reilly
 Nellie Temperley
 Arthur Post
 Giuseppa Lanzafame
 Darcy Gray
 Souls of the unborn children
 All Holy Souls in Purgatory

Anniversary

Lupo Vaccarella
 Nieves Caparros
 Liliane Tayya
 Margot Lacey

Recently Deceased

Joanne Curro
 Gaetano Coralla-Famularo
 Francesco Natale
 Paul Mouawad
 Thong Tran

Special Intentions

Nicotina Family
 Pezzuto Family
 Ferraro Family
 Roberts Family
 Webber Family
 Natale Family
 Yuling Shi Family
 Beryl Mitchell
 Mackiw Family
 Romaniuk Family

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

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the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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; / and 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. O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your Church. 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 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Complete within us, O Lord, we pray, the healing work of your mercy and graciously perfect and sustain us, so that in all things we may please you. 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 in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

JESUS' IDENTITY

In biblical times, a man was judged and given status according to the village he was from, the family he belonged to, and the trade he carried out. Oftentimes this ascribed personality – what people thought of the person – was considered to be more important than what the individual thought about himself or herself.

Jesus' stereotypical identity would have been: 'Jesus of Nazareth'. This would have accorded him little honour because the stereotypical image of that village's inhabitants was 'worthless and inconsequential'. In fact, Nathanael from nearby Cana remarks: 'Can anything good come from Nazareth?' (John 1:46) Even Jesus' occupation was humble: he was a carpenter (Mark 6:3), a carpenter's son (Matthew 13:35). The Israelites stayed close to the adage: 'Like father, like son'. Both Jesus and Joseph were *tehtonai*, 'stone or wood workers'.

Jesus, however, did not conform to his stereotype. Instead of engaging in the same profession as Joseph, he became an itinerant preacher. He did not stay in his home town and marry as was expected of him. After he preached the word of God and showed that he was mighty both in word and in deed, the people began to attribute to Jesus honourable opinions.

In today's Gospel, the disciples tell Jesus that people perceive him as John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or another of the prophets. These are all honourable perceptions, but still inadequate. Simon Peter then confesses Jesus to be 'the Christ (Messiah), the Son of the living God'. No human being could arrive at this knowledge without a revelation of God. Peter expresses Jesus' true identity: not ascribed to him by human beings, but by the Father himself.

FR GIL ALINSANGAN SSP

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WHO DO YOU SAY I AM? Jesus asks his disciples this question in today's Gospel. He asks us the same question. He is not seeking a textbook response or for us to repeat what others have said about him. He wants to hear our personal response. May we answer his question as truthfully as possible, and then listen as he speaks to us.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

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

P. Lord Jesus, you have revealed yourself as the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life: 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. O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah.

I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;

should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.

I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8. R. v. 8

R. Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you. / I will adore before your holy temple. R.

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love / which excel all we ever knew of you. / On the day I called, you answered; / you increased the strength of my soul. R.



3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly / and the haughty he knows from afar. / Your love, O Lord, is eternal, / discard not the work of your hands. R.

SECOND READING

Rom 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia! / You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church / the gates of hell will not hold out against it. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 16:13-20

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.

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of