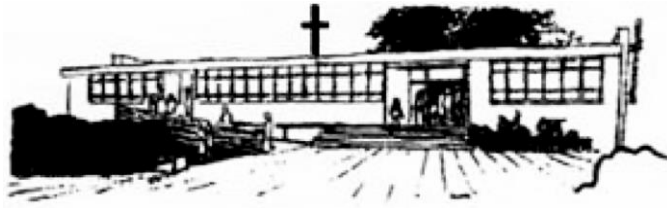


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Please leave a detailed Message

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12th August 2018, Year B/2



CABEZALERO, Juan Martin, Assumption of the Virgin, ca. 1670

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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www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au

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: Look to Your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of Your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend Your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek You.

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2

Gospel: John 6:41-51

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Margaretha Livingstone & Joe
SUNDAY	8:30am		In Thanksgiving
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	19 th Week Ordinary Time	Dick Gale
Tuesday	8:00am	St Maximilian Kolbe	Maggie (Birthday)
Tuesday	7:00pm	ASSUMPTION OF BL VIRGIN	
Wednesday	8:00am	ASSUMPTION OF BL VIRGIN	
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Thursday	8.00am	19 th Week Ordinary Time	Varkey Anthony
Friday	8.00am	ST HYACINTH OF POLAND	God's Precious Infants
Saturday	8.30am	Bl Mannes	Susan John

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:

Gerard Morvan, Dick Gale, Susan John

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Margaretha Livingstone, Rosey Drinkwater,
Varkey Anthony

YOUTH MASS

The next Youth Mass will be Saturday 18th August at 6pm. Please spread the word to our young people.

POPE FRANCIS' AUGUST INTENTIONS

The Treasure of Families

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are:
Tuesday 14th August – Vigil Mass at 7pm
Wednesday 15th August – Mass of the Day at 8am
(followed by Blessing of the Statue) and 7pm

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, Andrew 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: \$1087
Loose: \$561.25

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.

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.

SACRAMENTS FOR 2018:

Confirmation: Tuesday 23rd October
Lessons on Sunday after 10am Mass

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 Wednesdays from 3pm – 5pm. All Young People from Year 6 to 18 years old are most welcome.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study every Wednesday at 10.30am. All are most 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 12th September at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

STATUE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Our statue of Our Lady of Lourdes will be blessed after 8am Mass this Wednesday 15th August, the Feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Lady.

Donations towards our statue can be left in the donation box at the back of the Church.

We have collected \$3044.85 so far. Thank you to all who have donated so generously.

LEAVING CARPARK AFTER 8.30AM MASS

We can now use the Joseph Street exit for 8.30am Mass. Richmond Road will now only be for entry.

ST JOSEPH'S WINTER FAIR (FETE)

Thank you to our Parish Council, who worked so hard to organise our Fete; and to all those who served, contributed or participated in any way to make our Fete such a resounding success. We raised \$7336.72. Well done!

GROUNDSKEEPER REQUIRED

St Joseph's needs a person or persons to take responsibility for keeping the Church lawns maintained. We have all the equipment necessary including a ride-on mower. Please ring the Office.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

We have our appeal next weekend. This year we are invited to help to heal a nation through education in Myanmar. Freecall: 1800 257 296.

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>

Sponsors have contributed \$945 to date.

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

We are now accepting Kindergarten 2019 Enrolments. Please contact the school on 4726 4200 to make an appointment.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Sunday 19th August at 2pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys. Celebrant Fr Paul Glynn.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. Find out more at the new website:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

WORLD YOUTH DAY PANAMA 2019



Raffles tickets will be on sale shortly to support our young people. For World Youth Day Registrations please go to wydpanama2019.com.au/registration

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

Commandments 4: Our Trust & Security in God

Today we continue to meditate on the Decalogue, reflecting further on the theme of idolatry, of which we spoke last week. Now we take up the theme because it's very important to know it. And we take our cue from the idol par excellence, the golden calf, of which the Book of Exodus speaks (32:1-8) — of which we just heard a passage. This episode has a precise context: the desert, where the people wait for Moses, who went up the mountain to receive God's instructions.

What is the desert? It's a place where precariousness and insecurity reign — there is nothing in the desert — where water, food and shelter are lacking. The desert is an image of human life, whose condition is uncertain and doesn't have inviolable guarantees. Such insecurity generates primary anxieties in man, which Jesus mentions in the Gospel: "What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?" (*Matthew* 6:31). They are the primary anxieties. And the desert sparks these anxieties. And in that desert something happens that triggers idolatry: "Moses delayed to come down from the mountain" (*Exodus* 32:1). He stayed there 40 days and the people became impatient. The point of reference was lacking, which Moses was: the leader, the head, the reassuring guide, and this became unbearable. Then the people asked for a visible god — this is the trap in which the people fell — which they could identify and be guided. And they said to Aaron: "Make us god, who shall go before us!" "Make us a head, make us a leader." To flee from precariousness, — the precariousness of the desert — human nature seeks a "do-it-yourself" religion: if God doesn't make Himself seen, we make a god to our measure. "Before an idol one doesn't risk the possibility of a call that makes one come out of one's securities, because idols 'have mouths, but do not speak' (*Psalms* 115:5). Then we understand that an idol is a pretext to put oneself at the centre of reality, in adoration of the work of one's hands" (Encyclical *Lumen Fidei*,13).

Aaron is unable to oppose the people's request and he creates a *molten calf*. The calf had a double meaning in the ancient Near East: on one hand it represented fecundity and abundance and, on the other, energy and strength. But first it was of gold, therefore it was a symbol of wealth, success, power and money. They are the constant temptations! See what the golden calf

is: the symbol of all the desires that give the illusion of freedom and instead enslave, because an idol always enslaves. There is the fascination and one goes for it. The fascination of the serpent, which looks at the little bird and the little bird stays, without being able to move, and the serpent takes it. Aaron was unable to oppose them.

However, all stems from the inability to trust above all in God, to put our securities in Him, to let Him give true profundity to our heart's desires. This enables one to endure even weakness, uncertainty and precariousness. Reference to God makes one strong in weakness, in uncertainty and also in precariousness. Without God's primacy, one falls easily into idolatry and is happy with meagre reassurances. And think this well: it didn't cost God so much work to liberate the people from Egypt. He did so with signs of power and of love. However, God's great work was to take Egypt out of the people's heart, namely, to take idolatry out from the people's heart. And God continues to work again to take it out of our hearts. This is God's great work: to take out "that Egypt" that we carry inside, which is the fascination of idolatry.

When one welcomes the God of Jesus Christ, who though He was rich became poor for us (Cf. *2 Corinthians* 8:9), one then discovers that to recognize one's weakness is not the disgrace of human life, but is the condition to open oneself to Him who is truly strong. Then, God's salvation enters through the door of one's weakness (Cf. *2 Corinthians* 12:10); it's by dint of his insufficiency that man opens to God's paternity. Man's freedom stems from allowing the true God to be his only Lord. And this enables us to accept our fragility and reject the idols of our heart.

We Christians turn our gaze to Christ crucified (Cf. *John* 19:37), who was weak, scorned and stripped of all possessions. However, in Him is revealed the face of the true God, the glory of love and not that of the glittering deceit. Isaiah says: "By His stripes we are healed" (53:5). We were healed in fact by the weakness of a man who was God, by His wounds. And, from our weaknesses, we can open ourselves to God's salvation. Our healing comes from Him who made Himself poor, who accepted failure, who took to the end our precariousness to fill it with love and with strength. He came to reveal to us God's paternity; in Christ our fragility is no longer a malediction, but a place of encounter with the Father and source of new strength from on high.