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Ranjit CHELLAPPA	Angelo VELLA	

Please advise the office if you know of anyone on the sick list whose name could be removed.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Deceased

Teresita "Terry" VILLARIN

Nunzia D'ELIA

Gerald Politha GUNASEKERA

Special Intentions

Sherwin, Suella and Baby FERNANDES

All our Fathers

Although we as a Parish are unable to physically attend Mass at the moment, Fr Joby is saying Mass daily. All Mass intentions that have been received are being said.

Recently Deceased

Please Pray for all those who have gone before us-

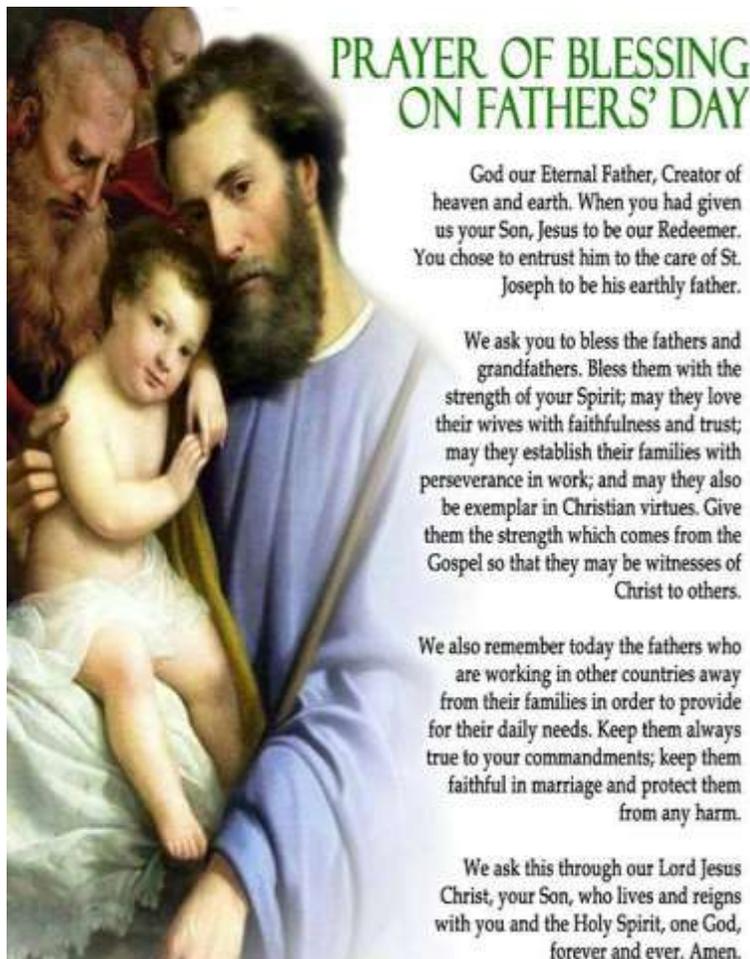


We will continue to Live stream our Sunday Mass from our Parish at 10am and our Tuesday Evening Mass and Novena at 7pm. You can access our livestream through our website or our Facebook page. You all are welcome to join.

The Church and all Church buildings are currently closed in order for us to do our part to help curb the spread of COVID 19. All Catholics within the Diocese of Parramatta continue to be dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice. We encourage you to undertake your own devotion at home during this time.

St Vincent De Paul is here to help. If you need assistance call 8861 9777

Prayer in A Time of Pandemic
Lord Jesus, give us the grace to hear your voice, and the strength to continue working for your kingdom in this time of pandemic. Do not allow us to be indifferent to those who today suffer the loss of a loved one, or who suffer from the absence of work. But give us the courage to accompany and side with those who suffer violence or injustice. Amen.



PRAYER OF BLESSING ON FATHERS' DAY

God our Eternal Father, Creator of heaven and earth. When you had given us your Son, Jesus to be our Redeemer. You chose to entrust him to the care of St. Joseph to be his earthly father.

We ask you to bless the fathers and grandfathers. Bless them with the strength of your Spirit; may they love their wives with faithfulness and trust; may they establish their families with perseverance in work; and may they also be exemplar in Christian virtues. Give them the strength which comes from the Gospel so that they may be witnesses of Christ to others.

We also remember today the fathers who are working in other countries away from their families in order to provide for their daily needs. Keep them always true to your commandments; keep them faithful in marriage and protect them from any harm.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Can't donate food to Vinnies & JRS, but still want to?

Due to lockdown, the parish is unable to accept food donations and new blankets for Vinnies and the Jesuit Refugee Service. However, these services are in serious need of your regular generous assistance, so please consider donating the usual amount of money you might spend on food donations, directly to the charities instead:

Vinnies: https://bit.ly/toonie_winter2021 (13 18 12)

JRS :<https://aus.jrs.net/en/donate/> (9356 3888)

Thank you for your selfless generosity!



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

HSC Prayer Intentions

If you know someone who is studying the HSC this year please email their name to secretary@stanthonyschurch.com.au. We are compiling a list of students which we will print in the bulletin for the duration of the HSC so that we can pray for them.

Fan the Flame – Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

‘He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.’ Mark 7:31-37 The Church hears the cries of the poor and the groans of the earth. It seeks to stand in solidarity with the poor and the marginalised, and to exercise good stewardship of the fragile ecosystems that support life on earth. (Australian Catholic Social Justice Council, “A New Earth: The Environmental Challenge. Social Justice Statement 2002”, accessed 23 April 2021, <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Social-Justice-Statement-2002.pdf>, 10.)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/

Please support our priests' dignified retirement and those clergy who are in ill-health

This Father's Day, please spare a thought for our humble priests who have cared for our faith community's spiritual nourishment and wellbeing for all their lives. With your generosity, the Clergy Support Foundation helps our priests with the personal, professional, and practical care and guidance needed to transition to a dignified and well-deserved retirement. Please give generously via the Father's Day Appeal at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or call (02) 8838 3482.

The 30 for 30 Walk with CYP Challenge

The 30 for 30 Walk with CYP Challenge asks participants to walk for 30 minutes during the 30 days of September and to pray and reflect on a new petition each day. Although it is a youth initiative, the invitation is open to everyone across the Diocese. Every evening, participants will receive an email with a prayer petition to keep in their minds during their walk. The petitions, submitted by those who sign up, will also be shared on the CYP social media accounts. Register now for the 30 for 30 Walk with CYP Challenge by visiting <https://parracatholic.org/cyp-30for30-walk/>. Keep an eye out on the CYP Facebook and Instagram pages as they share people's journeys and reflections.

Pastoral letter to the faithful of the Diocese of Parramatta on our response to the situation in Afghanistan

Dear brothers and sisters,

Many of you will be shocked, as I am, by how quickly and easily the Taliban has seized control of Afghanistan. The daily scenes from Kabul airport that we have seen over the past weeks have been heartbreaking. How much more shocked and scared must the Afghan population be, as well as their relatives and friends who are now living here in Australia. I ask you all to keep the Afghan people in your prayers, especially now as international forces have withdrawn from the country. Please include those in our community who have come from Afghanistan. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace has published a resource for communal prayer in your households: Prayer of Solidarity for the People of Afghanistan. Many Afghans are still trying to flee from the Taliban. Especially ethnic and religious minorities, including Christians, and those who worked together with the Australian and international military forces are at risk of targeted persecution. Women fear losing their human rights. The Australian Federal Government has so far committed to allocating 3,000 places within the existing refugee program for people fleeing Afghanistan. Archbishop Mark Coleridge of Brisbane, the President of our Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, recently wrote to the Prime Minister. Based on estimates from key humanitarian organisations and pledges from other countries, Archbishop Coleridge proposed that the Federal Government should make at least another 17,000 places available. This proposal is being supported by many humanitarian and community organisations, including Catholic organisations, and by a broad ecumenical alliance of Christian churches in Australia. I invite and encourage you all to add your voice to this important call. Under the theme "Christians United for Afghanistan" you can do this by signing the call at unitedforafghanistan.com/?partner=dioceseparramatta. I have already added my signature on behalf of the Diocese of Parramatta. Parishes can sign within the category "Church". Catholic schools, agencies and our Diocesan councils are invited to sign as an "Organisation", and every faithful can sign as an "Individual". Beyond a special intake of refugees from Afghanistan and Afghan refugee camps in neighbouring countries, "Christians United for Afghanistan" calls on the Federal Government to "Welcome. Protect. Reunite. Support." This includes granting permanent protection to all people from Afghanistan who are already in Australia on temporary protection visas or are currently awaiting application outcomes. It also includes enabling these refugees to bring their families from Afghanistan to Australia and reunite in safety, as well as additional emergency and long-term support for humanitarian aid through reputable organisations working in the region. Our partners at Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Australia and the Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA) are supporting this ecumenical initiative and will help to engage the Catholic community across Australia. As Christians, we believe that God bestows an indestructible dignity on every human being. However, we know that humans can erode this dignity. That is what I fear the Taliban are doing when they persecute those who do not share their beliefs and oppress the women and minorities they live alongside. So, when it is within our national power to protect dignity, we are prompted by our faith to speak out. As Pope Francis said in 2017 when speaking of people seeking asylum: "Defending their inalienable rights, ensuring their fundamental freedoms and respecting their dignity are duties from which no one can be exempted." It is our collective duty as a society to foster and uphold the unity of the family, and in the context of Afghanistan this includes enabling access to family reunion for refugees and members of the diaspora. Australia has a long tradition of generously resettling refugees and displaced persons who flee their home countries due to war, conflict and violence. We need to honour this legacy by showing the Afghan people fleeing oppression and violence our compassion and solidarity. I believe that this is the true identity of the country I have made my home. I was a refugee once and fled by boat in the wake of the end of a protracted war in which Australia had been involved. I hope to see the same level of bipartisan support for Afghan refugees now as there was for Vietnamese refugees then. While the Government has a critical role to play in supporting Afghans in Australia and in their homeland, faith-based and community groups declaring they are ready to help people relocating to Australia is a big piece of the puzzle. If you have friends, colleagues or neighbours with an Afghan background, please be there for them in this traumatic time. I ask you to open your hearts to newly arriving refugees, and to support our Catholic agencies in providing support to them as well as humanitarian aid in the region. Also include the members of our Australian Defence Force in your prayers who served in Afghanistan in the past 20 years. Thank you for your prayer and solidarity with our Afghan sisters and brothers in this difficult time.

In Christ,

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv Bishop of Parramatta

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 5 September 2021

(Extracted from Liturgy help.com)

Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Penitential Act

The Lord is rich in mercy and kindness. Let us prepare ourselves to hear God's Word and praise the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lord Jesus, you open the eyes of the blind: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you give courage to those who are afraid: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you love the lowly and the poor: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, hear our prayers and open our eyes to your presence that we may become instruments of your kindness to others. We make this prayer through our Risen Lord Jesus. God our help you call us together as one united in Jesus, our saviour and brother. Help us to care for each other and work together in Jesus' name so that we may build a kingdom of peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

Amen

First Reading

Is 35:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

R:

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bound down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger.

R:

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

R:

Second Reading

Jas 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St James

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Mark

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Mk 7:31-37

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

Strangely, this week's gospel about the healing of a man who was deaf and dumb is less about healing than it is about Jesus being the Messiah. The theme is set up in the first reading when the prophet, Isaiah, describes the signs by which the coming of the Messiah will be recognised: the blind will see; the deaf will hear; the lame will leap; and the dumb will speak. When Jesus healed the man in the gospel story the crowd were admiring of what he had done. They even exclaimed, 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.' These words are a direct echo of the Isaiah text – they were recognising Jesus as fulfilling the prophecies of the promised Messiah. However, the passage also demonstrates to us that Jesus was trying to show the people that he was not exactly the Messiah that many of them were anticipating. This healing story takes place in the region of The Decapolis – south-east of the Galilee region and populated mostly by Gentiles. By travelling in this area and working miraculous healings, Jesus is making the point that his mission is to all people, not just 'the Chosen People' of Israel. He commands the crowd who witnessed the healing to tell no one about it but, filled with the idea that Jesus was the Messiah they had been waiting for, they broadcast the news. Jesus wanted their silence because he knew that they did not fully understand the sort of Messiah that he was. Only when they understood that this Messiah must suffer and die would he have allowed them to speak of his deeds.

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, the Lord raises up those who are bowed down. Let us bring our needs before the God of mercy.

For Pope Francis, our Bishops, and all those who minister in the Church. That they may guide the Church with wisdom and holiness through the works of Faith, hope and charity.

We pray:

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For our fathers, may they be men of respect and decency and always love their wives and children

We pray:

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For fathers everywhere, who have given us life and love that we may show them respect and love.

We pray:

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For all families: that their light may shine to give light to the whole world.

We pray:

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For the people of Afghanistan and other peoples who live in fear of their government or violent extremists; that they will find peace and safety.

We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For the sick; especially those who are suffering from the corona virus, that they will be touched by Christ's healing power.

We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For all those who have died especially fathers. May they take their place at the banquet of eternal life.

We pray:

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For the prayers we now make in the silence of our hearts.

We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Prayer to Saint Joseph, the Patron of the Universal Church:

Prayer to St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil.

Celebrant: : Father, we have brought our needs before you, and humbly pray for your continuing care, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

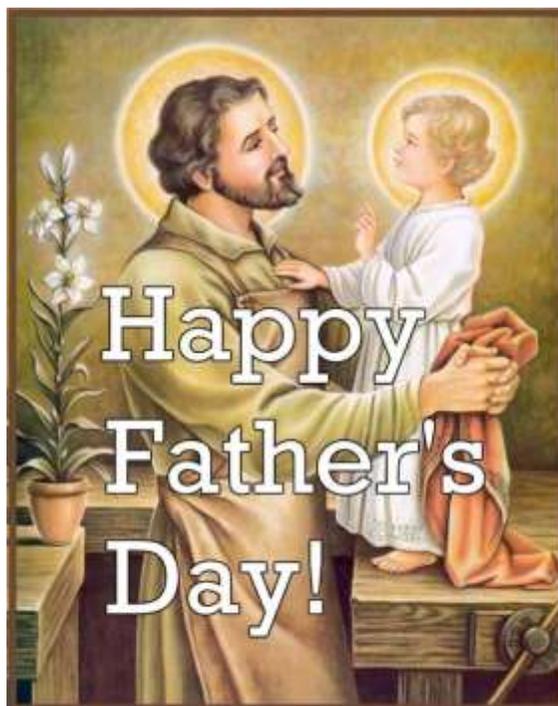
All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. **All: Amen.**

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, may your mercy heal us, and bring us to everlasting life We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**





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