

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017, Year A/1



CIMA da Conegliano, Incredulity of St. Thomas c. 1505

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

Benediction: Saturday 5.15pm

### ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Patricia Riley – Principal

#### School Office Times

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

#### Address

94 Joseph Street  
Kingswood, NSW 2747

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am – 2:00pm and Friday: 8:30am – 1:30pm

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# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGY

### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Entrance Antiphon:** All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

**First Reading:** Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

**Responsorial Psalm:** For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

**Second Reading** Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

**Gospel:** Matthew 10:37-42

#### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Thanksgiving to the Most Holy Trinity

**SUNDAY** 8.30am

Thanksgiving to the Most Holy Trinity

10:00am

For the Parish

**Monday** 8:00am

ST THOMAS

Thanksgiving to the Most Holy Trinity

**Tuesday:** 8:00am

Bl Pier Giorgio Frassali

Dec Members of the Bertrand Family

**Wednesday** 8:00am

13<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time

Thanksgiving to the Most Holy Trinity

**Thursday** 8:00am

13<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time

Thanksgiving to the Most Holy Trinity

**Friday** 8.00am

Bl Peter To Rot

Thanksgiving to the Most Holy Trinity

**Saturday** 8.30am

Mass of the Virgin Mary

Alexandrina Pimentel

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please contact the Parish Office or one of the priests. In the case of Emergency please call the emergency number at the front of this bulletin.

#### BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office.

#### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Elaine D'Arcy, Valerie O'Flynn

#### DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Deceased Members of the Bertrand Family,

#### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There is an opportunity to spend time with the Lord on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July from 5pm to 10pm. All are welcome.

#### YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm. Please invite young people to come along.

#### POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR JULY:

##### Lapsed Christians

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

**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, Katalin Domotor, Charles Timmins, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Valerie Davis, Raymond Waters, Francene Flannery, Jason Isbitski, Rosslyn Talbot, David Jenkins, Noeline Cruzado, Kathleen Angoves & Gerard Kelly.

**SICK LIST:** If you have anyone for the sick list, (due to privacy laws) contact the Parish Office to fill in a form and update it at the end of each month to keep the names on the sick list.

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

### ROSARY IN OUR HOMES

Please fill in the form at the back of the Church if you are interested in having Our Lady's Statue and the Rosary in your home for a week at a time. Statue will be delivered to you by the Legion of Mary.

**SECOND COLLECTION:**      **Envelopes: \$751**  
   **Loose:      \$361.90**

First Collection contributions go to the Diocese to support the priests working in the Parish.  
Second collection contributions go directly to the Parish to support day to day operation of the Parish.

**PLEASE COLLECT YOUR PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES AND DWF RECEIPTS FROM THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.**

### LEGION OF MARY - 'Mary Seat of Wisdom'

Meetings are held every Tuesday from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the old office building. All persons interested in meeting and participating in Legion's activities are most welcome.

### SACRAMENTS FOR 2017:

**Confirmation: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

Registration - 23<sup>rd</sup> July after 10am Mass

### ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays** after Mass - 9am to 10am in Parish Hall.

Enquiries: Aloma - 4731 8102; Teresa - 4731 4222

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays** 7pm in Parish Office.

Enquiries: Jim - 0411 280 950.

### BIBLE STUDY

Are you interested in a Bible Study in the Parish? If so, please speak to one of the Priests or ring the Parish Office.

### SKY YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will recommence Wednesdays 19<sup>th</sup> July. Young people from Years 6 to 12 are most welcome.

### PARISH LUNCH:

All Parishioners are invited to our lunch on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Venue for 12<sup>th</sup> July is Penrith Golf Club. If you need a lift please ring the Office. All are most welcome.

### FUNERALS AT ST JOSEPH'S

**Valerie O'Flynn** - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 10.30am and Burial at Penrith Cemetery, Kingswood.

**Elaine D'Arcy** - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July Mass at 10am and then a Service at 12 noon at North Chapel at Pinegrove Cemetery.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Dear friends, thank you for your donations I have raised \$1780.00 so far! If you wish to sponsor Vinnies and my run please go to the following site <https://donate.grassrootz.com/blackmores-sydney-running-festival-2017/vinnies/pawel-barszczewski> In Prayer, Fr. Pawel

### PARKING ON GROUNDS

**Please do not leave valuables, such as money or mobile phones, in your cars. We have had cars broken into in the past.**

### STELLA MARIS COLLECTION

We have our Seafarers Appeal next weekend. Please be generous.

### MT SCHOENSTATT

**Shrine** at 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year from 7am to 8pm.

**Formation for Young Adults** 18-35 on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month from 12 noon to 3pm.

### Grace & Silence Retreat Day

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July for vocation discernment to Marriage & Family life, Single Life or Consecrated Life. Cost \$30 includes morning & afternoon tea, lunch & materials. Register with Sr Julie 0408 738 334 or [juliebrcar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebrcar@gmail.com).

### LIGHT UP ST PATS

Until Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July from 6pm to 10pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Lights are similar to the Christmas lights at St Mary's Cathedral. Entertainment and stalls.

### AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

Bishop Vincent invites all young people from Year 9 to 30 years of age to celebrate at Sydney Olympic Park from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> December. For all enquiries contact James Camden, Director of Youth on 8838 3428 or [jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au).

## CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

### POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Today we reflect on *Christian hope as strength of the martyrs*. When, in the Gospel, Jesus sends His disciples on mission, He does not deceive them with mirages of easy success; on the contrary, He warns them clearly that the proclamation of the Kingdom of God entails always opposition. And he even uses an extreme expression: "You will be hated — hated — by all for my name's sake" (*Matthew 10:22*).

Christians love, but they are not always loved. Jesus puts Himself immediately before this reality: in a more or less strong measure, the confession of faith happens in an atmosphere of hostility.

Christians, therefore, are "counter current" men and women. It is normal, because the world is marked by sin, which manifests itself in various forms of egoism and injustice. One who follows Christ walks in the opposite direction. Not out of a controversial spirit, but out of fidelity to the logic of the Kingdom of God, which is the *logic of hope*, and is translated in a style of life based on Jesus' indications.

The first indication is *poverty*. When Jesus sends His own on mission, it seems He puts more care in "stripping" them than in "clothing" them! In fact, a Christian who is not humble and poor, detached from riches and power and above all detached from himself, is not like Jesus. A Christian goes on his way in this world with the essential for the way, but with his heart full of love. The true defeat for him or for her is to fall into the temptation of a vendetta or of violence, responding to evil with evil. Jesus says to us: "I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves" (*Matthew 10:16*) — hence, without claws, without weapons. Rather, a Christian must be prudent, sometimes even sly: these are virtues accepted by the evangelical logic, but violence never. Evil methods cannot be shared [used] to defeat evil.

The Gospel is the sole strength of a Christian. Persecution is not a contradiction of the Gospel, but part of it: if they persecuted our Master, how can we hope that we will be spared the fight? However, in the midst of the whirlwind a Christian must not lose hope, thinking that he has been abandoned. Jesus reassures His own saying: "even the hairs of your head are all numbered" (*Matthew 10:30*). As if to say that none of man's sufferings, not even the most

minute and hidden, are invisible to God's eyes. God sees, and He certainly protects, and He will offer His rescue. There is in fact in our midst Someone who is stronger than evil, stronger than the mafias, than dark conspiracies, than one who profits on the skin of the desperate, than one who crushes others with arrogance . . . Someone who always listens to the voice of Abel's blood, which cries from the earth.

Therefore, Christians must always be found on the "other side" of the world, that chosen by God: not persecutors but persecuted; not arrogant but meek; not vendors of smoke but submitted to truth; not impostors but honest.

This fidelity to Jesus' style — style of hope — to death, would be called by the first Christians with a most beautiful name: *martyrdom*, which means "witness." "There were many other possibilities offered by the vocabulary: it could be called heroism, abnegation, self-sacrifice. And instead, the Christians of the first hour called it with a name that has the perfume of discipleship. Martyrs do not live for themselves, and they accept having to die only out of fidelity to the Gospel. Martyrdom is not even the supreme ideal of the Christian life because above it is charity, namely love of God and of neighbour. The Apostle Paul says it very well in the hymn of charity, understood as love of God and love of neighbour. The Apostle Paul says it very well in the hymn of charity: "If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing" (*1 Corinthians 13:3*). Repugnant to Christians is the idea that suicide attackers can be called "martyrs": there is nothing in their end that comes close to the attitude of children of God.

Sometimes, reading the histories of the many martyrs of yesterday and of today — that are more numerous than the martyrs of the early times —, we remain astonished in face of the fortitude with which they faced their trial. This fortitude is sign of the *great hope* that animated them: the certain hope that nothing and no one could separate them from the love of God given to us in Jesus Christ (Cf. *Romans 8:38-39*).

May God give us always the strength to be His witnesses. May He give us the strength to live Christian hope especially in the hidden martyrdom of doing well and with love our duties of every day. Thank you.