



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 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. 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

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. More information contact Rose 0412 115 961

BISHOP ROBINSON'S 80TH BIRTHDAY 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. There will be drinks and a barbeque and jumping castle provided. The school community will be invited to share the joy of Bishop's life.

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.

100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY FOR EX-STUDENTS

St Joseph's Primary School Enfield are celebrating their 100 year anniversary in 2017. They will be holding a celebration event for ex-students in September. If you are an ex-student and would like further information regarding this event please email stjosephsenfield.pandf@gmail.com with your name, email address and phone number. Please spread the word.

CATHOLIC CARE

CatholicCare is a social services agency of the Catholic Church in Sydney. CatholicCare Services help people to live and thrive at every age, irrespective of beliefs and abilities. CatholicCare provide locally-based disability services, counselling, education and support to children, young people and families and deliver ageing services in the home. CatholicCare can also help people navigate the new world of the NDIS and My Aged Care to help find the best possible plan. If you have any queries please feel free to contact either Barbara Perry on 02 9509 1157.

Dear friends of God,

Thank you for your generous support to the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

It was wonderful to see how caring we are to the poor in our neighbourhood.

I will give you the final amount raised when all is counted. Our Primary School also raised \$678 for Vinnies through Pyjamas day.

"All things work together for good" Romans 8:28

This is St Paul's vision of life in all its ups and downs, that when all is done and said whether good or bad, EVERYTHING will work together for the good of those who trust and love God. Isn't that good news? At the end of our life we can be reconciled with all that we do. Many things are done in a lifetime, some things we are proud of that brings hope, joy, truth and love to our world, but also we can do many things that we are not proud of that brings disunity, violence, distrust, hurt, greed into the world. Thank God, for Jesus. God our Father wants us to reconcile our lives through him. It is because of Jesus's life of obedience, hope, faith, truth, death and love that makes up for the sins of the world. It is through Jesus we can see all things work for the good of those who never lose hope in God's plan.

Sometimes we spend a lot of time entertaining ourselves with vain and trivial things that don't really add up to eternal life and building up God's Kingdom. But in God's plan, nothing is rubbish, nothing is wasteful, nothing is trivial. All of it can be reconciled by God and all things can work together for the good of those who love and trust God. We learn what is loving sometimes by doing unloving things. We learn what is beautiful good and true by doing the opposite. We learn that we are very vulnerable to evil on our own accord. We need God to know who we are and who we are called to be.

In the gospel, Jesus shows us that the person who finds God's Kingdom is so joyful, he gladly goes off and sells everything he owns to purchase God's Kingdom. We see this way of living in the saints, they are so happy about God's Kingdom, they sell their plans for honour, power, and pleasure in the world for God's Kingdom.

Fr. Kim

Feast Days this week.

Tuesday 1st August St Alphonsus Liguori

Thursday 3rd August St Lydia Purpuraria

Friday 4th August St John Vianney

Week 1 - 5/6 Aug	5.30pm	9.00am	10.30am	6pm
Acolytes	Des	Allen	Domenic	Chris
1 st Reader	Kevin	Paula	Maria	Eva
2 nd Reader	Miriam	Romanta	Rossina	Mary
EMHC	Lina & Mary F	Denise	Helmarri & John S	Natasha
Altar Servers	Louis, Mateusz, Gideon & Grace	Annabelle, Savannah	Daniel	Isabella, Nate & Morgan
Counters	Pat Geradis & Thomas Au			
Ministers to the Sick	Sr. Helena, Sue Chidiac			
Children's liturgy	Silvia & Volunteer			
Church Cleaning 31-6	Luaua Russo & Volunteers			

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

Phone: 9744 2811
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With St Joseph we pray ...

For the sick

Lee Tilliam
 Fedorowicz Family
 Sokolowski Family
 Sharon & 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

For the Souls of

Bernard Fernandez
 Kathleen Fernandez
 Joyce Lewis
 Zilla Fernandez
 Bredie Fernandez
 Thomas Pierce
 Jacques Lomont
 Catalina Nemanic
 Majorie Turner
 James Haralambidis
 Elizabeth Stapleton
 Otello De Marchis
 Robert Wilson
 Germaine Duval
 Winifred Bernsdorff
 Salvatore Curcuruto
 Francesco Florio
 Albino Muskardin
 Tomo Spoljaric
 Patrick Farrell
 Maurice Cahill
 Francesco Squadrito
 Pantaleo De Ceglia
 Albano Lorenzato
 Cesare Fiscaro
 Patricia Flynn
 George Lollback
 Emma O'Reilly
 Souls of the unborn children
 All Holy Souls in Purgatory

Recently Deceased

LeeAnne Hendricks
 Margaret Maher
 David Ricigliano
 Tommaso Mazzotta

Special Intentions

Lee Tilliam
 Nicotina Family
 Pezzuto Family
 Ferraro Family

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

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, / 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. Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings which we bring from the abundance of your gifts, that through the powerful working of your grace these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life and lead us to eternal gladness. 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 102:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament, the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son; grant, we pray, that this gift, which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling, may profit us for salvation. 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

POSSESSING THE TREASURE BEYOND PRICE

D. Williamson narrates a story of a little boy who got his hand caught inside a precious vase. All efforts to get it out were ineffectual. As the parents painfully came to the conclusion that they would have to break the costly vase, the father told the boy, 'Now try once more. Put all your fingers out straight and try again.' 'But then I'll drop my penny,' said the boy.

From this simple narrative, the author draws a lesson which has a bearing on today's Gospel reading: The love of money holds a person captive; letting go of the money sets us free while preserving the treasured vase of great price.

There are many things that may hinder us from letting God be at the center of our lives. There is the human tendency to be 'a God unto oneself,' that is, to be answerable to no-one but to one's self. There are also the 'treasures and attractions' of the world: money, power, pleasures. Many people are drawn to them because they easily satisfy the natural and physical cravings of human beings.

'Mammon' or earthly treasures can become ends to themselves. Mammon can replace the true God in our hearts. Mammon is a false god because it enslaves the human heart, just as the hand of the boy is imprisoned inside a vase because he chooses not to let go of his money. Mammon is likewise a false god because it is ephemeral and cannot give lasting happiness.

The parable of the Buried Treasure and that of the Pearl of Great Price give us a similar lesson: the Kingdom of Heaven is a treasure beyond price; we must renounce all that may hinder us from possessing it. To possess God's Kingdom requires dispossession of earthly things.

FR GIL ALINSANGAN SSP

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

30 July 2017

FINDING A TREASURE. A treasure is not something we earn but something we find. We can spend a lot of our lives wishing and hoping that some treasure will come our way. We can forget that we already possess a wonderful treasure in our loved ones and in the gift of life itself. And the greatest treasure of all is the kingdom of heaven which Jesus freely offers to us. May we have the wisdom to seek our treasure in God, and not in the glittering goods of a passing world.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 67:6-7, 36
God is in his holy place, / God who unites those who dwell in his house; / he himself gives might and strength to his people.

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. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. For we have sinned against you.

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

R. And grant us your salvation.

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.



3. That is why I love your commands / more than finest gold. / That is why I rule my life by your precepts: / I hate false ways. **R.**
4. Your will is wonderful indeed; / therefore I obey it. / The unfolding of your word gives light / and teaches the simple. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! / Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, / you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 13:44-52

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.

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PS Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130. R. v. 97

R. Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, / is to obey your word. / The law from your mouth means more to me / than silver and gold. **R.**

2. Let your love be ready to console me / by your promise to your servant. / Let your love come to me and I shall live / for your law is my delight. **R.**