

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15<sup>th</sup> January 2017, Year A/1



Christ Healing the Paralytic, from Pictorial Bible of Abbey of St. Bertin France (St. Omer), ca. 1190-1200

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 the earth shall bow down before You, O God, and shall sing to You, shall sing to Your name, O Most High!

Responsorial Psalm: Here I am, Lord; I come to do Your will.

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

SUNDAY 8:30am Dec. Mem. of the Mahns Family

10:00am For the Parish

Monday 8:00am Ordinary Time Repose of the Soul of Father Elias

Tuesday: 8:00am St Anthony Repose of the Soul of Father Cernaj

Wednesday 8:00am St Margaret of Hungary Repose of the Soul of Father Doyle

Thursday 8:00am Ordinary Time Repose of the Soul of Father Kelly

Friday 8:00am Ordinary Time Dec. Members of the Woodward and Hewitt Families

Saturday 8:30am St Agnes Mass of Thanksgiving

ADORATION CHAPEL:

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

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.

HYMNS FOR WEEKEND MASSES:

Processional: 447 Offertory: 518
Communion: 484 Reflection: 454
Recessional: 587

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mia Schoemaker

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY: Fr Elias, Fr Cernaj, Fr Doyle, Fr Kelly, Dec. Mem. of Mahns Family, Dec. Mem. of Woodward and Hewitt Families.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office.

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. The Statue will be delivered to you by the Legion of Mary. Our Priests will also be able to visit your home to bless it during this time.

POPE FRANCIS' JANUARY INTENTIONS:

Evangelization: Christians at the service of the challenges of humanity.

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching, by striving with prayer and fraternal charity, to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

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, Valerie Davies, Janet Boreham, Raymond Waters, Francene Flannery, Jason Isbitski, Rosslyn Talbot, David Jenkins, Noeline Cruzado, Elaine D'Arcy, John Cooney & 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.

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Envelopes: \$1015  
Loose: \$439.80

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.

### 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.



**JUBILEE 800** 1216 - 2016  
**ORDER OF PREACHERS**

[www.stjoseph800.org](http://www.stjoseph800.org)

### COMMUNITY CELEBRATION FOR THE END OF SUMMER BREAK & DOMINICAN 800<sup>TH</sup> JUBILEE YEAR AT ST JOSEPH'S PARISH CHURCH

Date: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January

5.00pm Barbeque

6.00pm Lindsay Gardner (Magician)

7.00pm Evening Prayer

### SACRAMENTS FOR 2017:

#### Reconciliation: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April

Registration - 5<sup>th</sup> March after 10am Mass

#### First Communion: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June

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

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

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

### ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:

Will resume in February. If you have any questions about these Groups please ring:

Aloma 4731 8102; Teresa - 4731 4222

Elaine - 4736 8162.

### PARISH LUNCH:

All Parishioners are invited to our lunch every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month at midday. Venue for 8<sup>th</sup> February is Penrith Golf Club.

All are most welcome.

### OFFICE HOURS DURING CHRISTMAS BREAK:

During January the Parish Office will be open on Thursdays & Fridays. If you have an urgent matter, please ring the emergency number on the front page. Normal office hours will resume in February.

### PARKING IN THE COURTYARD IS ONLY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABLED STICKERS. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THIS IS A SAFETY ISSUE.

### CLEANING THE LORD'S HOUSE:

If you have an hour to spare on a Friday or a Saturday morning, please consider assisting with cleaning the Church. Ring Clare on 0432 668 724.

### GIFT OF THE PLENARY INDULGENCE:

Pope Francis has granted a special Jubilee Plenary Indulgence, on usual conditions, for the faithful praying in a Dominican church. That is why every days' morning adoration we finish with special prayers.

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSES:

Courses at Penrith or Blacktown are open to all individuals seeking formation and training for serving at the altar. Email Office of Worship on [alobo2@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:alobo2@parra.catholic.org.au) or ring on 8838 3456, or collect an enrolment form from Aruna or Clare.

### MASS FOR WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Includes the Sacramental Rite of Anointing of the Sick and Prayers for Healing. Bishop Vincent Long will be the principal celebrant. Mass is at 10.30am on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February at St Patrick's Church, 51 Allawah Street, Blacktown. Refreshments to follow.

### NEW PARKING ARRANGEMENTS AT ST. JOSEPH'S:

In the past week we did some work on opening our grass paddock for parking cars at St. Joseph's. We would like to acknowledge those who helped with organizing it. We would especially like to thank Mr. John Mifsud, Mr. Roger Harris and Fr. Pawel Barszczewski for their work on the entry, installation of the posts at the edge of the Parking and Mr. Jonlad Pamintuan for arranging the Road Base which was put at the entrance to the new Parking Space. Thank you for your help!

*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.*

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

**THE HOLY FATHER'S CATECHESIS**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Today we begin catechesis on *mercy according to the biblical perspective*, in order to learn mercy by listening to what God Himself teaches us with His Word. We begin from the *Old Testament*, which prepares and leads us to the full revelation of Jesus Christ who, in an accomplished way, reveals the Father's mercy.

The Lord is presented in Sacred Scriptures as "*merciful God*." And this is His name, through which He reveals to us, so to speak, His face and His heart. He Himself, as narrated in the Book of Exodus, on revealing Himself to Moses describes Himself thus: "*The Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness*" (34:6). We find this formula also in other texts, with some variation, but always the stress is put on mercy and on the love of God who never tires of forgiving (cf. Jonah 4:2; Joel 2:13; Psalm 86:15; 103:8; Nehemiah 9:17). Let us look together, one by one, at these words of Sacred Scripture that speak to us of God.

The Lord is "*merciful*": this word evokes an attitude of tenderness as that of a mother in dealing with her child. In fact, the Hebrew term used by the Bible makes one think of the insides or even the maternal womb. Therefore, the image it suggests is that of a God that *is moved and becomes tender for us* as a mother when she takes her child in her arms, desirous only of loving, protecting, and helping, ready to give everything, even herself. This is the image that this term suggests. A love, therefore, that can be described as "*visceral*" in the good sense.

Written then is that the Lord is "*gracious*," in the sense that He gives grace, has compassion and, in His greatness, bends over one who is weak and poor, *always ready to receive, to understand, to forgive*. He is like the father of the parable reported in Luke's Gospel (cf. Luke 15:11-32): a father who does not shut himself in resentment because of the younger son's abandonment but, on the contrary, continues to wait for him – he has generated him. And then he runs to meet and embrace him, he does not even let him finish his confession – as if he covered his mouth – so great is his love and joy for having found him again. And then he also goes to call his older son, who is angry and does not want to celebrate, and yet the father bends over him and invites him to come in, he tries to open his heart to love, so that no one remains excluded from the celebration of mercy. Mercy is a celebration!

Said also of this merciful God is that He is "*slow to anger*," literally, "*in the long term*," that is wide-ranging

in long suffering and the capacity to endure. God is able to wait, and His times are not the impatient ones of men. He is like the wise farmer that is able to wait, gives time to the good seed to grow, despite the dandel (cf. Matthew 13:24-30).

And, finally, the Lord proclaims Himself "*abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness*." How lovely is this description of God! Everything is here, because God is great and powerful, but His greatness and power are displayed in loving us, we who are so little, so incapable. The word "*love*" used here indicates *affection, grace and goodness*. It is not the love of soap operas ... It is love that takes the first step, which does not depend on human merits but is of immense gratuitousness. It is the divine solicitude that nothing can stop, not even sin, because it is able to go beyond sin, to overcome evil and forgive it.

A "*faithfulness*" without limits: here is the last word of God's revelation to Moses. God's faithfulness never fails. Because the Lord is the Guardian that, as the Psalm says, does not fall asleep but watches constantly over us to lead us to life:

"He will not allow your foot to slip;  
or your guardian to sleep.

Behold, the guardian of Israel  
never slumbers nor sleeps.

[...]

The LORD will guard you from all evil;  
he will guard your soul.

The LORD will guard your coming and going  
both now and forever." (121:3-4,7-8).

And this merciful God is faithful in His mercy and Saint Paul says a lovely thing: if you are not faithful to Him, He will remain faithful because he cannot deny Himself. Faithfulness in mercy is proper to God's being. And therefore God is totally and always trustworthy – a solid and stable presence. This is the certainty of our faith. And then, in this Jubilee of Mercy, we entrust ourselves totally to Him, and experience the joy of being loved by this "*God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness*."

Translation by ZENIT