

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st July 2018, Year B/2



CIMABUE, GIOVANNI, THE INCREDULITY OF ST. THOMAS, 1502-04t

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

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

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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: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise You, Lord, for You have rescued me.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Stephen Muller (Dec. Ann.)

SUNDAY

8:30am

Abdou Haydamous (Dec. Ann.)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday

8:00am

13th Week Ordinary Time

Abdou Haydamous (Dec. Ann.)

Tuesday:

8:00am

ST THOMAS

Intentions of the Donor

Wednesday

8:00am

Bl Pier Giorgio Frassali

Intentions of the Donor

Thursday

8.00am

13th Week Ordinary Time

Intentions of the Donor

Friday

8.00am

13th Week Ordinary Time

For God's Precious Infants

Saturday

8.30am

Bl Peter To Rot

Dec. Mem. of St Vincent de Paul

ADORATION CHAPEL:

Open during office hours or speak to Fr Andrew.

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Franciszka Warda, Milos Prazak, Fay Tuckwell, May Looby

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES: Stephen Muller, Abdou Haydamous, Dec. Mem. of St Vincent de Paul Society,

YOUTH MASS

The next Youth Mass will be Saturday 7th July at 6pm. Please spread the word to our young people.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There is an opportunity to spend time with the Lord on Friday 6th July from 5pm to 10pm. All are welcome.

POPE FRANCIS' JULY INTENTIONS

Priests and Their Pastoral Ministry

That priests who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

ROSARY IN OUR HOMES:

Please fill in the form at the back of the Church if you would like 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 are able to bless your home during this time.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, John McCahon, Kathryn Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, Katalin Domotor, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Valerie Davies, Raymond Waters, Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Margaret Colville, Gill Waltisbuhl, Robert Waltisbuhl.

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: \$747
Loose: \$399.75

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 every Thursday from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the old office building. All interested in meeting and participating in Legion's activities are most welcome.

SACRAMENTS FOR 2018:

Confirmation Tuesday 23rd October
Registration Sunday 22nd July

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays after Mass – 9.15am to 10.15am in the Parish Hall.

Aloma – 4731 8102; Teresa 4731 4222.

1st & 3rd Mondays 7pm in the Parish Office.
Jim – 0411 280 950

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group every Wednesday from 3pm – 5pm during the school term. This week is the last Group for this term. All Young People from Year 6 to 18 years old are most welcome.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study Wednesday 11th July at 10.30am (not this week as our Priests are not available). All are welcome. Please bring your Bibles with you

PARISH LUNCH:

Held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The date for our next Lunch is Wednesday 11th July at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

MEN'S BARBEQUE NIGHT

Our next Men's Night is Saturday 14th July after 6pm Mass. All men over 18 are most welcome.

STATUE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A new statue of Our Lady of Lourdes, made from reconstituted marble, has been ordered for the Grotto, at a cost of \$2750 including GST. Donations for the statue can be left in the donation box at the back of the Church.

We also want to purchase a Paten with a lid. Cost is \$1100 + GST.

LEAVING CARPARK AFTER 8.30AM MASS

For the next few weeks there will be no access via Joseph Street. Please take extra care when entering or leaving Church via Richmond Road.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Please find your envelopes at the back of the Church. If you would like to contribute towards Planned Giving there are forms on the back table.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

We have the Peter's Pence Collection this weekend to enable Pope Francis to assist the most disadvantaged. Thank you for your generosity.

SEA SUNDAY

There will be a collection next weekend to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. For more information about Apostleship of the Sea please visit www.aos-australia.org

ST JOSEPH'S WINTER FAIR (FETE)

5th August is our end of winter Fair for the Feast of St. Dominic. Volunteers will be most appreciated. Please fill in sheets at the back of the Church and bring your donations for the Stalls to the Shed.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Fr Pawel is running in the Sydney Marathon on Sunday 16th September to fund-raise for Vinnies. To sponsor Fr Pawel please go to the following site: <https://donate.grassrootz.com/blackmores-sydney-running-festival-2018/vinnies/pawel-barszczewski>

ANNUAL MARRIAGE MASS

Sunday 8th July at 10.30am at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney for Mass & Renewal of Vows. Mass celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher. Register at LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org or 9307 8404.

WORLD YOUTH DAY PANAMA 2019



Please support the young people from our Parish in attending the WYD, by buying raffles tickets, which will be on sale shortly. For Registrations please go to wydpanama2019.com.au/registration

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS CATECHESIS

27th June: The Commandments are an Invitation

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

We continue to speak about the commandments which, as we have said, rather than commandments are God's words to His people, so that it may journey well; they are the loving words of a Father. The ten Words begin like so: *"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery"* (Ex 20: 2). This beginning would appear foreign to the true and proper rules that follow. But it is not the case.

Why does God make this proclamation of Himself and of liberation? Because one arrives at Mount Sinai after crossing the Red Sea: the God of Israel first saves, then asks for trust. Or rather: the Decalogue begins with God's generosity. God never asks without giving first. Never. First He saves, first He gives, then He asks. This is our Father, our good God.

And we understand the importance of the first declaration: *"I am the Lord, your God"*. There is a possessive, there is a relationship, He belongs to us. God is not a stranger: He is *your* God. This illuminates all the Decalogue and also reveals the secret of Christian action, because it is the same attitude of Jesus Who says: *"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you"* (Jn 15: 9). Christ is the beloved of the Father and loves us with that love. He does not start from Himself, but from the Father. Often our works fail because we start out from ourselves and not from gratitude. And those who start out from themselves, where do they arrive? They arrive at themselves! They are incapable of going ahead, and turn back on themselves. It is precisely that selfish attitude that, joking, people say: *"That person is an I, me with myself and for myself"*. He starts out from himself and returns to himself.

Christian life is first and foremost a freely given response to a generous Father. Christians who follow only their *"duties"* complain of not having a personal experience with that God Who is *"ours"*. I must do this, this and this... Only duties. But something is missing! What is the foundation of this duty? The foundation of this duty is the love of God the Father, Who first gives, then commands. To place the law before the relationship does not help the path of faith. How can a young person wish to be Christian, if we start out from obligations, commitments, consistency and not from liberation? But to be Christian is a journey of liberation! The commandments free you from your selfishness and they free you because there is the love of God that carries you

forward. Christian formation is not based on the strength of will, but on the acceptance of salvation, of allowing oneself to be loved: first the Red Sea, then Mount Sinai. First salvation: God saves His people in the Red Sea; then on Sinai tells them what they must do. But the people know that they must do these things because they have been saved by a Father Who loves them.

Gratitude is a characteristic trait of the heart visited by the Holy Spirit; to obey God one must first remember the benefits. As Saint Basil says, *"Those who do not let those benefits fall into oblivion, are oriented towards good virtue and towards every work of justice"* (Rule, 56). Where does all this lead us? To perform a memory test: how many beautiful things has God done for each one of us! How generous is our heavenly Father. I would now like to propose a little exercise to you, in silence: each person answer in his or her own heart. How many beautiful things has God done for me? This is the question. In silence, each one of us, answers. How many beautiful things has God done for me? And this is God's liberation. God does many beautiful things and frees us.

And yet some may feel they have not yet had a true experience of God's liberation. This can happen. It can be that one looks inwardly and finds only a sense of duty, a spirituality of servants, not sons. What can be done in this case? Like the chosen people did. The book of Exodus says: *"The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. God heard their groaning and He remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them. God thinks of me."*

The liberating action of God placed at the beginning of the Decalogue – that is, the commandments – is the answer to this lament. We do not save ourselves, by ourselves, but from us there comes a *cry for help*: *"Lord, save me; Lord, show me the way; Lord, caress me; Lord, give me a little joy"*. This is a cry for help. This depends on us: asking to be freed from selfishness, from sin, from the chains of slavery. This cry is important, it is prayer, it is awareness of that which is still oppressed and not freed in us. There are many things that are not freed in our soul. *"Save me, help me, free me"*. This is a beautiful prayer to the Lord. God awaits that cry, because He can and He wants to break our chains; God has not called us to life to remain oppressed, but to be free and to live in gratitude, obeying with joy He Who has given us so much, infinitely more than what we can give to Him. This is beautiful. May God always be blessed for all that He has done, that He does and will do in us!