

FR ALO WRITES...

“Learning From St. Joseph”

(Short Reflection on Father’s Day)

Someone once said that Father’s Day was no different from Mother’s day, except that on Father’s day, children didn’t have to worry too much about getting their dads a gift because most fathers don’t really expect to receive one. However, the importance of Father’s day (as it should be with Mother’s Day) is that it should become a day of recognising and being thankful for the important role a father (or father figure) plays in the life of a family. Indeed fathers do play a significant role in the family. Children need a father (or a father figure) in their lives. The late Pope John Paul II in his Apostolic Exhortation “*Redemptoris Custos*” (Guardian of the Redeemer) on 15 August 1989, asked the faithful to reflect on and understand the role of fatherhood in relation to the person of St Joseph, the husband of Mary. We call Mary “Mother of the Church” for she was the mother of Jesus, and at the foot of the cross, Jesus entrusts his disciples to her care (John 19:26). In the same way we look to St. Joseph as “Patron and Protector of the Universal Church” and in doing so, we recognize and honour his fatherly role of protector of the “Holy Family.”

As a Church, we uphold St. Joseph as the model for husbands and fathers. So what can husbands and fathers learn from the person of St. Joseph? From what we know from the gospels, St Joseph faced a few major dilemmas in his life. One of his dilemmas was whether to accept Mary as his wife or to abandon her, after hearing that she was pregnant before they married (Matt 1:18-19). Another dilemma was to choose between remaining in Nazareth, his home/comfort-zone or to flee to Egypt (a foreign country) in order to protect his family (Matt 2:13-18). We can say that in these times of dilemma, Joseph aware of the gravity of each situation, discerned what was just/good not only for him, but also for Mary and later for the infant Jesus as well. He was a person who listened to, and was aware of, his “inner calling”. It happened because apart from being a just man, he had other “grounding” qualities like faith, humility and a caring demeanour. We can all learn from St Joseph’s discerning attitude when dealing with our own families’ dilemmas and issues. And while dealing with those issues, if we discern that what we choose, is in line with God’s will for us, then we can certainly trust that the outcome will bring joy and peace not only to us but to our whole family as well.

I trust that many of us can readily see these qualities in our fathers. Today, we as a community thank God for the gifts of our fathers and we pray that God may give them the wisdom to carry out their role of guiding and protecting our families.

Happy Father’s Day.



THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 5 SEPT

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 6 SEPT

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea

11:00am Baptisms

3:30pm Indonesian Mass

6:00pm Mass



MONDAY 7 SEPT

9:00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 9 SEPT

9:00am Mass

7:00pm Mission & Outreach Meeting

FRIDAY 11 SEPT

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 12 SEPT

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 13 SEPT

9:30am Parish Children – First Eucharist

Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea

3:30pm Indonesian Mass

6:00pm Mass

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

Welcome! Let us know how we can support you in your faith journey. Please introduce yourself to the parish priest and/or one of the hospitality team at morning tea.



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MASS TIMES

Sat - 6pm (Vigil)

Sun - 9:30am (Family), 6pm

Mon, Wed, Fri - 9am

Indonesian Mass Sun - 3:30pm

French Mass Third Sun - 11am

RECONCILIATION

Mon 9:30am or by appointment

HOLY HOUR + RECONCILIATION

Thursday before 1st Friday - 7:00pm

INDONESIAN COMMUNITY

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BAPTISMS

First Sunday - 11am, bookings required

WEDDINGS

By Appointment

SACRAMENTS

Contact parish office

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Jenny Fowler – 9662 4088

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Roy Rigotti - 9313 8334, is a JP and is happy to sign documents as required.

RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35: 4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING

St James 2: 1-5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mark 7: 31-37

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK

Br Raymond Concannon, Laura (Rose's friend), Lianne Cross, Mark McKay, Mary Breen, Lil Siely, Kate Lingard, Kath Neale, Karen Lamb, Will Coady, Ghassan Serhan, Leo O'Sullivan, Tonia Pastorelli, Manuel Mouco, Baby Alessio, Ashika Nandan, Vivien Christie, Lucienne Radzysinski, Neville Dunn, Derek Chick, Tony (Dulwich Hill), Br James Maher msc, Francesco Alessi, Lucia Simeone, Assunta Ciaglia, Natalina Beghetto, Frank Zakrzewski, Llewellyn Samuel, Antonio Laquian, Joe Di Blasio, Rina Vecchief, Anton's mum, Nella Custorella, Marie LaBrooy, Patty Ingram, Dee Piper, Rosaria Ciaglia, Frank George, Colleen Corcoran, Zanita Banzon, Angela Breen Ortega

BELOVED DECEASED

Marie Burke, Alan Clarkson, Maria Fransisca Rina Sofiana,

ANNIVERSARIES

Giuseppe Ciaglia, Pasquale Ciaglia, Lupo Macolino

ROSTERS

| SEPT 5/6 | SAT 6PM | SUN 9:30AM | SUN 6PM |
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| Acolyte | George Bedirian | Gus Alimhamzah | Terry Gormley |
| Readers | Selvi Ung Linda Irlia | Ross Martin Jessica Bong | Virginia Black Nicholas Black |
| E. Ministers | Alice Mouco John Dorahy | Dewi Suryani Mary Martin Robyn Kildea Ana Corpuz Amelia Iovanella Barbara Hitchcox | Marieann Duncan Trish Veness |
| KidsChurch | Aubrey Curley, Holley Curley | | |
| Counting | Terry & Val Gormley, Ratna Santos, Rob Payten | | |
| Comm to Sick | Mary Martin, Robyn Kildea | | |
| SEPT 12/13 | SAT 6PM | SUN 9:30AM | SUN 6PM |
| Acolyte | John Allen | George Bedirian | Dennis Fenech |
| Readers | James Lynch Judith Lynch | First Eucharist Child Sarina Capo | Francine Pirola Marieann Duncan |
| E. Ministers | John Ryan Jan Nicholas | Nani Widarto Henny Ramali Margaret Rigotti Roy Rigotti Sheila McAndrew Barbara Hitchcox | Lyn King |
| KidsChurch | Erin Beavis, Harriet Beavis | | |
| Counting | John Moore, Ray Delohery, Selvi Ung | | |
| Comm to Sick | Sheila McAndrew, James dela Cruz | | |

YOUTH MASS

A big thank you to everyone who participated in and supported our first Youth Mass. From the Youth band to the readers and to parishioners for the phenomenal attendance we had on the night.

Youth activities and pizza followed in the hall and were well attended by students from yrs 7-12! Thank you to the Youth team who helped facilitate the games and the members of the Youth band who were jamming during the pizza and activities!

NEXT YOUTH MASS – SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 6PM.....stay tuned for details!

CANA COMMUNITIES

Volunteers and friends from Cana Communities will be with us this weekend seeking our help. Cana Communities provide family-type support for people from the streets. Cana Communities is one of the largest providers of crisis beds in the inner city. They will be holding an appeal at all Masses this weekend. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Even if you don't donate, they would love to tell you about their community.

**POPE FRANCIS AND OTHER PROPHETIC VOICES:
CALLING US TO RESHAPE THE PUBLIC SPHERE**

The Australian Catholic University is one of the sponsors of a two day conference to be held on **17-18 September at St Michael's Uniting Church**, Collins St, Melbourne to reflect on and respond to Pope Francis' Pontificate. There is also a Youth Forum on 16 September at that Church and a Public Forum on Thursday night 17 September at Australian Catholic University. A discount and group registrations are available for parishes, schools and other groups. For more information refer to the attached flyer or visit www.acu.edu.au/popefrancis and to register visit <https://www.acu.edu.au/616950> or Tel/Email contact: 02 9701 4176 / jace@acu.edu.au.

ST MARYS CATHEDRAL SCHOLARS FUNDRAISING CONCERT

The concert will feature the Scholars of St Mary's Cathedral conducted by Oliver Brett. They are a small, elite group of thirteen singers, all of whom are former choristers. The first half will feature music from the English, Italian and Spanish Renaissance with music by Byrd, Tallis, Palestrina, Victoria and Cavalli. The second half will begin with French music by Fauré before the Scholars sing more modern numbers including 'Imagine' by John Lennon and 'What a wonderful world', made famous by Louis Armstrong. The concert is to raise funds to buy the Scholars new cassocks. We hope that you will be able to support this concert and join us for what promises to be an evening of beautiful music sung by a talented group of boys. Venue: The Cathedral Crypt on **Thursday, 10 September at 7.00pm**. Tickets \$30 General Admittance or \$10 for students/children available from <http://www.trybooking.com/IWMD> or at the door.

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

A weekend Silent Retreat at Hartzer Park, Bowral : 9th October (6pm) to 11th October (3pm). Come and experience through the external silence how God wants to satisfy our deep longing, through the Word of God. There will be guided talks, time for personal reflection and opportunities for spiritual guidance from the missionaries. Cost \$220. Please contact Verbum Dei Missionaries (02) 9313 7099 or email verbumdeisydney@gmail.com if you are interested.

HOLY HOUR

Thursday (First Friday Vigil) | 7-8pm
Reconciliation available.

MISSION & OUTREACH MEETING

The next meeting of the Mission & Outreach Group will be on **Wednesday evening 9 September in the Rosary Room at 7pm**. All welcome.

**FAMILY GROUP NEXT MEETING
MON 7 SEPT**

Pattaya Thai Restaurant 200 Anzac Pde Kensington at 7pm. BYO. All Welcome. Bookings: Martin O'Loughlin 9662 8559 or e: oloughlinm@iprimus.com.au.

OLR SCHOOL NEWS – YEAR 3B

This term, Year 3B have been learning about Pentecost, saints, and the Eucharist. They explored the disciples wait for Jesus' promised coming of the Holy Spirit upon them, and the remarkable transformation that took place when this occurred. They wrote diary entries from the point of view of a disciple or a witness to the amazing events, which were so crucial to the growth and spread of the Word of Jesus.

The students explored the Christian call to be saints by looking at people in their own lives who demonstrate love and service to others, whether that be family members, friends, leaders, etc. They explored the lengthy and involved process whereby saints are canonised. Each student then did a research project and presentation on a particular saint, often choosing their namesake saint. Most importantly they examined how their chosen saint can be an example in their own life.

Our students are now studying the celebration of the Eucharist in anticipation of their first Holy Communion in October. Besides the preparation for this important event in their lives, the unit focuses on the key parts of the Mass and explores the ways Christ is present in all of these sections. The Mass is examined as being central to the life of the community. By remembering and making present the saving act of God in Christ and giving thanks and praise, they will share the Eucharist and become one body in Christ. Year 3B look forward to this hugely important event in their young lives.

Mr Thomas

WE'RE CELEBRATING...

6 SEPTEMBER – Baptisms

Amelia Emiko Santoso
Katherine Rhee
Kenneth Rhee

FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

God our Father,
bless all the fathers in the world.
Guide them to be good role models
and loving to all their children.
Help them to be a father like you are.
Give them grace and patience
to handle situations in a loving way.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

FATHER'S DAY POEM

Happy Father's Day
'Happy Fathers Day' means more
than to have a happy day
It means I love you first of all
Then thanks for all you do
It means you mean a lot to me
and that I honour you.
- A daughter

FATHER'S DAY QUOTES

- When Jerry Lewis was a kid, he said to his father one afternoon, 'Daddy, will you take me to the zoo?' His father answered, 'If the zoo wants you, let them come and get you.'
- A father is a guy who has snapshots in his wallet where his money used to be.
- Small boy's definition of Father's Day: *It's just like Mother's Day only you don't spend so much.*
- It is admirable for a man to take his son fishing, but there is a special place in heaven for the father who takes his daughter shopping.

In the first reading we hear how Isaiah preached that great things would happen when God comes (ref is 35:4-7). Break the code to complete the passage.

The _____ will _____, and the _____ will
(unscramble: dnibl) (rhymes with 'bee') (reverse: faed)

_____. The _____ will _____ and _____,
(unscramble: erah) (rhymes with 'dame') (unscramble: peal) (reverse: ecnad)

and the _____ will _____ for _____!
(reverse: etum) (rhymes with 'spout') (opposite of sad)

