

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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THE MOST HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

27 December 2015, Year C



NICCOLÒ PISANO, The Holy Family, 1500s

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm (Mass in Polish)

6:00pm

Sunday:

8:30am

10:00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday-Friday 8:00am

Saturday 8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday after 8:30am Mass

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Franziska Jackson – Principal

School Office Times

8:30 am - 4:00 pm - Monday to Friday

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94 Joseph Street
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LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Responsorial Psalm:

Entrance Antiphon:

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

SUNDAY 8:30am

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday: 8:00am St. John of the Cross

Tuesday: 8:00am 3rd Week of Advent

Wednesday 8:00am 3rd Week of Advent

Thursday 8:00am Mass of 17th December

Friday 8:00am Mass of 18th December

Saturday 8:30am Mass of 19th December

ADORATION CHAPEL:

Open during office hours or speak to Father Andrew to arrange another time.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Fr. Andrew will anoint personally if the need arises. Please see Father to arrange an anointing.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

ROSARY AND BENEDICTION:

Saturday at 5.15pm

PRAYER FOR FAITH IN OUR FUTURE:

Gracious God, source of all life, you call us together in faith and love as the Diocese of Parramatta.

As one body in Christ, may we respond to your Word, attend to the signs of the times, and live as your disciples in word and deed.

Renew our hearts in your Holy Spirit to grow and share our faith with the world; give us courage and grace to live faith in our future. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER:

Universal: That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

Evangelization: That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: : Kevin Collins, Alistair McArthur, Dianne Devitt, John McCahon, Kathryn Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Debbie O'Connor, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, Gisela Drobiszewski, Charles Timmins, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Mavis Murphy, Bus Maybaum, Valerie Davies, Jack Kane, Janet Boreham, Anne Tucker, Mark Fitzgerald, Raymond Waters, Francene Flannery & Noeline Cruzado.

SICK LIST: If you have anyone for the sick list (due to privacy laws) contact the Parish Office to fill in a form
Please phone the Parish Office at the end of each month to have the names put on the sick list.

PARISH AND DIOCESE

WEEKLY

SECOND COLLECTION: ENVELOPES \$
LOOSE: \$

DONATIONS AND FUND-RAISING:

THIS WEEK DONATIONS: \$

SUNDAY MORNING CUPPA:

After 10:00am Mass.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM:

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 2 April 2016

Registration: 14th February 2016

First Communion: 29 May 2016.

Confirmation: 22 November 2016.

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:

1st & 3rd Tuesdays 1:30pm at 1/23 Walter Street, Kingswood. Dianne – 4731 3685.

2nd & 4th Wednesdays after morning Mass – 9am to 10am in Parish Hall. Aloma 4731 8102
Teresa – 4731 4222

2nd & 4th Thursday 7:00pm at 2/40 Single Road, South Penrith. Elaine – 4736 8162.

In these groups we: Pray, Study the Bible, have a Teaching, Reflect & Share our Faith. You are most welcome to join us at any of these groups.

OFFICE HOURS DURING SUMMER:

NEW YEARS DAY SCHEDULE:

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY:



GIFT OF THE PLENARY INDULGENCE

Pope Francis has granted a special jubilee indulgence for the faithful praying in a Dominican church. That is why everyday's morning adoration we finish with special prayers to gain a plenary indulgence.



RAFFLE TICKETS:

To help offset the cost of the Pilgrimage for young

Following proclamation of the Privacy Act 1988 at the end of 2001, a privacy policy has been developed in accordance with Diocesan norms and has been approved by the Parish Priest. A copy is available from the Parish Office.

Booklet of 10 tickets \$20.00. Please feel free to take
a book to sell to your friends.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

PAPAL ADDRESSES

Vatican City, 20 December 2015 (VIS) – The Holy Father appeared at the window of his study in the Vatican Apostolic Palace at midday today to pray the Angelus with the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square. Among those present there was a large group of children from the Oratories who eagerly awaited the blessing of their figurines of the Baby Jesus for their nativity displays. On the fourth Sunday of Advent the Pope explained that, for celebrate Christmas in a fruitful way, we must stop in places of 'wonder'.

“The first place is the 'other', whom we recognise as our brother or sister, as since the birth of Jesus, every face bears a resemblance to the Son of God, and especially when it is the face of a poor person, because God entered the world in poverty and allowed Himself to be approached first by the poor”. The second place of wonder is history. “Very often we think we see things in the right way, and instead we risk reading things backwards. This happens, for instance, when history seems to us to be determined by the market economy, regulated by finance and business, dominated by the powers that be. The God of Christmas is instead a God who 'shuffles the deck'.

“The third place of wonder is the Church”, he continued. “To look on her with the wonder of faith means considering the Church not merely as a religious institution – which the Church is – but to feel that she is also a mother in whom, despite her warts and wrinkles – there are so many! – the contours of the bride beloved of and purified by Christ the Lord shine through. A Church who knows how to recognise the many signs of faithful love that God continuously sends her. A Church for whom the Lord Jesus will never be a possession to be zealously defended; those who do this are mistaken. The Lord Jesus will always be the One who comes to meet her, Whom she knows to await with trust and joy, giving a voice to the hopes of the world. The Church who calls to the Lord, 'Come Lord Jesus'. The Mother Church whose doors are always open, whose arms are open to welcome everyone. The Mother Church

goes out from her own doors to seek, with a mother's smile, all of those who are far away to bring them to God's mercy. This is the wonder of Christmas”.

He emphasised that “At Christmas, God gives Himself to us fully by giving His one and only Son,

Who is all his joy. It is only with the heart of Mary, the humble and poor daughter of Zion, who become the Mother of the Son of the Most High, that we can rejoice and be glad for the great gift of God and for His unexpected surprise. ... The encounter with Jesus will let us too feel this great wonder. But we cannot have this wonder and we cannot meet Jesus, if we do not meet Him in the other, in history and in the Church”, he concluded.

Vatican City, 20 December 2015 (VIS) – After today's Angelus prayer, the Pope spoke about the recent agreements regarding the Middle East reached by the international community. “I encourage everyone to continue, with a generosity and dedication, towards a cessation of violence and a negotiated settlement leading to peace”. Similarly, he mentioned the situation in Libya, where “the recent working agreement among the parties for a government of national unity invites hope for the future”. He also commented on the commitment to collaboration between Costa Rica and Nicaragua, expressing his hope that “a renewed spirit of fraternity will further strengthen dialogue and mutual cooperation between them and among the countries of the region”.

He also mentioned the populations of India, recently stricken by a major flood, and asked those present to pray a Hail Mary for these afflicted brothers and sisters. Finally, he greeted all, and especially the many children in St. Peter's Square who had brought figurines of the Baby Jesus from their Nativity displays to be blessed by the Pope. “Dear children, when you pray before your Nativity, remember me, as I will remember you”.

Vatican City, 21 December 2015 (VIS) – Missionary and pastoral spirit, idoneity and sagacity, spirituality and humanity, example and fidelity, reasonableness and gentleness, innocuousness and determination, diligence and attentiveness, charity

and truth, openness and maturity, respectfulness and humility, intrepidity and alertness, and finally, accountability and sobriety. These are the qualities Pope Francis highlighted this morning in his greetings to the Roman Curia, as a practical aid to embracing the time of grace of Christmas and the Year of Mercy and ensuring the fruitfulness of service to the Church. "I would ask the Heads of Dicasteries and other superiors to ponder this, to add to it and to complete it", he said. "It is a list based on an acrostic analysis of the word 'Misericordia' ... with the aim of having it serve as our guide and beacon"