



29TH August 2021
XXII Sunday in Ordinary
Time

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Saints of the week:

Friday 3rd of September: St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor.



AS YOU ARE AWARE, BECAUSE OF COVID RESTRICTIONS, THE CHURCH IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THE ROSTER AND MASS TIMES ARE ONLY TO KEEP TRACK OF THE USUAL ACTIVITIES IN THE CHURCH

If you require the assistance of a priest, please contact Fr. Gustavo to 9649 3855

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| SUNDAY MASSES: | Vigil Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 8:00am, 10am |
| WEEKDAY MASSES: | Tuesday to Saturday 9.15am |
| ROSARY: | Tuesday Saturday 8.30am |
| RECONCILIATION: | Saturday 4.15pm and by appointment |
| EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: | Saturday 4.15pm |
| BAPTISMS: | Sundays after 10am mass and by appointment |
| WEDDINGS: | By appointment (minimum of six months notice required) |
| ANOINTING MASS: | 2 nd Saturday in March, June, September & December |
| PARISH SECRETARY: | Tuesday & Thursday 9am to 3pm |

(Mass Intentions & news items for the bulletin must be left at Presbytery by 12pm Wednesday)

This Church is equipped with an induction loop for the hearing impaired

REMEMBERING OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

Recently Deceased: Giuseppe Alvaro, Anna Napoli in Passarello, Theresa Franks, Joseph Mil, Josephine, Manuel Ruz.

Anniversaries: Rosa Elvira, Olive Harris, Annetta (Netta) Keating, Mariana Ortega, Teresa Alvaro, Dominic Alvaro and for all souls in purgatory

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

We pray for: Eliana Criollo, Scott Perry, Susan Abood, Angela Mil, Paul Landa, Eliana Molina, Nicole Milagros, Joe Martin, Sybil Simon, Carmeline D'Souza, David D'Souza, Cornlius D' Souza, Claro Tungul Snr, Daniel Tungul, Catalina Tungul, Arturo Bonifacio, Virginia Bonifacio, Eugenio Ongcal, Rosita Ongcal, Joshua Koelmeyer, Frank Koelmeyer, Chrisby Koelmeyer, Day, Goodwin & Stafford Family, Marija Barclay, Judy Melville, Tom Ladler, Jessica Tu, Tristan Schuyler Simeon, Anthony Fabin, Mereen Browne.

NEXT WEEK ROSTER

1st Week (Saturday and Sunday 4 - 5 of September)

5:00pm 1ST READER/RESPONSE: Jackie Daniel, 2ND READER/ PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL: Nicole Daniel, ACOLYTE: Tony Allan

8.00am 1ST READER/RSPONSE: Nina Saulekaleka, 2ND READER/PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL – Karen Abood, ACOLYTE: Ruben Baluyot

10.00am 1ST READER/RESPONSE: Velonika Vakauta, 2ND READER/PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Ramona Nahma, ACOLYTE: Cheston/ Radley La'Porte

PARISH UPDATE "STAY AT HOME BUT WE PRAY TOGETHER" New campaign of prayer. If you want to join to the special prayer of the parish just say a Rosary everyday, wherever you will be, for the following intentions:

Monday: for teachers and staff of St John's Catholic Primary School and Holy Trinity College

Tuesday: for workers, jobless, job seekers, also for nurses, doctors, and all staff in hospitals, and age care.

Wednesday: for young people of our community

Thursday: for vocations, religious life and priests

Friday: for the sick and distressed

Saturday: for families, and married couples

Sunday: for benefactors and all volunteers of the parish



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CARE, DEVOTION AND LOVE TO OUR LADY: Thanks to your generosity and care, the flowers have not lacked in the image of our Lady since the lock down began. May God bless you, and let us be sure that her protection will not be lacking in our lives:



THE MEMORARE PRAYER

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

SPRING EMBER DAY: Ember days mark the beginning of each of the four seasons. In Australia, the Church observes the first Fridays of Autumn and Spring (March and September) as special days of prayer and penance, focussing on the environment, the seasons and God's providence.

THE SAFEGUARDING AND MINISTERIAL INTEGRITY IN SJG PARISH: Continuing the process in moving forward positively in relation to all Safeguarding measures, now you can find in the [parish website](#) a variety of helpful resources regarding to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. Part of that material you can find at the entrance of the church as well.

As part of the Safeguarding procedures, we are now making available a suggestion box specially for children and young people in order that the parish takes into consideration their thoughts, feelings, and suggestions in a more proactive way.

Also as apart of the Safeguarding procedures, it is available for parents, guardians and the general community a Protocol: Managing Safeguarding Complaint

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: As you know a group of young people from the parish has been prepared to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. As they wait for the day when the Sacrament will be celebrated, please pray for them, that they may keep alive the desire of receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

POPE FRANCIS: Pope Francis has invited to take the Covid vaccine as an act of love: love to oneself, love to the family, to others. The vaccines bring hope to end the pandemic but only if they are available to all and if we collaborate with one another.

ARCHBISHOP'S AFGHAN REFUGEE APEAL Archbishop Fisher has launched an appeal to support the Afghan people seeking asylum who have forced to flee their homeland. For any donation, please visit the archdioceses website.

PARISH DONATIONS: Now for your convenience the parish offers an online donation system. At the top of the parish website, you can find a red button “support us” click there and follow the easy steps. If you would like to specify for which collection (1st or 2nd) your donation is done, please contact us through the parish email. May God bless you for your great generosity.

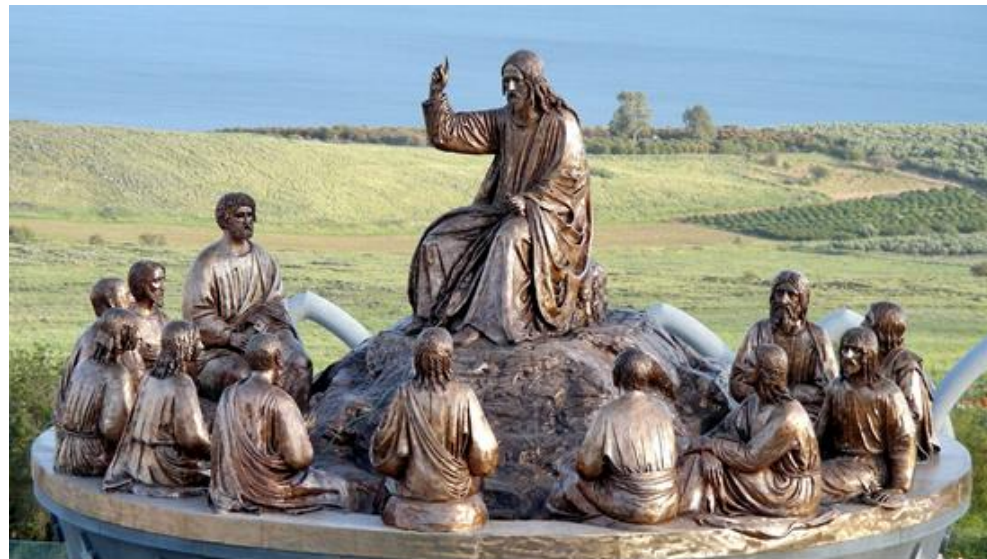
A MESSAGE REGARDING SAFEGUARDING ISSUES FOR OUR PARISH

A copy of the Safeguarding Policy has been uploaded to the website of St John of God and a copy will also be attached to our notice board. If anyone would like a copy of the Safeguarding Policy, one can be provided to you upon request.

As part of the Safeguarding procedures, the Parish is now making available a suggestion box especially for children and young people in order that we take into consideration their thoughts, feelings, and suggestions in a more proactive way. The Suggestion Box which will be placed on a table in the church foyer. We look forward to hearing from our children.

Also, as part of the Safeguarding procedures, it is available for parents, guardians and the general community a protocol ‘Managing Safeguarding Complaints’. We value the process in moving forward positively in relation to all Safeguarding measures. If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Priest.

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



Sunday Readings

First reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Moses said to the people: ‘Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, “No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation.” And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?’

Second reading: James 1:17-18,21-22,27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So, these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service,
while their hearts are far from me.
The worship they offer me is worthless,
the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

Gospel reflection

Jesus said: "listen to me, all of you, and grasp this: It is not what enters into the mouth that defiles a man; it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles him. Christ was enunciating a new doctrine. He was upsetting the entire concept of the defilement and wrongness that had been build up in the Jewish religion for some four thousand years. He was tearing down then entire structure of ritualistic purifications.

When questioned on this by his apostles, he explained it further: "For it is from within, from the hearts of men, that their wicked designs come, their sins of adultery, fornication, envy, blasphemy, pride and folly. All these evils come from within, and it is these which make a man unclean"

Christ was giving forth a whole new moral doctrine. He was making the heart the seat of moral life. He was given the reasoning behind the Ten Commandments which God gave to Moses long ago on Mount Sinai. He was setting forth the Christian concept of sin.

It is a sin that defiles a man. Sin is any wilful word, deed, or omission contrary to the law of God. Sin must proceed from one's will. Sin occurs when one knowingly and willingly does something wrong.

The Pharisees left our Lord in a shocked and angry state. They had received a most unexpected answer. Christ had rejected their entire system of ritualistic purification and cleanliness. He had set forth new moral principles that had no parallel. For this they were not prepared. Neither the other Jews nor the apostles fully understood it.

In fact, it was not until years later that the full implication of Christ's statement was grasped. This occurred years after our Lord's ascension when the Church was confronted with a question whether Gentile converts were required to observe Jewish dietary regulations.

Only by restudying Christ's words and applying them to this new situation did their true meaning come forth. Then the apostles on the young Church began to grasp the full meaning and scope of what Christ had to say on this occasion. In fact, not just this passage, but all of Christ's words in Holy Scripture are filled with deep and hidden meanings. It requires constant and repetitious study by even the greatest minds to bring forth these new meanings. New applications of these eternal truths are continually occurring.

Let us, therefore, become aware of the meaning of this teaching of Christ. Sin and defilement come from within a man - from his heart and mind. It is the thought and intention behind our actions that will bring us either the eternal punishment or on the contrary, we hope, to eternal reward. God bless you.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Whatever sufferings there is in this world, all arises from desiring only myself to be happy"

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