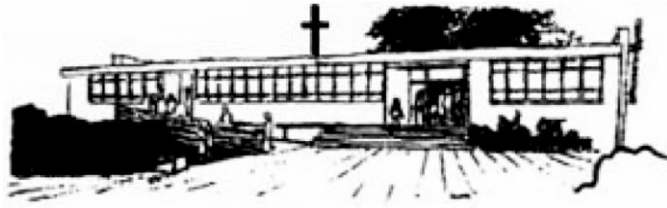


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

Assistant Priest

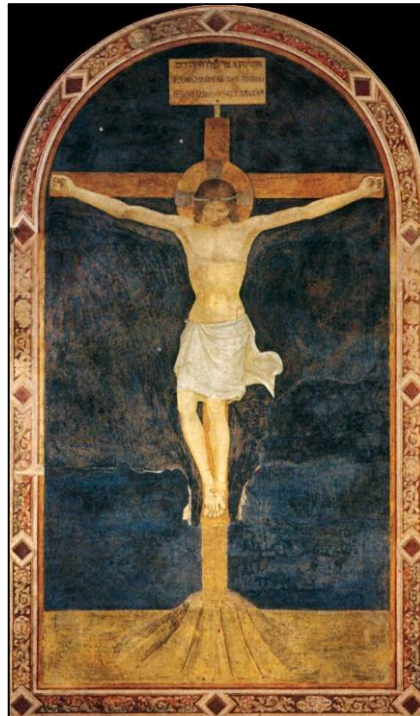
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EMERGENCY PHONE: 02 9673 5046

Please leave a detailed Message

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9th September 2018, Year B/2



ANGELICO, Fra, Crucified Christ, 1433-34

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

Telephone: 4726 4200; **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 Richmond Rd, PO Box 39, Kingswood, NSW 2747 Telephone: 02 4721 4080; Fax: 02 4721 0089
Email: parish@stjosephskingswood.org; Web: www.stjosephskingswood.org; Facebook: [stjosephkingswood](https://www.facebook.com/stjosephkingswood)

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right;
treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Angele Ghougassian

SUNDAY 8:30am

Angele Ghougassian

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 23rd Week Ordinary Time

Gerard Morvan

Tuesday 8:00am 23rd Week Ordinary Time

Kim Nelson & Odile St Lambert

Wednesday 8:00am Most Holy Name of Mary

For God's Precious Infants

Thursday 8.00am St John Chrysostom

Sajamma (Birthday)

Friday 8.00am TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS

Jack Green

Saturday 8.30am Our Lady of Sorrows

Charlie Saliba

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

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Angele Ghougassian, Kim Nelson, Odile St Lambert, Jack Cooney

YOUTH MASS

The next Youth Mass will be next Saturday 15th September at 6pm. Please spread the word to our young people.

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.

POPE FRANCIS' SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS

Young People in Africa

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

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: \$954.20**
 Loose: \$340.30

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 at 7.00pm
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 this Wednesday 12th September at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Please prayerfully consider nominations to the Parish Council. Forms are at the back of the Church and are to be returned by next Sunday. We need two new Members

VACANCY: SRE VOLUNTEER (Catechist)

Required to teach or help Scripture in 5 Public Primary Schools in the Kingswood area. Training will be provided. Commit to 1 hour a week. Contact Antoinette Mifsud 0413 686 270 or Parish Office.

PARISH SUNDAY LUNCH

Sunday 23rd September we will be having a get-together for lunch to celebrate Father Andrew's 50th Birthday. Please note this date in your diary. More information to follow.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Fr Pawel is running in the Sydney Marathon next 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 \$1829 to date.

SYRO MALABAR COMMUNITY FOOD STALLS

\$2687 was raised for Flood Relief in Kerala. The Community wishes to thank you for your generosity.

FLOWERS FOR OUR LADY

Fr Piotr has placed a lovely Palm Leaf Basket at Our Lady's feet for your flowers. Please do not place any flowers or leaves on the Statue as they stain the marble. Thank you.

CHOIR MEMBERS REQUIRED

If you enjoy singing, please consider joining our Choir for 6pm or 10am Mass. Practice is after 8.30am Mass every Saturday morning.

FATIMA DAY PILGRIMAGE

On 13th October at 8am we leave for Penrose Park. We have hired the bus, at a cost of \$20 per person. All are welcome. Please ring the Office if you have any questions.

COLLECTION FOR RETIRED & SICK CLERGY

We collected \$795.65 for the Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy. Thank you for your generosity.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. Information and Training Session: Saturday 29 September – 2pm to 4.30pm – Our Lady of the Way Parish Hall, Emu Plains

WORLD YOUTH DAY PANAMA 2019



Raffles tickets are on sale until 23rd September. Please support the young people from our Diocese. To register for World Youth Day please go to wydpanama2019.com.au/registration

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

On the Commandments: Keeping the Lord's Day

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

The journey through the Decalogue takes us today to the Commandment on the day of rest. It seems to be a command easy to fulfil, however, it's an erroneous impression. To truly rest isn't simple, because there is false rest and true rest. How to recognize them?

Today's society is thirsty for amusements and vacations. The industry of entertainment is flourishing and advertising designs the ideal world as a great games park where all our entertained. The concept of life dominating today doesn't have its centre of gravity in activity and commitment but in evasion. Earn to have a good time, to be satisfied. The model-image is that of a successful person who can allow himself ample and diverse areas of pleasure. However, this mentality makes one slide to the dissatisfaction of an existence anesthetized by amusement that isn't rest, but alienation and flight from reality. Man has never rested as much as today, yet man has never experienced so much emptiness as today! The possibility of having a good time, of going out, cruises, trips, so many things don't give one fullness of heart. What's more, they don't give one rest.

The words of the Decalogue seek and find the heart of the problem, casting a different light on what rest is. The Command has a peculiar element: it gives a motivation. Rest in the name of the Lord has a specific motive: "For in six days the Lord made Heaven and earth, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it" (*Exodus* 20:11).

This refers to the end of Creation, when God says: "And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good" (*Genesis* 1:31). And then the day of rest began, which is God's joy for all He created. It's the day of contemplation and of blessing.

Therefore, what is rest according to this Commandment? It's the moment of contemplation; it's the moment of praise, not of evasion. It's the time to look at reality and say: how beautiful life is! To rest as flight from reality, the Decalogue opposes rest as blessing of reality. For us Christians, the centre of the Lord's day, Sunday, is the Eucharist, which means "thanksgiving." It's the day to say to God: thank you, Lord, for life, for your mercy, for all your gifts.

Sunday isn't the day to cancel the other days but to recall them, bless them and make peace with life. How many people who have so many possibilities to amuse themselves, don't live in peace with life! Sunday is the day to make peace with life, saying: life is precious: it's not easy, sometimes it's painful, but it's precious.

To be introduced in genuine rest is a work of God in us, but it requires removing oneself from malediction and from its fascination (Cf. Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, 83). To bow the heart to unhappiness, in fact, stressing reasons for discontent is very easy. Blessing and joy imply openness to the good, which is an adult movement of the heart. The good is loving and never imposes itself. It's chosen. Peace is chosen; it can't be imposed and isn't found by chance. Distancing himself from the bitter crevices of his heart, man is in need of making peace with that from which he flees. It's necessary to reconcile oneself with one's history, with the facts that aren't accepted, with the difficult parts of one's existence. I ask you: has each one of you been reconciled with his/her history? A question to think about: have I reconciled myself with my history? True peace, in fact, isn't to change one's history but to accept it and value it, as it has been.

How many times we have met sick Christians who have consoled us with a serenity that isn't found in pleasure-seekers and in hedonists! And we have seen humble and poor people rejoice over small graces with a happiness that knew of eternity.

The Lord says in *Deuteronomy*: "I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore, choose life, that you and your descendants may live" (30:19). This choice is the Virgin Mary's "fiat", it's openness to the Holy Spirit, who puts us in the steps of Christ, He who entrusts himself to the Father in the most dramatic moment and thus enters the way that leads to resurrection.

When does life become beautiful? When one begins to think well of it, no matter what our history is. When the gift of a doubt makes way to that which all is grace, and that holy thought crumbles the interior wall of dissatisfaction inaugurating genuine rest. Life becomes beautiful when the heart opens to Providence and one truly discovers what the *Psalms* says: "For God alone my soul waits in silence" (62:1). This phrase of the *Psalms* is beautiful: "For God alone my soul waits in silence."