

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

19th March 2017, Year A/1



DUCCIO di Buoninsegna,
Christ and the Samaritan Woman, 1308-11

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: My eyes are always on the Lord, for He rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

SUNDAY 8:30am

John Trad & Helen Trad Pearce (Dec. Ann.)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am

ST JOSEPH

Matthew, Adam, Lawrence & Paul

Tuesday: 8:00am

3rd Week of Lent

Wednesday 8:00am

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Thursday 8:00am

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Friday 8:00am

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Saturday 8:30am

ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

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.

HYMNS FOR WEEKEND MASSES:

Processional: 290 Offertory: 165
Communion: 527 Reflection: Screen
Recessional: 586

RECENTLY DECEASED:

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

John Trad & Helen Trad Pearce

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent at 6.30pm.

EASTER LITURGIES

Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper - 7pm

Good Friday - Stations of the Cross - 11am
Passion of the Lord - 3pm

Easter Vigil - Saturday 6.30pm

Easter Sunday - 8.30am & 10am
Polish Mass - 12 noon

RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER

2nd Rite - Tuesday 4th April 7pm

Individual Reconciliation - Monday 10th April
9am to 12 noon & 5pm to 7pm

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 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.

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

ADORATION CHAPEL

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

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.

POPE FRANCIS' MARCH INTENTIONS:

Evangelisation: Help Persecuted Christians

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$786**
 Loose: \$518.55

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.

SACRAMENTS FOR 2017:

Reconciliation: Thursday 6th April

First Communion: Sunday 18th June

Registration - 30th April after 10am Mass

Confirmation: Tuesday 24th October

Registration - 23rd July after 10am Mass

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays after Mass - 9am to 10am in Parish Hall. Aloma 4731 8102; Teresa - 4731 4222

2nd & 4th Thursdays 7pm at 2/40 Single Road, South Penrith. Elaine - 4736 8162.

WALKING THROUGH LENT WITH THE BIBLE

Reflection, Meditation and Prayer on Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 8pm in the Parish Hall.

22nd March - Almsgiving

29th March - The Cross

5th April - The Passover

SKY YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group every Wednesday from 3pm to 5pm. All young people from Year 6 to Year 12 are most welcome. If anyone would like to assist on the afternoon or donate afternoon tea please see Clare.

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass is Saturday March 25th at 6pm. Please spread the word to our young people.

ST JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Jumping Castle and games for the children from 3pm; BBQ beginning at 5pm; followed by Prayer. Parish will supply the BBQ; please bring a salad or a dessert and a drink to share. Let us come together to celebrate our Parish Feast Day.

Novena to St Joseph after 8.30am Mass every morning up to the Solemnity.

PARISH LUNCH:

All Parishioners are invited to our lunch every 2nd Wednesday of the Month at midday. Venue for 12th April is Penrith Golf Club. If you need a lift please ring the Office. All are most welcome

CHURCH HAND RAILS

Our hand rails at the Church entrance have been repainted recently. Please help us protect the paint work by preventing your children from sliding down these rails. Thank you.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Boxes are at the back of the Church. Please support this Lenten season themed "Love Your Neighbour".

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 3rd Sunday of the month from 12 noon to 3pm.

24 Hours for the Lord begins with Holy Mass at 6pm Friday 24th March and ends with Holy Mass at 5pm Saturday 25th March. Accommodation available. Inquiries and bookings 4773 8338.

DIVINE MERCY LENTEN REFLECTION

Everyone welcome to St Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall on Saturday 25th March from 9am to 4pm.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

On Wednesday Pope Francis warned against the hypocrisy that comes from believing that the ability to genuinely love others is based on our own efforts or goodness, rather than being only and always a gift from God.

"We are called to love, to charity: this is our highest calling, our vocation for excellence," he said March 15, asking: "how can we be sure that our love is sincere, that our charity is genuine?"

"Behind all this there is a false idea, that is to say, if we love, it is because we are good; as if charity were man's creation, a product of our heart. Charity, however, is first and foremost a grace, a gift; to love is a gift of God, and we have to ask. And He gives it willingly, if we ask it."

Showing love to others, Francis said, is not something that we do to shine a light on who or what we are, but to show better who God is, and what he freely gives to us.

And the only way we can express this in our encounters with others is if we have encountered it first in the "gentle and merciful face of Jesus." Without this, our charity is in danger of being hypocritical, he said.

Speaking during the Wednesday general audience in St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis reflected on the passage from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, which says: "Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor."

"Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord," the passage continues. "Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality."

These things are not easy to do, the Pope said, but clarified that the words of St. Paul are not a reproach of all the times we fail or do not live up to the commandments.

Instead, these words give us the grace of realizing that we cannot love perfectly on our own, but that "we need the Lord to continually renew this gift in our hearts, through the experience of his infinite mercy," he said.

"Paul invites us to recognize that we are sinners, and that our way of loving is marked by sin. At the same time, however, he is the bearer of a new proclamation of hope: the Lord opens before us a way of liberation, of salvation."

Above all, we have hope, he said, because even in our own failures we know that "God's love never fails," and if we ask, he will give us the grace to love more perfectly.

"The Risen Lord who lives among us...is able to heal our heart: he does, if we ask it," he said. "It is he who allows us, despite our littleness and poverty, to experience the compassion of the Father, and to celebrate the wonders of his love."

"Indeed, it is God himself who, taking residence in our hearts and in our lives, continues to be close and to serve all those we meet every day on our journey," he said.

When we invite God into our hearts, allowing ourselves to be loved by him, only then can we sincerely act out the great commandment "to become instruments of God's love," Pope Francis said.

"And then, yes, we will return to appreciate the little things, simple and ordinary; and we will be able to love others as God loves them, wanting their good; that they be saints, friends of God."

The Pope concluded by saying that in doing this, we will "be happy for the chance to get closer to the poor and humble, as Jesus is with each of us when we are away from him, to bend at the foot of brothers, as he, the Good Samaritan, does with each of us, with his compassion and forgiveness."