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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 Cenacle
 Every Monday 8am

Daily Prayer
 Church is open from 8am - 3.30pm

Rosary & Prayer
 Monday 8.30am
 Thurs & Saturday 11.30am
 Sat Adoration 11am-12noon

Holy Hour of Mercy
 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri
 2.30pm - 3.30pm
 Adoration, Prayer's and Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Monthly
 Every first Wednesday of the month at 7pm
 Eucharistic Adoration

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2017 IS NOW CLOSED.
 Sacrament program for 2018 to be advised.

CONFIRMATION UPDATE
 Our children have started their preparation for their confirmation, please keep them and their families in your prayers.

CONFIRMATION MASS SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2017, AT 1PM

ROSTERS
 The new readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, cleaners, children's liturgy rosters are now available for collection at the entrance of the church under the Pope Francis photo. Please collect your new rosters.

ROSARY & STATUE OF OUR LADY THIS WEEK
 Will be with Lina Battiato, 25 George Street Burwood. Please call Lina on 0416 073 844 if you would like to attend and pray with the group.

HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY GROUP MORNING TEA
 The Holy hour of Divine Mercy group would like to host a morning tea on the 5th of November after the 9am and 10:30am Mass. All donations will proceed to St. Mary Mackillop outreach program to the poor people of Peru. We hope you will all enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and give generously to support those in need.

JOY OF THE GOSPEL (Parish Evangelisation)
 What would make our parish become more welcoming and inviting? How do we encounter Jesus? Join the discussion in the Parish Small Group Room, Monday 6 November at 7pm (concluding at 8.30pm sharp. Friendship and complementary refreshments provided. "The Joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus" (E.G. N1.).

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL
 The Charitable Works Fund Appeal will be held next weekend. Your donation supports the work of charitable agencies in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. Agencies are: CatholicCare, Chaplaincies, Ephpheta Centre, Confraternity of Christian doctrine, Seminarians, aboriginal Catholic Ministry. All donations are tax deductible.

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.

PRAYER OF SAINT GERTRUDE THE GREAT FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY
O Eternal father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, for those in my own home and for those within my family Amen.



2018 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR ON SALE NOW
 The 2018 Columban Religious Art Calendar with feast days included is now available for purchase at a cost of \$10 each. Can be purchased either before or after Mass at the sacristy or parish office in parish hours.

Please have the correct money.

THE BENEDICT XVI RETREAT CENTRE
 Now offers a series of fun, innovative facilitated activity programs to complement and enrich any parish group retreat. Whether you are looking for adventure, team building, opportunities for reflection or simply to have fun with your group, our specially fully trained facilitators can tailor a program to meet your needs and budget. Activities include flying fox, archery, bushwalking, leadership challenge, communications challenge, camp craft, environmental programs and more. For more information please contact us on (02) 4572 2899 / email bxvi@sydneycatholic.org to find out more or visit www.benedictxvicentre.org.au.

ROME PILGRIMAGES
 The Archdiocese of Sydney's Encore Rome Pilgrimages is offering a competitive land tour package to Rome at \$500 off the normal price. Starting from Rome on 18th January, the 7-night Encore Rome Pilgrimage which will be led by Father Tom Carroll, has been designed for people who may have been to Rome before and offers inclusions such as the Mamertine Prison, St Peter in Chains Church, Borghese Gardens, Scavi tour, Vatican Gardens, Castel Gandolfo and much more. Price starts from \$1,790 per person. Hurry, registrations must close soon so phone for a brochure on 1800 753 959 or go to www.romepilgrimages.com.

BREAKFAST WITH BENEDICT - DAILY READINGS

REACHING OUT TO THE VULNERABLE

What happens when people, especially the most vulnerable encounter a clenched fist of repression or manipulation rather than a hand of hope? A first group of examples pertains to the heart. Here, the dreams and longings that young people pursue can so easily be shattered or destroyed. I am thinking of those affected by drug and substance abuse, homelessness and poverty, racism, violence, and degradation—especially of girls and women. While the causes of these problems are complex all have in common a poisoned attitude of mind which results in people being treated as mere objects—a callousness of heart takes hold which first ignores, then ridicules, the God-given dignity of every human being. Such tragedies also point to what might have been and what could be, were there other hands—your hands—reaching out. I encourage you to invite others, especially the vulnerable and the innocent, to join you along the way of goodness and hope.

Meeting with young people and seminarians at Saint Joseph Seminary, Yonkers, New York, April 19, 2008.

THE AIM OF ALL CREATION

The history of salvation is not a small event, on a poor planet, in the immensity of the universe. It is not a minimal thing which happens by chance on a lost planet. It is the motive for everything, the motive for creation. Everything is created so that this story can exist, the encounter between God and his creature. In this sense, salvation history, the Covenant, precedes creation. During the Hellenistic period, Judaism developed the idea that the Torah would have preceded the creation of the material world. This material world seems to have been created solely to make room for the Torah, for this Word of God that creates the answer and becomes the history of love. The mystery of Christ already is mysteriously revealed here. This is what we are told in the Letter to the Ephesians and to the Colossians: Christ is the *prototypus*, the first-born of creation, the idea for which the universe was conceived. He welcomes all. We enter in the movement of the universe by uniting with Christ. One can say that, while material creation is the condition for the history of salvation, the history of the Covenant is the true cause of the cosmos. We reach the roots of being by reaching the mystery of Christ, his living word that is the aim of all creation.

Address at the opening of the 12th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, October 6, 2008.

Feast Days this week
 Friday 10 November, St Leo the Great
 Saturday 11 November, St Martin of Tours

Week 2 – 11/12 Nov	5.30pm	9.00am	10.30am	6pm
Acolytes	Des	Allen	Richard	Chris
1 st Reader	Elizabeth	Kate	Sabrina	Julia
2 nd Reader	Henry	Marianne	Vesna	Josephine
EMHC	Lina & Kevin F	Romanta & Sr. Helena	Adrienne & Beryl H	James
Music (Please advise the parish office)	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	Volunteer
Altar Servers	Niamh & Deegan	Gianluca & James	Ethan & Joshua	Isabella, Nate & Morgan
Counters	Pat Geradis & Thomas Au			
Ministers to the Sick	Kevin Smith Mary Falcone Clover Lea - Permanent Commitment Amy Alarcon			
Children's Liturgy	Lina			
Church Cleaning 06-12	Stella Lin, Elizabeth Lees, Gabriela Taouk, Stephanie Wong			

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, or email school at info@stjfield.catholic.edu.au

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 Waslowicz Family
 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
 Roboc Shi
 Haishong Andy Shi
 Theresa Lee
 Urban Fernandez
 Beatrice Fernandez
 Dolly Gock

For the Souls of
 Giuseppa Pirreca
 Merle Joan Kreamer
 Giuseppe Barilla
 Rachel Bisby
 John Barden
 Giuseppe Maniscalco
 Zheng Fan
 Natalia Greco
 Kevan Wallis
 Agatina Sicurella
 May Natoli
 Maria Vicario
 Vittoria Galeano
 Tong Tsui
 Mario Ottaviano
 Teresa Baldi
 Angelina Russo
 Giuseppe Finocchiaro
 Luigi Iemma
 Mary Wren
 Peter Berecz
 Maria Sita
 Ana Galic
 Angelo Martone
 Emanuele Calogero
 Mary Music
 Nazzarena Aguius
 Luigi Craparotta
 Souls of the unborn children
 All Holy Souls in Purgatory

Recently Deceased
 Antonietta Calabretta
 Dulce Nobrega
 Lorna Starr
 Ruth Shamis Correy
 George Aboumelhem
 John Mouawad
 Giovanni Calarco

Special Intentions
 Ferraro Family
 Pezzuto Family
 Grigoriou Family
 Mackiw Family
 Wennek Family
 Theresa Myoung Soon Lee

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

5 NOVEMBER 2017

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, "The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

"You however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted."

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. May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, become for you a pure oblation, and for us a holy outpouring of your mercy. 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

cf. Ps 15: 11
You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May the working of your power, O Lord, increase in us, we pray, so that, renewed by these heavenly Sacraments,

we may be prepared by your gift for receiving what they promise.

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

SCRIBES AND PHARISEES

In a culture where reading and writing were uncommon, those who had these skills, like the scribes (Greek *grammateis*), were the possessors and transmitters of learning. In Israel, the scribes were a class of professional exponents and teachers of the Torah. They were held in respect and were addressed as 'my lord' or 'master' (rabbi). They taught the people the Law, spoke in the synagogue, settled cases in the community, copied Scripture texts, and acted as guardians of tradition.

The scribe was not necessarily a Pharisee, but in fact, most of the scribes belonged to the Pharisee party that adhered to the strict interpretation of the Law. The Pharisee (Hebrew *perusim*, 'the separated ones') conceived of religion as centered upon the observance of the Torah, and interpreted the Law in the strict manner.

In his time, Jesus was also addressed as 'rabbi'. But his teaching was recognised as being more authoritative than that of the scribes with whom he often came into conflict.

Today's Gospel is taken from the discourse in which Jesus denounces the scribes and Pharisees (*Matthew 23*). Scholars believe that the speech reflects not just the deep opposition between Jesus and the teachers of the Law in his time, but also the conflict between the followers of Jesus and the Pharisaic Judaism that rose after the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD. In their efforts to build the Jewish nation around the Law, the Pharisees excluded those Jews who believed in Jesus as the Messiah. In turn, the Christians criticised the rabbis, just as Jesus did.

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YOU HAVE ONLY ONE TEACHER. St Paul was a great religious leader. Like a mother, he nourished and watched over his people. He tried not to be a burden on them. He sought to preach God's message and not his own. He helped the people, whom he called his brothers and sisters, to look to Christ as their only Master and Teacher. Today we pray for religious leaders as they strive to express in their own lives the qualities of leadership embodied in Paul.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *cf. Ps 37: 22-23*

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

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 and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things 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 *Mal 1: 14-2: 2, 8-10*

A reading from the prophet Malachi
You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

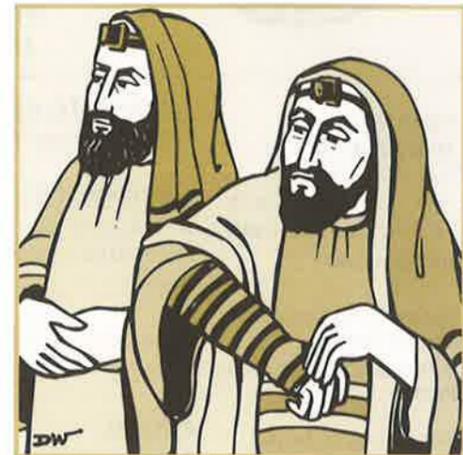
The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 130
R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

1. O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes. I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. **R.**



2. Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul. **R.**
3. O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Thess 2: 7-9, 13
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 23: 9, 10
Alleluia, alleluia! / You have one Father, your Father in heaven; / you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 23: 1-12

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.

They do not practise what they preach.