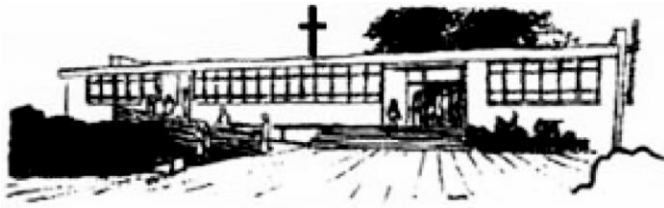


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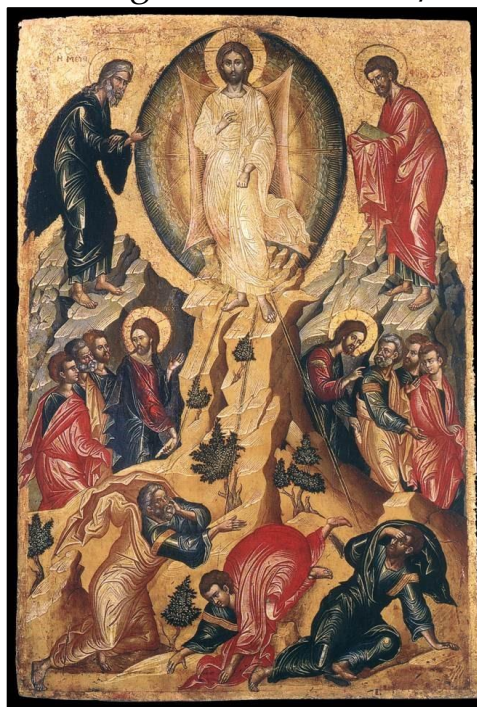
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Please leave a detailed Message

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

6th August 2017, Year A/1



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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 Reilly - 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: In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard:
This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him.

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

Second Reading 2 Peter 1:16-19

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Thomas & Pauline Waters (D. A.)
SUNDAY	8.30am		Emmanuel Rurangwa (Dec. Ann.)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	18 th Week Ordinary Time	In Thanksgiving
Tuesday:	8:00am	ST MARY OF THE CROSS	Carmela Portelli (Birthday)
Wednesday	8:00am	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	Francois Arik (Deceased Ann.)
Thursday	8:00am	ST LAWRENCE	For Maroun
Friday	8.00am	St Clare	For Tonnous
Saturday	8.30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary	For Charbel

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.

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Pauline Ann & Thomas Keith Waters,
Emmanuel Rurangwa, Francois Arik.

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be Saturday 19th August
at 6pm. Please invite young people to come along.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Masses on this Holy Day are as follows:
Monday 14th August - Vigil at 7pm
Tuesday 15th August - 8am and 7pm

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

We need men and women to take the Blessed Eucharist to our sick and elderly Parishioners on a Sunday morning after 8.30am Mass. If you can help in this Ministry please speak to Fr Andrew.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST:

Artists

That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

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, Kathleen Angoves & Gerard Kelly.

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: \$980
Loose: \$363.25

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 Saturday at 2pm in the old office building. All persons interested in meeting and participating in the Legion's activities are most welcome.

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.

SACRAMENTS FOR 2017:

Confirmation: Tuesday 24th October

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays after Mass - 9am to 10am in Parish Hall.

Enquiries: Aloma - 4731 8102; Teresa - 4731 4222

1st & 3rd Mondays 7pm in Parish Office.

Enquiries: Jim - 0411 280 950.

BIBLE STUDY

Are you interested in a Bible Study in the Parish, to begin in Spring? If so, please speak to one of the Priests or ring the Parish Office.

SKY YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group Wednesdays in the school term from 3pm to 5pm. Young people from Years 6 to 12 are most welcome.

If anyone would like to help with afternoon tea or contribute towards it, please speak to Clare.

PARISH LUNCH:

All Parishioners are invited to our lunch on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Venue for 9th August is Penrith Golf Club. If you need a lift please ring the Office. All are most welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Please prayerfully consider nominations to the Parish Council. Forms are at the back of the Church.

RUNNING FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Dear friends, thank you for your donations I have raised \$2273 so far! If you wish to sponsor Vinnies and my run in the Sydney Marathon in September, please go to the following site

<https://donate.grassrootz.com/blackmores-sydney-running-festival-2017/vinnies/pawel-barszczewski> In Prayer, Fr. Pawel.

MT SCHOENSTATT

Shrine at 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year from 7am to 8pm.

Shrine Time for Young Adults 18-35. Prayer, reflection, meditation, praise and worship from 7.30pm to 8.30pm on 27th August, 24th September, 22nd October, 26th November.

Gospel of the Family - Joy to the World

Program of Spiritual Enrichment for families. Sunday 27th August 1pm to 3.15pm. Mass at 11am. BYO Picnic Lunch. Register at 8838 3460 or lmf@parra.catholic.org.au.

ALPHA COURSE INTRODUCTION EVENING

Monday 28th August at 6.30pm in Parish Meeting Room 1 at St Nicholas of Myra Parish. Contact Craig & Lesley Walsh on 0428 284 568.

FAITH IN MARRIAGE SEMINAR

Dr Edward Sri is speaking on Men, Women and the Mystery of Love at 7.30pm Friday 8th September at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta.

UNDERSTANDING FAMILY LAW

7-9pm on Tuesday 8th August (Divorce/Separation and Children's needs) and Tuesday 22nd August (Property Settlement) at 38 Prince St, Blacktown Cost \$7. Per session. Registration essential. Contact Rita on 8822 2222 or soloparentservice@ccss.org.au.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

Bishop Vincent invites all young people from Year 9 to 30 years of age to celebrate at Sydney Olympic Park from 7th to 9th December. Early bird rate \$250 before August. For all enquiries contact James Camden, Director of Youth on 8838 3428 or jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

The Holy Father's Catechesis

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

There was a time when the churches were oriented to the East. One entered the sacred building by a door open to the West and, walking in the nave, one was directed to the East. It was an important symbol for ancient man, an allegory that in the course of history progressively declined. We men of the modern age, much less used to gathering the great signs of the cosmos, almost never notice a particular of the sort. The West is the cardinal point of the sunset, where light dies. The East, instead, is the place where the darkness is overcome by the early light of dawn and reminds us of Christ, Sun come from on High to the horizon of the world (Cf. *Luke 1:78*).

The ancient rites of Baptism foresaw that the catechumens should emit the first part of their profession of faith with their eyes turned to the West. And in that position, they were asked: "Do you renounce Satan, his service and his works?" And the future Christians repeated in unison: "I renounce!" Then they turned to the apse, in the direction of the East, where light is born, and the candidates to Baptism were again asked: "Do you believe in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit?" And this time they answered: "I believe!"

In modern times, the fascination of this rite has been partially lost: we have lost sensitivity to the language of the cosmos. The profession of faith of course remains, made according to the baptismal interrogation, which is proper to the celebration of some Sacraments. In any case, it remains intact in its meaning. What does it mean to be Christians? It means to look at the light, to continue to make the profession of faith in the light, including when the world is enveloped by night and darkness.

Christians are not exempt from darkness, external and also internal. They don't live outside of the world, however, by the grace of Christ received in Baptism, they are "oriented" men and women: they don't believe in darkness, but in the light of day; they do not succumb to the night, but wait for the dawn; they are not defeated by death, but long to rise again; they are not bowed by evil, because they always trust in the infinite possibility of the good. And this is our Christian hope: the light of Jesus, the salvation that Jesus brings us with His light, which saves us from the darkness.

We are those that believe that God is Father: this is the light! We are not orphans, we have a Father and our Father is God. We believe that Jesus descended among us, walked in our same life, making Himself above all companion of the poorest and frailest: this is the light!

We believe that the Holy Spirit works ceaselessly for the good of humanity and of the world, and even the greatest sorrows of history will be overcome: this is the hope to which we wake up again every morning! We believe that

very affection, every friendship, every good desire, every love, even the most minute and neglected, will find their fulfilment one day in God: this is the force that drives us to embrace enthusiastically our everyday life! And this is our hope: to live in hope and to live in the light, in the light of God the Father, in the light of Jesus the Saviour, in the light of the Holy Spirit that pushes us to go on in life.

Then there is another very beautiful sign of the Baptismal Liturgy, which reminds us of the importance of light. At the end of the rite, a candle is handed to the parents – if it is a baby – or to the one baptized – if he is an adult – whose flame is lighted with the Paschal candle. It is the large candle that in the Easter Vigil enters the church, which is completely dark, to manifest the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection. From that candle, all light their own candle and spread the flame to their neighbours: in that sign is the gradual propagation of Jesus' Resurrection in the lives of all Christians. The life of the Church – I will say a rather strong word – is '*contaminazione*' [contamination] of light. The more light of Jesus we Christians have, the more light of Jesus there is in the life of the Church, the more she is alive.

The most beautiful exhortation we can address to one another is that of reminding ourselves always of our Baptism. I would like to ask you: how many of you remember the date of your Baptism? Think about it and if you don't remember it, you have a task to do at home today: go to your mother, your father, your aunt, your uncle your grandmother, grandfather and ask them: "What was the date of my Baptism?" And never forget it again! Today's commitment is to learn or to remember the date of Baptism. We were born twice: the first to natural life; the second, thanks to the encounter with Christ, in the baptismal font. There we died to death, to live as children of God in this world. The Spirit of Jesus lives and works in us, firstborn of many brothers, of all those that are opposed to the ineluctability of darkness and death.

What a grace when a Christian truly becomes a "christ – opher, [Christopher]" that is, a "Christ-bearer" in the world! – especially for those going through situations of mourning, of despair, of darkness and of hatred. And this is understood by many small particulars: by the light that a Christian keeps in his eyes, by the background of serenity which is not even affected in the most complicated days, by the desire to begin to love again even when one has experienced many disappointments. In the future, when the history of our days is written, what will be said of us? That we were capable of hope or that we put our light under the bushel? If we are faithful to our Baptism, we will spread the light of hope, Baptism is the beginning of hope, that hope of God and we will be able to transmit to the future generations reasons for living.

Thank you.