

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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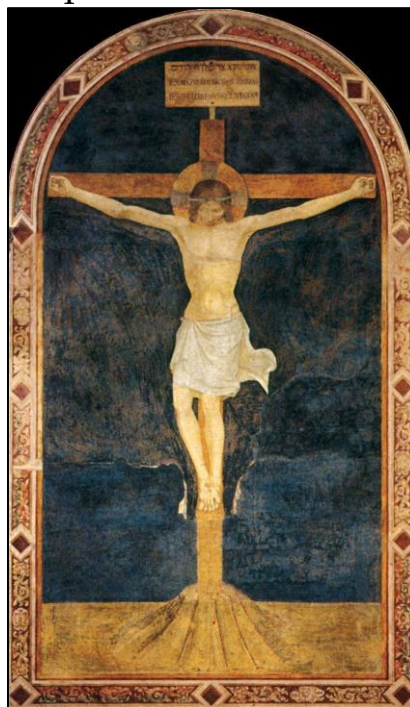
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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10th September 2017, Year A/1



Fra Angelico, Crucified Christ, 1433-34

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 Reilly - 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: You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right;
treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to His voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

**Odile St Lambert & Kim Nelson
(Deceased Ann.)**

SUNDAY 8.30am

Yaroslav Klukow (Deceased Ann.)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 23rd Week Ordinary Time

**Deceased Dominican Friends,
Relatives & Benefactors**

Tuesday: 8:00am Most Holy Name of Mary

Wednesday 8:00am St John Chrysostom

Thursday 8:00am TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS

Friday 8.00am Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday 8.30am St Cornelius & St Cyprian

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.

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Odile St Lambert, Kim Nelson, Yaroslav Klukow

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be 23rd September at 6pm.
Please invite all young people to come along for
Mass and a get together.
If you would like to contribute towards the supper,
please feel free to do so.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

We need men and women to take the Blessed
Eucharist to our sick and elderly Parishioners on a
Sunday morning after 8.30am Mass. If you can help
in this Ministry please speak to Fr Andrew.

POPE FRANCIS' SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS

Parishes

That our Parishes, animated by a missionary spirit,
may be places where faith is communicated and
charity is seen.

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.

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.

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes:** \$794
 Loose: \$275.90

LEGION OF MARY - 'Mary Seat of Wisdom'

Meetings are held every Saturday at 2pm in the old office building. All persons interested in meeting and participating in the Legion's activities are most welcome.

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.

SACRAMENTS FOR 2017:

Confirmation: Tuesday 24th October

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays after Mass – 9am to 10am in Parish Hall.

Enquiries: Aloma – 4731 8102; Teresa – 4731 4222

1st & 3rd Mondays 7pm in Parish Office.

Enquiries: Jim – 0411 280 950.

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study is every Wednesday at 10.30am in the Parish Hall. All are most welcome. Please bring your Bible with you.

SKY YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group Wednesdays in the school term from 3pm to 5pm. Young people from Years 6 to 12 are most welcome.

PARISH LUNCH:

All Parishioners are invited to our lunch on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Venue is Penrith Golf Club for 13th September. If you need a lift please ring the Office. All are most welcome.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

2018 Calendars are for sale after weekend Masses at \$9 each. They make a lovely Christmas gift.

FATIMA DAY - FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER

We are going to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy at Penrose Park, near Berrima, for Our Lady of Fatima's 100th Anniversary Feast. We have hired a bus to travel as a Parish and there are a few seats left. Please ring the Office to book your seat.

RUNNING FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Dear friends, thank you for your donations I have raised \$3193 so far! If you wish to sponsor Vinnies and my run in the Sydney Marathon in September, please go to the following site:

<https://donate.grassrootz.com/blackmores-sydney-running-festival-2017/vinnies/pawel-barszczewski> In Prayer, Fr. Pawel.

BISHOP'S APPEAL FOR RETIRED & SICK CLERGY

We collected \$922.90 for our retired and sick clergy. Thank you for your generosity.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

All Married Couples are invited to celebrate their Wedding Anniversary at 11am Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, celebrated by the Very Rev Bishop Vincent Long, on Sunday 24th September. A light lunch will follow. Please register on 8838 3460 or email imf@parra.catholic.org.au.

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 7th to 9th December. For all enquiries contact James Camden, Director of Youth on 8838 3428 or jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO MARRIAGE ACT

Marriage is... The Church views marriage as a unique relationship between a woman and a man. Marriage is also a fundamental institution for all societies because of its importance in uniting spouses as potential parents and in providing for the upbringing of their children. It has therefore been understood as the union of a man and a woman in all cultures and religions until very recent times and is still so defined in international law and the law of most nations.

... To insist that marriage is a relationship between a man and a woman is not a criticism of other kinds of relationships. By recognising this particular type of relationship our community and its marriage laws do not unjustly discriminate against other relationships: rather, our community and its laws recognize the essential connections between male-female bonding and child-bearing, and between children and their natural parents. Taken from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website, where there is more information: <https://www.catholic.org.au/plebiscite>.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH
CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

Before the Angelus Sunday 3rd September

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today's Gospel reading (cf Mt 16: 21-27) is the continuation of last Sunday's, which highlighted the profession of faith of Peter, the "rock" on which Jesus wishes to build His Church. Today, in striking contrast, Matthew shows us the reaction of Peter himself when Jesus reveals to the disciples that He must suffer in Jerusalem, will die, and will rise again (cf. v. 21). Peter takes Jesus aside and rebukes Him, as this, he says, cannot happen to Him, to Christ. However, Jesus in turn rebukes Peter with harsh words: "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man" (v. 23). A moment before, the apostle was blessed by the Father, as he had received that revelation from Him; he was a solid "rock" on which Jesus could build His community, and immediately afterwards he became an obstacle, a rock not to build upon but a stumbling block on the road of the Messiah. Jesus is well aware that Peter and the others still have a long way to go to become His apostles!

At that point, the Master addresses all those who were following Him, presenting to them clearly the way to follow: "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me" (v. 24). Always, even today, the temptation is that of wanting to follow a Christ without the cross, or indeed to teach God the right way, like Peter: "No, no Lord, this no, this will never happen". But Jesus reminds us that His way is the way of love, and there is no true love without self-sacrifice. We are called not to let ourselves be absorbed by the vision of this world, but to be always more aware of the need and of the hardship for us as Christians to walk against the current, and uphill.

Jesus completes His proposal with words that express a great wisdom, always valid, as they challenge the selfish mentality and behaviour. He exhorts, "For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" (v. 25). In this paradox there is the golden rule that God has inscribed in human nature created in Christ: the rule that only love gives meaning and happiness to life. To use one's own talents,

energies and time only to save, protect and fulfil oneself leads in reality to losing oneself, or rather, a sad and barren existence. If instead we live for the Lord and base our life on love, as Jesus did, we will be able to savour authentic joy, and our life will be fruitful, not barren.

In the celebration of the Eucharist we relive the mystery of the Cross; not only do we remember, but we carry out the memorial of the redeeming Sacrifice, in which the Son of God loses Himself entirely to receive Himself once more from the Father and in this way to find us again, we who were lost, along with all creatures. Every time we participate in Holy Mass, the love of Christ crucified and risen is communicated to us as food and drink, so that we can follow Him in the journey of every day, in concrete service to the faithful.

May Mary Most Holy, who followed Jesus unto Calvary, accompany us too, and help us not to fear the cross, but with Jesus nailed to it, not a cross without Jesus, the cross with Jesus, that is, the cross of suffering out of love for God and for our brothers, because this suffering, by Christ's grace, is fruitful with resurrection.

After the Angelus

Dear brothers and sisters,

As I renew my spiritual closeness to the populations of southern Asia, who are still suffering the consequences of the floods, I wish to express my heartfelt participation in the suffering of the inhabitants of Texas, and Louisiana, affected by a hurricane and exceptional rains, which have claimed victims, displaced thousands, and caused enormous material damages. I ask that Mary Most Holy, Consoler of the afflicted, obtain from the Lord the grace of comfort for these sorely tried brothers of ours.

I greet all of you, dear pilgrims from Italy and from various countries. In particular, the pilgrims of the parishes of Sarmede, Anzano and Cappella Maggiore of the diocese of Vittorio Veneto; the faithful of the Canary Islands; the band from Pontevico, the recently confirmed from Mariano al Brembo, Padria and Prevalle; and young people from Chizzola, Cagliari and Bellagio. And I want to thank you, who have wished me a good trip. Thank you; thank you!