

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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



ROSSELLI, Cosimo. Sermon on the Mount, 1481-82

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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## LITURGY

### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Entrance Antiphon:** Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to Your holy name, and make it our glory to praise You.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

#### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

**SUNDAY 8:30am**

**John Cooney (Recently Deceased)**

10:00am

**For the Parish**

**Monday 8:00am Ordinary Time**

**Dec. Mem. of Fricot & Bertrand Families**

**Tuesday: 8:00am St John Bosco**

**Gianni Panozzo (Recently Deceased)**

**Wednesday 8:00am Ordinary Time**

**Dec. Mem. of Fricot & Bertrand Families**

**Thursday 8:00am PRESENTATION  
OF THE LORD**

**Mirijan, Bisa & Ivan (Dec. Ann.)**

**Friday 8:00am Ordinary Time**

**Dec. Mem. of Fricot & Bertrand Families**

**Saturday 8:30am St Catherine de Ricci**

**Dec. Mem. of St Vincent de Paul Society**

#### 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: 595      Offertory: 593

Communion: 579      Reflection: 555

Recessional: 458

#### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Janet Boreham, John Cooney, Gianni Panozzo

**DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:** Mirijan, Bisa, Ivan;

Dec. Mem. of Fricot & Bertrand Families;

Dec. Mem. of St Vincent de Paul Society

#### 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.

#### ANOINTING MASS

On the feast of our Lady of Lourdes, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>  
February there will be Anointing of the Sick at the  
8.30am Mass. All the sick are most welcome to this  
Mass. If you need transport please ring the Office.

#### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February from 5pm to 10pm. All are  
welcome to spend time in Adoration.

**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.

**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.

**SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$802  
Loose: \$321.65**

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.



**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

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

**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

**PARKING IN THE COURTYARD IS ONLY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY PARKING PERMITS. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THIS IS A SAFETY ISSUE.**

**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.

**YOUTH MASS**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm we will have our first Youth Mass at St Joseph's. Please spread the word to any young people you know. If anyone would like to join the Youth Worship Team ring John on 0419446268.

**PARROUSIA MEDIA**

There are new CDs, available for a donation, at the back of the Church, covering an assortment of Catholic topics. Please have a look and see if there are any that would be of interest to 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 alob2@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.

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING & SLAVERY PAPER**

World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action at Institute of Mission, 1-5 Marion St., Blacktown from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. RSVP Sr Louise McKeogh FMA at Lmckeogh@parra.catholic.org.au

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**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 darnel (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."

**The Holy Father's Appeal**

Before ending our meeting, in which we reflected together on God's Mercy, I invite you to pray for the victims of yesterday's attack in Istanbul. May the Merciful Lord give eternal peace to the deceased, comfort to their relatives, solidaristic firmness to the whole society and convert the hearts of the violent.