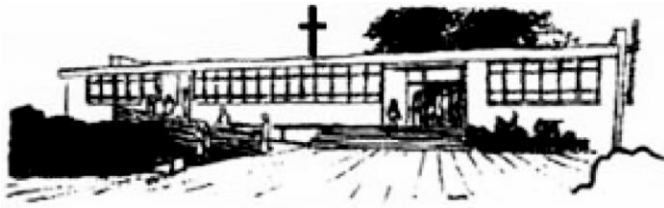


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Please leave a detailed Message

## ASCENSION OF THE LORD

28<sup>th</sup> May 2017, Year A/1



LORENZO MONACO, Antiphonary c. 1410

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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# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGY

### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Entrance Antiphon:** You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God;  
praise the Lord, who ascends above the highest heavens;  
His majesty and might are in the skies, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** God mounts His throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

#### VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Deceased Mem. of the Hudecek Family
SUNDAY	8.30am		Varghese Manjaly (Dec. Ann.)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	7 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter	Varghese Manjaly (Dec. Ann.)
Tuesday:	8:00am	7 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter	Varghese Manjaly (Dec. Ann.)
Wednesday	8:00am	VISITATION OF BL VIRGIN MARY	Varghese Manjaly (Dec. Ann.)
Thursday	8:00am	St Justin	Varghese Manjaly (Dec. Ann.)
Friday	8.00am	Bl Sadoc & Companions	Varghese Manjaly (Dec. Ann.)
Saturday	8.30am	St Charles Lwanga & Companions	Dec. Mem. St Vincent de Paul

#### 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:

Entrance: 375      Offertory: 377  
Communion: Screen      Reflection: 165  
Recessional: 493

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Elizabeth Pearce

**DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:** Dec Mem of the  
Hudecek Family, Varghese Manjaly, Dec Mem of St  
Vincent de Paul Society

#### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June from 5pm to 10pm. All are welcome  
to spend time in Adoration

#### PENTECOST VIGIL

Our Pentecost Vigil will begin after 6pm Mass next  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Please come and help us  
celebrate.

#### YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass is Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm.  
Please spread the word to our young people.

#### READERS

If anyone is interested in reading at 8am Mass  
during the week or at any of the weekend Masses  
please ring the Parish Office.

**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 Davis, 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

**POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR MAY:**

**Christians in Africa**

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice and peace.

**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. Statue will be delivered to you by the Legion of Mary.

**SECOND COLLECTION:**      **Envelopes: \$756**  
   **Loose:      \$474.40**

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.

**As we are approaching the new Financial Year, if you would like to contribute to the Second collection through the Envelopes, please fill out a form at the back of the Church and give it to one of the Priests.**

**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:**

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

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

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

**SKY YOUTH GROUP**

Youth Group Wednesdays 3pm to 5pm. All young people from Year 6 to Year 12 are most welcome.

**ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:**

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

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

**ST JOSEPH'S ENROLMENTS**

St Joseph's Primary School is now enrolling for 2018. Please contact the school on 4732 3999 for an enrolment pack.

**PARISH LUNCH:**

All Parishioners are invited to our lunch every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month at midday. Venue for 14<sup>th</sup> June is Penrith Golf Club. If you need a lift please ring the Office. All are most welcome.

**PARKING ON GROUNDS**

Parking in the Church Courtyard area is only for the disabled. Please feel free to park in the school grounds or on the grass area at the weekend and on the grass area during the week. Thank you.

**DWF APPEAL**

We have reached our quota. Thank you for your generosity.

**DAY OF REFLECTION FOR SRES**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 9.15am to 2.20pm at St Margaret Mary's Parish, Merrylands. Theme: "Spirit Filled Disciples". Parishioners are also welcome. See flyer at back of Church for more information.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month from 12 noon to 3pm.

**Evening for Married Couples** to dance, dine and pray from 5pm to 10pm on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Cost \$150 per couple. To register contact Sr M Julie on [juliebrcar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebrcar@gmail.com) or 0408 738 334.

**"Grace and Silence" Retreat Day**

A silent retreat day for Young Women on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June from 9.30am to 4pm. Cost \$30, includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea and materials. Register at [juliebrcar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebrcar@gmail.com) or 0408 738 334.

**"Prepare Our Hearts for Marriage"**

A weekend for Engaged Couples from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> June. Cost \$200 per person. For information and to register contact Sr M Julie on [juliebrcar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebrcar@gmail.com) or 0408 738 334.

**Weekend for Families**

Includes input for adults, programs for children of all ages, couple & family time, games, fellowship, prayer & Holy Mass. For information and to register contact Sr M Julie on [juliebrcar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebrcar@gmail.com) or 0408 738 334.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Today I would like to reflect on the experience of the two disciples of Emmaus, of which Luke's Gospel speaks (Cf. 24:13-35). Let us imagine the scene: two men are walking disappointed, sad, convinced of leaving behind them the bitterness of an event that ended badly. Before that Passover they were full of enthusiasm: convinced that those days would have been decisive for their expectations and for the hope of all the people. Jesus, to whom they had entrusted their life, seemed to have arrived finally to the decisive battle: now He would have manifested His power, after a long period of preparation and hiddenness. This is what they were expecting, and it was not so.

The two pilgrims nourished only a human hope, which was now shattered. That cross, raised on Calvary, was the most eloquent sign of a defeat, which they had not foreseen. If that Jesus was truly according to God's heart, they had to conclude that God was helpless, defenseless in the hands of the violent, incapable of opposing resistance to evil.

So, that Sunday morning, these two fled from Jerusalem. In their eyes they still had the events of the Passion, Jesus' death; and in their mind the painful vexation of those events, during the obligatory rest of the Sabbath. That Passover feast, which should intone the song of liberation, was transformed, instead, into the most painful day of their life. They left Jerusalem to go elsewhere, to a tranquil village. They had all the aspect of persons intent on removing a searing memory. So they are on the road, and walk, sad.

This scene - the road - was already important in the Gospel accounts; now it would become even more so, at the moment in which the history of the Church begins to be told.

Jesus' encounter with those two disciples seems to be altogether fortuitous: it is like the many crossroads that happen in life. The two disciples are walking deep in thought and someone unknown comes beside them. It is Jesus, but their eyes are unable to recognize Him. And then Jesus begins His "therapy of hope." What happens on this road is a therapy of hope. Who does it? Jesus.

First of all, He asks and listens: our God is not an invading God. Although He already knows the reason of the disappointment of those two, He gives them the time to be able to fathom the depth of the bitterness that has befallen them. A confession issues from it that is a

refrain of human existence: "*We had hoped but . . . We had hoped but . . .*" (v. 21). How much sadness, how many defeats, how many failures there are in the life of every person! How many times in life we have hoped, how many times we have felt one step away from happiness, and then we have found ourselves disappointed on earth. But Jesus walks with all disheartened persons who walk with their head lowered. And, walking with them in a discreet way, He succeeds in giving them hope again.

Jesus speaks to them first of all through *the Scriptures*. Whoever takes God's Book in hand will not come across stories of easy heroism, lightning campaigns of conquest. True hope is never at a low price: it always passes through defeats. The hope of someone who does not suffer, perhaps is not even such. Our God is a faint light that burns on a cold and windy day, and although His presence in this world seems fragile, He has chosen the place that we all disdain.

Then Jesus repeats for the two disciples *the cardinal gesture of every Eucharist*: He took the bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it. Is not the whole story of Jesus in this series of gestures? And is there not, in every Eucharist, also the sign of what the Church should be? Jesus takes us, blesses us, "breaks" our life - because there is no love without sacrifice - and offers it to others, to all.

Jesus' encounter with the two disciples of Emmaus is fleeting, but in it is the whole destiny of the Church. It tells us that the Christian community is not shut-in in a fortified citadel, but walks in her most vital environment, namely the road. And there she encounters persons, with their hopes and their disappointments, sometimes heavy. The Church listens to everyone's story, as they emerge from the chest of the personal conscience, to then offer the Word of life, the witness of the love of God, faithful love to the end. And then persons' heart burns again with hope.

All of us have had difficult, dark moments in our life; moments in which we walked sad, deep in thought, without horizons, with only a wall before us. And Jesus is always beside us to give us hope, to warm our heart and say: "Go on, I am with you. Go on." The secret of the road that leads to Emmaus is all here: even through contrary appearances, we continue to be loved, and God will never stop loving us. God will always walk with us, always, also in the most painful moments, also in the most awful moments, also in moments of defeat: the Lord is there. And this is our hope. We go on with this hope! Because He is beside us and walks with us, always!