

The Rosary - Part 1

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy.



Mary praised him for his valiant flight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.

“Since the prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources - from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture and from the Church - it is not surprising that the Rosary is so dear to our Blessed Mother and so powerful with heaven.

If we consider the power of the Rosary as seen in its effects, we find a great abundance of proofs of its wonderful value.

Many are the favours granted to private individuals through its devout recitation: there are few devoted users of the Rosary who cannot testify to experiencing its power in their own lives.

If we turn to history, we see many great triumphs of the Rosary;.

Early tradition attributes the defeat of the Albigensians at the Battle of Muret in 1213 to the Rosary.

But even those who do not accept this tradition will admit that St Pius V attributed the great defeat of the Turkish fleet on the first Sunday of October, 1571, to the fact that at the same time the Rosary confraternities at Rome and elsewhere were holding their processions.

Accordingly, he ordered a commemoration of the Rosary to be made on that day. Two years later, Gregory XIII allowed the celebration of a feast of the Rosary in churches having an altar dedicated to the Rosary.

In 1671, Clement X extended the feast to all Spain.

A second great victory over the Turks, who once, like the Russians, threatened the ruin of Christian civilization, occurred on August 5, 1716, when Prince Eugene defeated them at Peterwardein in Hungary.

Thereupon Clement XI extended the feast of the Rosary to the whole church.

Today, when dangers far greater than those of the ancient Turks threaten not only Christianity but all; civilization, we are urged by our Blessed Mother to turn again to the Rosary for help.

If men, women and children in sufficient numbers do this, and at the same time carry out the other conditions that she has laid down. We have the greater reason for confidence that we will be delivered from our dangers.”

Mary in our Life by Fr William G Most.



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Parish Office Hours: Tuesdays to Fridays 8.30 am - 3.30 pm

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil Mass 5.00 pm, Sunday 8.00 am and 9.30 am
Weekday Mass: Tuesday - Saturday 9.30 am

Rosary & Devotions: Tuesday - Saturday 9.00 am
Adoration, Rosary & Chaplet: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7.30 - 8.30 pm
Intercession & Adoration: None until further notice

Baptisms: 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month - by appointment
Reconciliation: By appointment
Weddings: By appointment - restricted numbers
Funerals: By appointment - restricted numbers

The Twenty-Seventh Week of Ordinary Time

A parable about tenants who were entrusted with their master's fields is at the centre of the **Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**. We hear Jesus really challenge the religious leaders with this story of the tenant farmers who refused to listen to the master's servants (the prophets) and abused and killed his son (Jesus) in an attempt to usurp his inheritance. Jesus tells them, "Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."



The Vineyard Church

The parable of the vineyard, in both Isaiah’s account and Jesus’ reformulation of it for his contemporaries, must in some way be a message given to today’s church. Although we believe in Jesus’ promise that the armies of hell will not prevail against us, that should not lead us to think that we ourselves cannot squander the gift of the vineyard.

The “always reforming” Church must always ask itself whether it seizes the vineyard inheritance for itself, rather than for the Lord of the harvest. It is only at great peril to themselves that the preacher, the mediator, and the institution, present themselves, rather than the Saviour-Son, as the way of salvation. We put our very stewardship at risk if we follow a gospel other than that of Jesus.

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Today’s Readings: Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

Entrance Antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20. R. Is 5:7

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.


Next Week: Is 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14



Recently Deceased:

Sick: Michael Mercieca, Diana Donnelly, Kate Moore, Pamela Pereira, Nicholas Zdon, Melissa Baxter, Mary Ellen Schell, Sue Downes, Joan Eastwood, Gwen Daly, Kerry Aitken, Anthony O’Connell, Wal & Anne Knoke, Angela Brown, Lea Dardenne, Francisco Robles, Teresita Robles, Susie Ziino, Patricia Duffy, Sarah Walke, Jackie Davies, Kimberly Cusack, Margaret Healy, Colleen Lusty, Lorna Lyons, Christopher Coombs, Lucinda Goodwin, Angela Coombs, Leila Baker, Mary Coombs, Slawcia Pisarska, Luca Hurley (Child), Joan Lohrey, Sarah & Thomas McGoram, Frances Hinder, Shirley Anderson, Peter Doherty, Val Hardy, Carmel Chetcuti, Emile Amine, Janice Glassington, Helen Meville, Susan Solomon, Thomas Glavas,
and all Private Intentions.

Due to the strict privacy laws, names of the deceased and sick can only be included in the Bulletin with the express permission of the immediate family. Thank you.



Dear Parishioners

As you are aware, the Parish Centre is not available for the exercise class due to the Covid restrictions. Some of you were asking if the exercise class is still going and maybe elsewhere.

Yes, we commenced a few weeks ago. The class is running on Monday’s at 9.30 am at the Presbyterian Church hall, 160 Macquarie Road, Springwood.

Please bring a floor mat - hope to see you there!!

Regards
Alf Pace - Ph: 4754 1052

Schools in our Parish



St Thomas Aquinas Primary School
Principal - Ms Marina Hardy 4723 3800



ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE
Principal - Mr Paul Ryan 4754 8900

2021 Josephite Calendars

If you would like to order your 2021 Josephite Calendar, please contact Sr Lyn Raftery rsj, Sisters of St Joseph, NSW on 8741 2333 or email josephitecalendar.sosj.org.au. The cost of each calendar is \$7.00 and there is a small contribution to postage (1 calendar - \$3, 2-3 calendars -\$5, 4 plus calendars -\$11.50).

To contemplate, reflect and enjoy...

Inspiration for daily life from the writings of St Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods
Attractive coloured photos taken by the Sisters and Associates

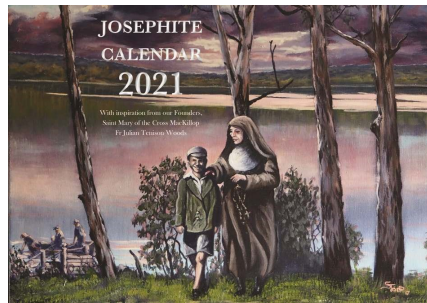
Dates to Remember...

- Key events in the life of Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods
- Significant dates in Josephite history
- Liturgical Calendar and Feasts of the Catholic Church
- Public Holidays
- School term dates for Australia
- Phases of the Moon
- Pull out Yearly Planner 2021

All that is Josephite...

- Contact details for the Congregation and Sisters of St Joseph in your local area
- Contact details for Mary MacKillop Centres in Australia and New Zealand
- Contact details for Retreat Centres and Congregational websites

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Mountains Deanery Liturgical Ministry Formation Course 2020

Sessions are held on 2 Saturdays, 2-4pm, St Finbar’s Parish, Glenbrook, 46–52 Levy St, Glenbrook 2773 . Ministers of the Word - Saturday 24th October. Extraordinary Ministers of Communion & Communion to the Sick and Dying - Saturday 31st October. Please contact Anne Alimangohan, Parramatta Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org before Saturday, 17th October 2020.

Those who warn us that we neglect the ways of justice and close our ears to the cries of the poor are simply reminding us of the very gospel we proclaim. Those young people, the ones who wonder whether we stewards of the gospel are actually living as if the gospels didn’t exist, are not posing the question from a “worldly” perspective. They are posing it because they have received the seed of God’s word and long to bear its fruit.

May be the saints or the “little” people—those who aspire to no human greatness, fabulous wealth, rank, or privilege. Perhaps it is they who, even in these hard days when many Christians seem to reject Christ as the rock of their lives, continue to build on him as their cornerstone.

John Kavanaugh, SJ

A Poem to Sit With
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The Door

We hide inside and lock the door
but slip the key outside
expectant then we wait and pray
that some or one will find the clue and fit the key to turn
the lock and push the door
to fling it wide to tear it down that door we built
or bought and closed and locked from need—
from a necessity inside
a need we feel but can’t define
like air we breathe or die
and so we hide and lock the door
but slip the key outside



SPRING and SUMMER in our PARISH


We are pleased to see so many of you wearing masks to Mass. Thank you for following the advice issued so far. This is one of the practical ways you can show you care for the health of others.

We have witnessed how easily the virus can spread so please let us not take our guard down. Please remember that if you are not feeling well that you are to stay at home. DO NOT come to Mass.

Our Parish is a COVID-safe organisation and to remain so, we need to follow certain practices. By now you are used to parts of our plan such as a maximum attendance, pre-booking at weekend Masses, recording contact details, sanitising our hands, and sitting in the marked pews. Your compliance means you are all playing an important role in keeping our community safe.

Thank you and God Bless.

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



O come let us adore Him! Would you like a weekly Holy Hour in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel in Katoomba? The Chapel is now open for private prayer between 9.00 am Monday and 9.00 am Saturday (followed by Benediction and Mass). We invite you to come and experience a time of strength, guidance and rest with Our Lord, away from the busy world. If you would like to find out more about becoming a rostered weekly or temporary fill in Adorer, please contact Jacquie Harsh on 0405 600 1255. In the words of St Mother Teresa “if you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to Adoration.”