



10 October 2021
XXVIII Sunday in Ordinary
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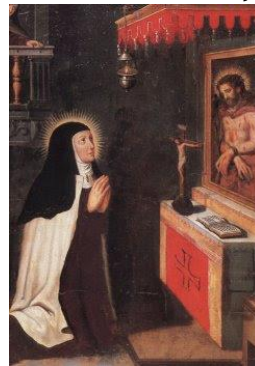
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Saints of the week:

Friday 15th: St Teresa of Avila, virgin, doctor.



The re-opening of places of worship will be staged in line with the NSW Government Roadmap. It is planned that for the 25 October churches will be open for public worship. If you need the assistance of a priest for Holy Communion, Reconciliation, please contact the parish office, Fr Gustavo is available in the church or to visit you at your home.

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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: Phyllis Reilly, Hillary Senanayake, Magdalena Velarde.

Anniversaries: Onofrio Smioldo, Georges and Damia Makari, Louis Arida, Tony Arida, Boutros Makari, Eugenio Ongcal, For all souls in purgatory: Rosita Ongcal, Salud & Claro Tungul Sur, Teresita Mora, Dodie & Priscilla Sta Cruz.

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

We pray for: Geovanna, Caterina Smioldo, Byron Jaramillo, Mary and family.

“Mother of God, Health of the sick, Refuge of sinners, Comforter of the afflicted. Pray for us”

The roster will resume from 25 October onwards. You can also check it in our website.



100th BIRTHDAY St John of God parish blesses the Almighty God, the owner and giver of life, and rejoices in the 100th birthday of Mrs Zofia Mucha. "Mrs Zofia Mucha is a long time parishioner of St John's having moved to Auburn in the 1950's. She is at present a resident of Berala on the Park nursing home and will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Thursday October 14th. Her family gives thanks to God for her continual love and example of faith. We ask God to continue to bless her."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MRS SOFIA !!!!

“Follow the whole way that Yahweh has marked for you, and you will survive to prosper and live long in the country which you are going to possess” (Deuteronomy 5:33)

EASING OF RESTRICTIONS: You will be aware of recent changes announced by the Premier in relation to the easing of Covid restrictions. Along with other Faith Groups, we are very grateful that, in her Covid Roadmap announcement, the former Premier of NSW recognised that for people of faith **worship is more like an essential service than a recreation**. We now eagerly look forward to the opportunity to gather once more to celebrate our faith and give thanks to God. The re-opening of places of worship will be staged in line with the NSW Government Roadmap. Let us be grateful to our good Lord who is keeping us strong in faith and let us be patience until the day will come where we can finally gather together as a community to praise our God and to pray for each other.

St John of God church will be re-open to public worship when 80% are fully vaccinated, estimated date of 25 October. The church will be re-open to “mix congregations” (to the fully vaccinated, the partially vaccinated, and the as yet unvaccinated). 4sqm rule will be applicable, the wearing of masks indoors will be required and sign in QR code as well.

GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS: Free live Disciple Making Training Zoom. 3 things you will discover by joining this training. 1- Reach the lost in your community through starting discipleship groups. 2- The simple discipleship tools used to see Millions come to Christ globally. 3- How to plan, launch & start a missional discipleship group. 11 October 7:30pm AEDT and 13 October 8:00 am AEDT. For more information go to <https://www.theharvest.org.au/missional/>

VINNIES good works WE ARE HERE TO HELP: Emergency relief hampers available at a community outreach near you. Food parcels, toiletries & children toys available at **Auburn Vinnies Support Centre**. Auburn Central, shop P7B Cnr Queen St & Park Rd, Auburn. Wednesday 13th October 2021 10:00am – 3:00pm. For more information call 02-9643 7794

WEEKLY ROSARY GATHERING PRAY: Do you enjoy calming, meditative prayer? Do you have a prayer request? Are you curious to learn more about this Catholic devotional or you would like to learn how to pray the Holy Rosary? Come along every Thursday at 2:30pm zoom details: 66628169383 password 023449. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to email your confidential prayer request to: mary.naim@syd.catholic.edu.au

ST JOHN OF GOD CHURCH VOLUNTEERS: (Sacramental coordinators, sacramental group leaders, Catechists, Acolytes, Readers, parish collectors and Eucharistic Ministers) thank you very much for your generous help in the parish. There is an **Online Safeguarding Induction Training** to be completed by those who are engaged in one way or another in child-related work in the parish. Please go to this [link](#) (crt+click) and complete it once you have done it, please notify the parish the date you have complete the training so we can update our records which is a requirement from the Safeguarding Office. We work together for the safety of children and young people. If you have any inquiries, please contact the parish office

PARISH SECRETARY POSITION OFFERING:

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Job	Secretary	St John Vianney & Thomas More Parish	Greenacre NSW 2190
Type of employment	part time	Hours per week: 16	Fixed morning shifts no weekends
Contract type	temporary	12 months renewable	
	Professional development assistance	Employee mentoring program	Applicants please, to submit a resume

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: Wisdom 7: 7-11

I prayed, and understanding was given me;
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,
and beside her silver ranks as mud.
I loved her more than health or beauty,
preferred her to the light,
since her radiance never sleeps.
In her company all good things came to me,
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Second reading: Hebrew 4: 12-13

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10: 17-30

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

Plenary voices: Gabriele Turchi

My name is Gabriele and I wanted to address the council regarding the role of Christian Families are the Domestic Church in Australia. Families need to be accompanied in their journey of faith. In recent years they have been overlooked in an attempt to be inclusive to all others.

They have been overlooked also because they have in many ways ceased to exist. Where are the children in our churches? Humane Vitae was never taken seriously.

I am 42, I have been married 18 years to my wife Anna and we have 9 children. I work as a teacher in one of our Catholic Schools, Casimir Catholic College in Marrickville.

In my experience I have noted the following:

Society readily accepts that "it takes a village to raise a child". This has been lost in the Church. People outside the Church react with more Joy to the sight of a big family than within the Church. Within the Church the sight of my children leads to comments about the lack of TVs in my house. As Christians we are a living sign of contradiction, so I would expect society to make a joke of me. But the faithful and the priests? This is very discouraging. As discouraging are comments regarding the presumed forced submission of my wife to my will? Our ninth child, Sebastian George, was born with Down syndrome. We have been asked if we were familiar with family planning, contraception, the related challenges etc. The answer is Yes, Yes, Yes, but that is not the will of God for the Christian Family.

My wife is a well-educated psychologist. She is much more intelligent than I. My wife worked until our fourth child. She is a woman of faith, a real woman. Let us not kid ourselves, a mother sacrifices everything for the family. Together with me, we live in a certain tension, a certain precariousness. It is not all beautiful and rosy. We are not superhuman people who really love children. I never wanted to be married nor to have children. God has done everything little by little. But together we try every day to transmit faith to our children.

Families live amongst the Secular Society. Every day they need to navigate through secular ideologies in order to protect the children. These secular ideologies, particularly regarding gender identity, have now also infiltrated our Catholic schools.

I urge you all to renew your commitment to Christian Families. We must be accompanied in the Truth. As St John Paul II states, so that we may become Experts in Suffering like the Holy Family of Nazareth, teaching our children the Art of living, never forgetting that God loves us exactly as we are.

Families need to be supported in their faith by a community of brothers and sisters that help them and encourage them.

Priests need to walk side by side with families and be a constant presence in their lives. Priests must guard their Hope. If the Christian Family loses hope, the family and the fabric of society breaks down.

Priests have been a lifeline in my life! And so have been my Catechists that have loved me, corrected me, encouraged me and given me hope all through my life but especially when in my life, in my marriage I hit rock bottom. In that situation they told me, look you are not at the end. God loves you so much that he has sent His Son to go further into your death so that you can have life again. This has been true. I believed! And God rebuilt my marriage, and has given me a second, third, fourth chance to meet Christ, and begin to love him. This lifelong link to my catechists and priest has been vital for me and God called my family to it through the Neocatechumenal Way.

With this poverty, families will evangelise the world!

They can be a sign of the risen Christ to all who look at them. A sign of the forgiveness of sins and the possibility of living eternal life right now.

The children grow up witnessing the miracles that God does with their parents. Out of gratitude to the Lord some will become priests, some will join religious orders, some will be missionaries, and some will be married and continue to be that sign for generations still to come.

I urge you, do not forget Christian families.



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