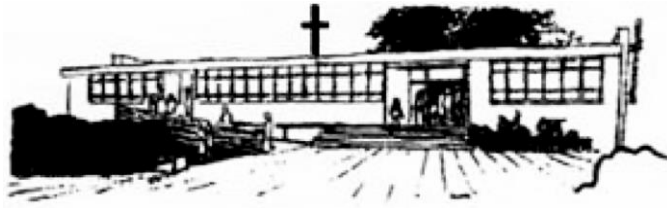


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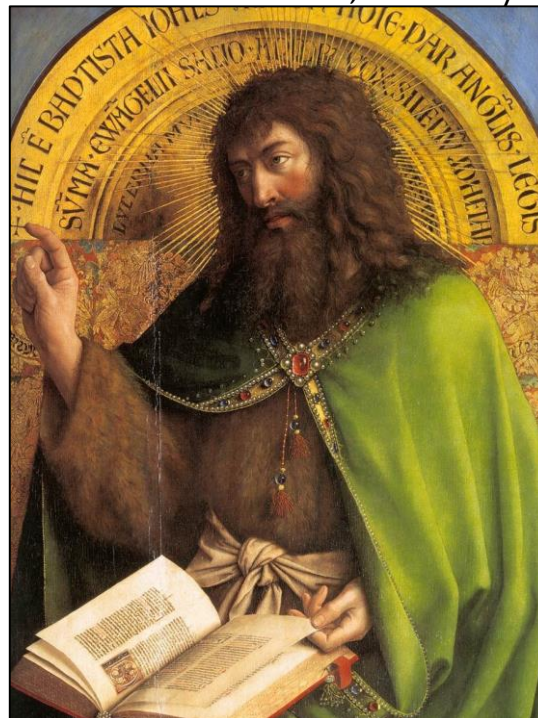
Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 02 9673 5046

Please leave a detailed Message

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4th December 2016, Year A/1



EYCK, Jan van, The Ghent Altarpiece: St. John the Baptist, 1425-29

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

Mr John Laffan - Acting Principal

School Office Times

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

Address

94 Joseph Street
Kingswood, NSW 2747

Telephone: 4732 3999; **Fax:** 4731 1432

www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au

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

Address: 12-22 Richmond Rd, PO Box 39, Kingswood, NSW 2747 Telephone: 02 4721 4080; Fax: 02 4721 0089
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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of His voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Responsorial Psalm: Justice shall flourish in His time, and fullness of peace for ever.

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY 8:30am

Julian Harne

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 2nd Week of Advent

Julian Harne

Tuesday: 8:00am 2nd Week of Advent

Julian Harne

Wednesday 8:00am St Ambrose

Julian Harne

Thursday 8:00am **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Julian Harne

Friday 8:00am 2nd Week of Advent

Julian Harne

Saturday 8:30am 2nd Week of Advent

Julian Harne

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: 244 Offertory: 232
Communion: 459 Reflection: 234
Recessional: 239

RECENTLY DECEASED:

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Saturday 24th Vigil Mass – 6.00pm

Sunday 25th Midnight Mass

8.30am & 10.am Masses

12 noon Polish Mass

2.00pm Syro Malabar Mass

CONFESSIONS

Monday 19th December

9.00am to 12 noon and 5.30pm to 7.00pm

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.

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.

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

POPE FRANCIS' DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS

Universal: That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

Evangelization: That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$724

Loose: \$396.10

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.

SKY YOUTH GROUP:

Resumes after the school holidays in 2017. Thank you to all who contributed to afternoon tea for the children.



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.

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays after 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.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Available for purchase after all Masses at \$9 each.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 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 Saturday morning please consider assisting with cleaning the Church. Ring Clare on 0432 668 724.

PARISH WORKING BEE

Thank you to all who worked so hard at our Working Bee. May you be truly blessed for your willingness to serve the Lord and our Parish.

ADULT SEWING CLASSES

Monday or Friday after hours, depending on number of people attending.

Contact Mary on 4722 5127 for more details.

PARISH LUNCH:

All Parishioners are invited to our lunch every 2nd Wednesday of the Month at midday. For information on the venue please ring Denis & Anne on 4731 4618. All are most welcome.

LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS

From 8th to 25th December from dusk until midnight every night at St Mary's Cathedral you can enjoy the Lights of Christmas.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Sunday 11th December at 2.00pm at Our Lady of the Rosary, St Marys. Celebrant Fr Paul Glynn.

CAROLS AT THE SCHOENSTATT SHRINE

Christmas Carols commence at 7.30pm at 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Children are encouraged to dress up as angels and shepherds. You are welcome to enjoy a picnic in the grounds before the carols commence.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSES

Open to all seeking formation and training for serving at the altar. Courses at Penrith or Blacktown. Ring Office of Worship on 8838 3456, email alobo2@parra.catholic.org.au or collect an enrolment form from Aruna or Clare.

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

With today's catechesis, we conclude the series dedicated to mercy. But although the catecheses finish, mercy must continue! We thank the Lord for all this and we keep it in our heart as consolation and comfort.

The last work of spiritual mercy calls to *pray for the living and the deceased*. We can also place it side by side with the last work of corporal mercy, which invites to *bury the dead*. The latter might seem a strange request; instead, in some areas of the world that live under the scourge of war, with bombardments that day and night sow fear and innocent victims, this work is sadly timely. In this connection, the Bible <gives> a good example: that of old Tobit, who, at the risk of his own life, buried the dead despite the king's prohibition (cf. *Tobit* 1:17-19; 2:2-4). There are those also today who risk their life to bury the poor victims of wars. Hence, this corporal work of mercy is not far from our daily existence. And it makes us think of what happened on Good Friday, when the Virgin Mary with John and some women were close to Jesus' cross. After His death, Joseph of Arimathea came — a rich man, member of the Sanhedrin, but who had become a disciple of Jesus — and offered his new sepulcher for Him, excavated in the rock. He went personally to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body: a true work of mercy made with great courage (cf. *Matthew* 27:57-60)! For Christians, burial is an act of piety, but also an act of great faith. We place in the tomb the body of our dear ones, with the hope of their resurrection (cf. *1 Corinthians* 15:1-34). It is a rite that remains strong and heartfelt in our people, and which finds special resonances in this month of November, dedicated in particular to remembering and praying for the deceased.

To pray for the deceased is, first of all, a sign of gratitude for the testimony they left us and for the good they did. It is to thank the Lord for having given them to us and for their love and their friendship. The priest says: "Remember, Lord, your faithful, who have preceded us with the sign of faith and sleep the sleep of peace" (Roman Canon). A simple, effective remembrance charged with meaning, because it entrusts our dear ones to God's mercy. We pray with Christian hope that they may be with Him in Paradise, in the expectation of meeting one another again in that mystery of love, which we do not understand, but which we know is true because it is a promise Jesus made. All of us will resurrect and all of us will remain forever with Jesus, with Him.

The remembrance of the faithful deceased must not make us forget to *pray also for the living* who, together with us, face every day the trials of life. The necessity of this prayer is yet more evident if we place it in the light of the profession of faith, which says: "I believe in the Communion of Saints." It is the mystery that expresses the beauty of the mercy that Jesus has revealed to us. In fact, the Communion of Saints indicates that we are all immersed in the life of God and we live in His love. All, living and deceased, are in communion, that is, as a union; united in the community of all those that received

Baptism, and of those that are nourished by the Body of Christ and are part of the great family of God. United, we are all the same family; therefore, we pray for one another.

How many different ways there are to pray for our neighbor! They are all valid and accepted by God if done with the heart. I am thinking particularly of mothers and fathers who bless their children in the morning and the evening. There is still this habit in some families: to bless a child is a prayer; I am thinking of prayer for sick people, when we go to see them and pray for them; of the silent intercession, sometimes with tears, of so many difficult situations for which to pray. Yesterday a good man, a businessman, came to Mass at Casa Santa Marta. That young man must close his factory because he cannot make ends meet and he wept, saying: "I don't like leaving more than 50 families without work. I could declare the failure of the business <and> go home with my money, but I will feel hurt all my life for these 50 families." There is a good Christian who prays with works: he came to Mass to pray that the Lord might give him a way out, not only for himself, but for the 50 families. This is a man who knows how to pray, with the heart and with the facts, he knows how to pray for his neighbor. He is in a difficult situation, and he does not look for the easiest way out: "That they make do themselves." This <man> is a Christian. It did me so much good to hear him!

And perhaps there are many like him, today, at this moment in which so many people suffer because of lack of work. I am also thinking of gratitude for good news concerning a friend, a relative, a colleague ...: "Thank you, Lord, for this good thing!" This too is to pray for others! To thank the Lord when things go well. Sometimes, as Saint Paul says, "we do not know how to pray as we ought but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words" (*Romans* 8:26).

It is the Spirit who prays in us. Therefore, let us open our hearts, so that the Holy Spirit, scrutinizing the desires that are deep inside us, is able to purify them and bring them to fulfilment. In any case, let us always ask for ourselves and for others that God's Will be done, as in the Our Father, because His Will is certainly the greatest good, the goodness of a Father who never abandons us: to pray and to let the Holy Spirit pray in us. And this is good in life: pray thanking and praising God, asking for something, weeping when there is a difficulty, as that man. But may our heart be always open to the Spirit, so that He prays in us, with us and for us.

Concluding these catecheses on mercy, let us commit ourselves to pray for one another so that the works of corporal and spiritual mercy become increasingly our style of life. The catecheses, as I said at the beginning, finish here. We went through the 14 works of mercy, but mercy continues and we must exercise it in these 14 ways. Thank you.