

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

22nd January 2017, Year A/1



GHIRLANDAIO Calling of the Apostles, 1481

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: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In His presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honour in His holy place.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Eduardo Diddid (Dec. Ann.)

SUNDAY 8:30am

Feciano Sagurit (Dec. Ann.)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am

Ordinary Time

In Thanksgiving for Birthday

Tuesday: 8:00am

St Francis de Sales

Wednesday 8:00am

CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

Susan Hitchen (Dec. Ann.)

Thursday 8:00am

AUSTRALIA DAY

Friday 8:00am

St Timothy & St Titus

Saturday 8:30am

ST THOMAS AQUINAS

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: 540 Offertory: 651
Communion: 459 Reflection: 454
Recessional: 498

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Janet Boreham, John Cooney

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

Eduardo Diddid, Feciano Sagurit, Susan Hitchen

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, Raymond Waters, Francene Flannery, Jason Isbitski, Rosslyn Talbot, David Jenkins, Noeline Cruzado, Elaine D'Arcy & 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: \$764**
 Loose: \$358.95

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.



On 21st January the Jubilee Year of 800th Anniversary of the founding of the Dominican Order has concluded. At the closing of the Jubilee Year celebrations, Pope Francis celebrated the Eucharist at St. John Lateran Basilica with the presence of the Dominican Family from all over the world.

Thank you all for participating in the Jubilee activities at St. Joseph's.

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

Date: Sunday 29th January

5.00pm Barbeque

6.00pm Lindsay Gardner (Magician)

7.00pm Evening Prayer

Please bring a Salad or a Dessert and a Drink to share; the Parish will supply the meat.

SACRAMENTS FOR 2017:

Reconciliation: Friday 7th April

Registration - 5th March after 10am Mass

First Communion: Sunday 18th June

Registration - 23rd April after 10am Mass

Confirmation: Tuesday 24th October

Registration - 23rd 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 2nd Wednesday of the Month at midday. Venue for 8th 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 DISABILITY PARKING PERMITS. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THIS IS A SAFETY ISSUE.

PARROUSIA MEDIA

There are new CDs available for purchase at the back of the Church, covering an assortment of Catholic topics. Please have a look and see if there is any subject that would interest you.

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 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 9th February at St Patrick's Church, 51 Allawah Street, Blacktown. Refreshments to follow.

STEPPING BEYOND SUPPORT GROUP

This group facilitates interaction opportunities for anyone who is divorced or separated. It is a monthly gathering on the last Tuesday of the month from 7-9pm at 38 Prince Street, Blacktown. Registration is essential. Contact Rita on 8822 2222 or soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

THE HOLY FATHER'S CATECHESIS

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Among Israel's prophets, a somewhat anomalous figure stands out in Sacred Scripture, a prophet who tries to flee from the Lord's call, refusing to put himself at the service of the divine plan of salvation. It is the prophet Jonah, whose story is narrated in a small book of only four chapters, a sort of parable bearer of a great teaching, that of God's mercy, who forgives.

Jonah is an "outgoing" prophet, and also a prophet in flight! He is an outgoing prophet that God sends "to the periphery," to Nineveh, to convert the inhabitants of that great city. However, for an Israelite like Jonah, Nineveh represented a threatening reality, the enemy that put Jerusalem itself in danger, and therefore to be destroyed, certainly not to be saved. Hence, when God sends Jonah to preach in that city, the prophet, who knows the Lord's goodness and His desire to forgive, attempts to withdraw from his task and flees.

During his flight, the prophet comes into contact with pagans, mariners of the ship on which he embarked to flee from God and from his mission. And he flees far away, because Nineveh was in the region of Iraq and he flees to Spain, he flees in earnest. And it is, in fact, the behavior of these men, as it will be later of the inhabitants of Nineveh, which enables us to reflect somewhat today on *hope*, which in face of danger and death, *is expressed in prayer*.

In fact, during the crossing of the sea, a mighty tempest breaks out and Jonah goes down to the ship's hold and abandons himself to sleep. The mariners, instead, seeing themselves lost, "each cried to his god": they were pagans (*Jonah 1:5*). The captain of the ship awoke Jonah and said to him, "What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call upon your god. Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we do not perish" (*Jonah 1:6*).

The reaction of these "pagans" was the right reaction in face of death, in face of danger, because it is then that man has a complete experience of his frailty and his need of salvation. The instinctive horror of dying awakens the necessity to *hope in the God of life*. "Perhaps the god will give thought to us, that we do not perish": are the words of *hope that becomes prayer*, that supplication full of anguish that comes to

the lips of man in face of the imminent danger of death.

We disdain too easily from turning to God in our need as if it were only a self-interested prayer and, hence, imperfect. However, God knows our weakness, He knows that we remember Him to ask for help, and with the indulgent smile of a father, He responds benevolently.

When Jonah, acknowledging his responsibilities, had himself thrown into the sea to save his travel companions, the tempest was placated. Imminent death led those pagan men to prayer and, despite everything, made the prophet live his vocation at the service of others, accepting to sacrifice himself for them, and now leads the survivors to acknowledgement of the true Lord and to praise. The mariners who, prey to fear, turned to their gods and prayed, now, with sincere fear of the Lord, acknowledge the true God and offer sacrifices and make vows. Hope, which had induced them to pray so that they would not die, is now revealed more powerful and operates a reality that goes beyond what they hoped for: not only do they not perish in the tempest, but they open themselves to the acknowledgement of the true and only Lord of Heaven and earth.

Subsequently, the inhabitants of Nineveh, in face of the prospect of being destroyed, also *prayed, spurred by hope in God's forgiveness*. They would do penance, invoke the Lord and be converted to Him, beginning with the king, who, like the captain of the ship, gave voice to hope saying: "Who knows, God may yet repent and turn from His fierce anger, so that we perish not?" (*Jonah 3:9*). For them too, as well as for the crew in the tempest, to have faced death and come out saved led them to the truth. Thus, under divine mercy, and even more so in the light of the Paschal Mystery, death can become, as it was for Saint Francis of Assisi, "our sister death" and represent for every man and for each one of us, the astonishing occasion to know hope and to encounter the Lord. May the Lord make us understand this connection between prayer and hope. Prayer leads one forward in hope and when things become dark, there must be more prayer! And there will be more hope. Thank you.