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**All masses limited to 100. Bookings required in advance.
It is a mandatory requirement of entry that masks are worn.**

Weekend Mass times

Saturday 4.30pm & 5.30pm Vigil
Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am and 5.00pm

Weekday Mass times

Daily 8.40am (Daily Rosary)
Daily 9.10am (No Tuesday evening Mass at this stage)
Saturday 9.00am (followed by the Rosary)

Reconciliation: Saturday 3.30pm - 4.15pm

Baptisms: First and Third Sunday of each month
All Baptism bookings are to be made via our website

From Father Raining

A man who had just moved into a new neighbourhood decided to mow his front lawn. He hopped on his riding mower, pushed the starter button but nothing happened. He laboured for several minutes trying to get the machine started but without success. Suddenly his new next door neighbour came over carrying a big, fully-equipped tool chest. The neighbour put his tools to work and tinkered with the engine for a while until it started up and the mower was functioning beautifully. "Thanks a million," said the happy newcomer. "By the way, that's a fine set of tools you have. Do you make anything special with them?" "Mostly friends," the neighbour replied.

A while back, there was a greeting card on the market which contained a delightful definition of "friendship."

"A friend" it said ...

... is someone who will keep your secrets and never divulge them -- even if tortured, or tempted with chocolate.

... someone who will quietly destroy the photograph that makes you look like a beached whale.

... someone who knows you don't know what you're talking about but will let you reach that conclusion independently.

... someone who goes on the same diet with you -- and off it with you, too.

During World War II, Sir Winston Churchill broke British military precedent by allowing enlisted men to participate with officers in tactical sessions and briefings. An elderly British general expressed his displeasure with the new system. "Mr. Prime Minister," he said, "you know it is a fact that familiarity breeds contempt." To which Churchill replied, "My dear sir, I beg you to consider the fact that without a certain amount of familiarity, it is practically impossible to breed anything."

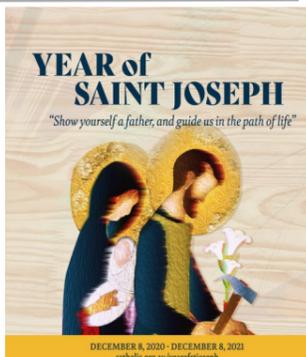
To breed friendship, familiarity is essential, of course. Friendship means closeness. Friendship means intimacy. Friendship means unconditional trust. And the only way to have a friend is to be a friend.

"What a friend we have in Jesus," says the old hymn -- and rightly so.

First Reading: Once he learned how to listen, Samuel responded generously to God's call.
How can I pay closer attention to the surprising ways God might be calling me?

Second Reading: Jesus reminds us that our bodies also belong to God.
What difference might it make in my attitudes or behaviour to accept my body as God's gift?

Gospel: The disciples search out Jesus but are not sure what they want from him.
How would I answer if Jesus asked me. "What are you looking for?"



"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"
8/12/2020—8/12/2021

Moments of Mercy

The loss of each soul plunges Me into mortal sadness. You always console Me when you pray for sinners. The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion of sinners. Know My daughter that this prayer is always heard and answered. (Diary 1397)

Catholic Weekly

- Eileen O'Connor Centenary
- Lebanese priests to be beatified
- Simcha Fisher: An American fairytale
- Monica Doumit: Scandal of the missing 'Vatican billions'
- Movie review: **Wonder Woman**
- Philippa Martyr: Mass attendance

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Church cleaning

Couples for Christ, JMJ (Jhun Javier), Mark & Caroline Penafiel

Due to COVID all other ministries are suspended until further notice. Thank you for your continued commitment.

Feast Days

17th St Anthony Abbot
"The illusions of this world soon vanish, especially if a man arms himself with the Sign of the Cross. The devils tremble at the Sign of the Cross of our Lord, by which He triumphed over and disarmed them."

20th St Fabian
Martyr, Peacemaker, Evangeliser, Confessor, Administrator and Reformer, Apostle of Charity – the Bishop of Rome from 10 January 236 to his death in 250.

20th St Sebastian
"The devil strains every nerve to secure the souls which belong to Christ. We should not grudge our toil in wresting them from Satan and giving them back to God."

21st St Agnes
Christ has made my soul beautiful with the jewels of grace and virtue. I belong to Him Whom the Angels serve.

22nd St Vincent
Vincent was trained and ordained a deacon by Valerius, bishop of Saragossa, Spain, in the third century. Vincent was tortured for many years, he endured this suffering for love of Christ.

Holy Hour for Vocations

Once we have been captured by the beauty of God's promised reward, we want to go out into our world and invite others into the heavenly banquet. Who will tell the Good News? Now is a good time to begin.

Piety Stall

Available in the Piety Store are Requisites for all occasions. Open after all weekend Masses so please come and browse!

Thank You

Thanks to those parishioners who have volunteered to help with the gardens, your help is very much appreciated. We are always in need of more green thumbs, if you are able to assist with the gardening we would love to see you!

24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration Friday 5th to Saturday 6th February

Starting at 9:10am Mass on Friday, our Lord will be exposed for 24 hours concluding with 9am Mass Saturday
Come ... spend some time with Him

At all times our Lord Jesus must have someone with Him, so please signify your interest on the timetable at the back of the Church.



IMPORTANT COVID UPDATE

Until further notice, the following applies:

- Please note current Mass and reconciliation times
~ Saturday reconciliation is 3:30pm to 4:15pm
~ Saturday vigil Mass times are 4:30pm and 5:30pm
~ Sunday Masses remain unchanged 8:00am, 9:30am & 5:00pm
- Masks are compulsory for all Masses and all Church based events including the Rosary
- No entry will be permitted unless you are wearing a mask
- Exemptions will only be allowed with certified medical documentation
- You will need to self sanitise and have your name ticked off upon entry.
- Masses are strictly limited to 100 people
- All weekend Masses require booking in advance
- Please do not simply expect to enter on the day unless you have booked in advance
- Mass bookings are made by phoning the parish office 10:00am to 1:00pm any weekday
- Follow any signage for seating and please use common sense, remembering to apply social distancing restrictions
- Members of the same family and/or household are permitted to sit together.
- Priority will be given to those who have booked in advance; once the limit of 100 has been reached you will not be allowed entry.
- Please remember to be polite to those who are marking off the names.

Please pray for our sick

Antonio Abulad, Maroun Ayoub, Marielin Suazo Barcelona, Marija Barclay, Father Domingo Barrawib, Elly Bejma, Danielle Brown, Kay Bull, Helen Butler, John Cassar, Richard Cassin, Ron Cini, Christine Coorey, Sorayda Corpuz, Camarillo Cossid, Kainaz Cowasjee, Fevoura Daroy, Joseph Daroy, Selene Daroy, Emma Davies, Norman De Luca, Frederick de Silva, Gus DelVillar, Camille Diesta, Lara Duncum, Rebecca Duncum, David Edwards, George El-Bayeh, Josephine & Chafic Filfili, Nick Galea, Ma Juana Gaueta, Patricia Gleeson, Piper Hastings, Peter and Julie Herlinger, Brian Horan, Anthony Iannuzzi, Ludie Irrulbandra, Jacqueline Kelly, Karen Le Huray, Josephine Mamari, Carolyn Martin, James Matos, Judy McNeilage, Sonia Merhi, Maria Micallef, Tess Micallef, Dennis Murray, Lesley Palaki, Arun Papali, Lina Pereira, Iranie Perumal, Silvi Perumal, Judy Phillips, Des Prendergast, Emely Reyes, Honor Rosario, Joe Stagnitta, Marty Stockford, John Trost, Patrick Wheeler.

Heavenly Father, We pray that you will lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick. We ask you to have compassion on all who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their painful circumstances. May they know that you are always with them, especially through difficult times. Amen

Please pray for

Jack & Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Josephine Clayton, Saverio & Rosa Marotta, Paul Beck, Brian Hurney, Lottie & Fredrick Gibbs, Anna Mary Joseph & Ratnam John Joseph, Maurice & Yvonne Sequeira, Andrew Busuttill, Kerry Cini, Aurelio & Connie Lopez, Michael & Julia Sherman, Chammouni Frangi, Madeleine Adolphe, Brian Baker, Mary & John Ford, John Ford Junior, Rosy Attard, Jim Rowan, Bal & Jennifer Villanova, Tony Draybi, Donald Ramage, Dex Habito, Charlie Micallef, Andy and Maureen Haddad, Maggie Simpliciano, Lourdes Zaballa, Michelle Makin. **May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace**