

# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

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THE YEAR OF MERCY  
30th Sunday

## BULLETIN NOTICES

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## NEXT WEEKS MASS TIMES

*5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH*

**SATURDAY – 7.00 PM –  
CHARLTON**

**SATURDAY – 7.00PM  
WEDDERBURN\***

**SUNDAY 8.30 AM –  
ST ARNAUD**

**SUNDAY – 10.30 AM –  
DONALD**

\*Lay Led Liturgy

## NEXT WEEKENDS MASS ROSTER

**SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:** Marg McGrath√\*

Francie Lanyon\* Sandra Patton\*

**READERS:** Michael Bourke

**PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL:** Brian Fitzpatrick

**GIFTS :** Simone and Chris

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Abby, Nick and Lucinda

**FLOWERS:** Francie Lanyon

**HOME VISITING:** Margaret Fradd

**COUNTERS: This week:** Michael and Kath Bourke

**Next week:** Des and Francie Lanyon

**CHURCH CLEANING:** P Matthews, D Hobbs, M McGrath

## OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:

### RECENT DEATHS:

- FRANK KEANE

### ANNIVERSARIES:

- FRED SULLIVAN
- SR MAUREEN KINIRY
- KATHLEEN O'CONNOR
- DES FANNING
- GRAEME ANDERSON

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

- Bailey Delaney
- Vin Sait
- Fr John Keane

## **St. Joseph's Christmas Fete 2016**

**To be held Friday the 25th  
Of November  
From 12.00pm-2.00pm.**

Every year we ask family and friends of St. Joseph's for their support in donating items for the spinning wheel, and each year this generates a wonderful response from you all.

If anyone is interested in donating a raffle prize for one of the raffles, please contact one of the committee members listed below.

Donations may be left in the 'old school office' during school hours.

All donations are very welcome and much appreciated.

Shelley Nelson- 0427 552 460

Alena Olive- 0427 916 212

Julie Roberts- 0407 680 060

# October 28th

## Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

Today the Church celebrates the feast of Saints Simon and Jude whose names occur together in the Canon of the Mass and are also celebrated on the same day. Possibly this is because they both preached the Gospel in Mesopotamia and Persia where it is said they had both been sent, but in actual fact we know nothing for certain about them beyond what is told us of their being called as Apostles in the New Testament. St. Jude is the author of a short Epistle which forms part of the New Testament.

St. Simon is represented in art with a saw, the instrument of his martyrdom. St. Jude's square points him out as an architect of the house of God.

### St. Jude

**Patron:** Desperate situations; forgotten causes; hospital workers; hospitals; impossible causes; lost causes; diocese of Saint Petersburg, Florida.

**Symbols:** Bearded man holding an oar, a boat, boat hook, a club, an axe or a book; nearly every image depicts him wearing a medallion with a profile of Jesus, and usually with a small flame above his head; often carries a pen or sits at a writing location to make reference to the canonical Epistle; sailboat; inverted cross; square; halbert; club; loaves and fish; long cross; knotted club; boat hook; fuller's bat; lance; saw; flail; closed book; shield: red with sailboat with a cross on the mast.

### St. Simon

**Patron:** Curriers; saw men; sawyers; tanners.

**Symbols:** Boat; fish; man being sawn in two longitudinally; fish and book; oar; saw; two fishes; lance; fuller's bat; axe; cross; saw and oar saltire; fish on a boat hood; sword; shield: red background with two oars and a hatchet.

O God, who by the blessed Apostles have brought us to acknowledge your name, graciously grant, through the intercession of Saints Simon and Jude, that the Church may constantly grow by increase of the peoples who believe in you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. <http://www.catholicculture.org/>

# CATHOLICS NEED TO MOVE BEYOND THE CATECHISM AND DEVELOP THEIR 'PRAYER LIFE', POPE SAYS

20 October 2016 | by [Christopher Lamb](#)

Pope advocates deeper relationship with Christ through regular prayer, silent adoration and being conscious of sinfulness



Simply knowing what the Church teaches does not make you a good Catholic, Pope Francis has said.

During a homily in his Vatican residence, the Casa Santa Marta, Francis said more was needed than simply knowing the Catechism and urged Catholics to develop their prayer life. "Studying the Catechism teaches us who Christ is. But this is not enough," the Pope said.

Instead the Pope said that prayer, silent adoration and becoming conscious of sinfulness were the ingredients needed for an active faith. "We cannot worship without accusing ourselves," Francis said. "In order to enter into this bottomless and boundless sea that is the mystery of Jesus Christ, this thing is necessary. [Firstly], prayer: 'Father, send me the Holy Spirit so that he leads me to know Jesus.' Secondly, worship the mystery, enter into the mystery and worship Him. And thirdly, accuse ourselves. 'I am a man of unclean lips.'"

The Pope, who rises each morning at before 5am to pray in silence, stressed in particular the need for silent adoration. "We cannot know the Lord without this habit of worship, to worship in silence, adoration," he explained. "If I am not mistaken, I believe that this prayer of adoration is the least known by us, it's the one that we do least."

The Catechism is a synthesis of Catholic doctrine set out in a systematic way and is used as an educational text for children. In the past Catholics were asked to learn the Catechism by heart and conservative critics say today's faithful do not know enough about their faith, calling for greater emphasis to be placed on learning Church teaching.

This Pope, however, has placed an emphasis on members of the Church deepening their personal faith rather than just rote learning. He has also called on Catholics to use their faith as a motivation to carry out acts of charity to those in need.

Francis has also been willing to go off-message when it comes to the Catechism on the matter of capital punishment. While the Catechism allows the death penalty under certain conditions the Pope has argued for the worldwide abolition of capital punishment.

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