

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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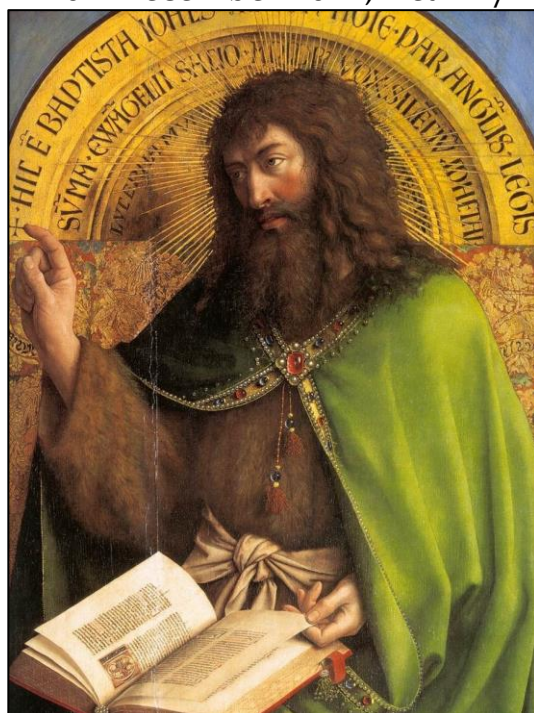
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10th December 2017, Year B/2



EXCK, Jan van, The Ghent Altarpiece: St John the Baptist, 1425-29

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

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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: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of His voice heard in the joy of your heart.

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let us see Your kindness, and grant us Your salvation.

Second Reading 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Alfred Raymond Waltisbuhl (Dec. Ann.)
	8.30am		Patrick Houlihan (Deceased Ann.)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	2 nd Week of Advent	Antonina Escarte (Repose of her Soul)
Tuesday:	8:00am	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Brancik Family (Dec. Members)
Wednesday	8:00am	St Lucy	Stipl Family (Dec. Members)
Thursday	8:00am	St John of the Cross	Klika Family (Dec. Members)
Friday	8.00am	2 nd Week of Advent	Miguel Aumangohan (Birthday)
Saturday	8.30am	2 nd Week of Advent	Kushnir Family (Dec. Members)

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Petronela Barszczewska

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES: Alfred Raymond
Waltisbuhl, Patrick Houlihan, Antonina Escarte,
Deceased Members of the Brancik, Stipl, Klika and
Kushnir Families.

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be next Saturday 16th
December at 6pm. Please invite all young people to
come along for Mass and a get together after Mass.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve

Vigil Mass 6pm - Carols before Mass

Monday 25th December - Christmas Day

Midnight Mass - Carols from 11.30pm

Sunday morning - 9am Mass

Polish Mass - 11am

Reconciliation - Monday 18th December

9am - 12noon and 5pm - 7.30pm

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office.

VISITATION OF THE SICK

Our Priests are visiting the Sick on Tuesday 19th
December. If you know anyone who would like a
visit please ring the Office.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, John McCahon, Kathryn Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Roger Stevens, Cameron
Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, Gisela Drobiszewski, Katalin Domotor, Charles Timmins, Barbara Thompson, Zig
Barglik, Valerie Davis, Raymond Waters, Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Noeline Cruzado, Kathleen Angoves,
Margaret Colville & Gill 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.

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

POPE FRANCIS' DECEMBER INTENTIONS

The Elderly

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

**SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$895
Loose: \$352.80**

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 Thursday at 6pm in the old office building. All interested in 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.

SACRAMENTS FOR 2018:

Reconciliation: Thursday 22nd March

Registration: Sunday 18th February

First Communion: Sunday 3rd June

Registration: Sunday 8th April

Confirmation Tuesday 23rd October

Registration Sunday 22nd July

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:

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

Wednesday 13th December will be our last Group until Wednesday 14th February.

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

Recommences Monday 5th February.

SKY YOUTH GROUP

Thank you to the Servants of Jesus Outreach Team for all their prayers, teaching, time and support invested in the Young People of our Parish. Every blessing to each of you in 2018.

BIBLE STUDY

Our last Bible Study session will be this Wednesday 13th December, followed by our Parish Lunch. All are most welcome. Please bring your Bible with you.

WORKING BEE

Our Working Bee in preparation for Christmas, is this coming Saturday 16th December, to begin after morning Mass. Please join us for a morning of good work and good company.

WOLLEMI STUDENTS

Thank you to the Young Men from Wollemi for their assistance in moving the pews out of the Church ready for carpet cleaning, and for all their work in cleaning the grates and the gardens.

THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

Correction of Information

The Catholic Foundation wishes to adhere to the preferences of its constituents, particularly surrounding mailing options. Personal details can also be removed or updated on request.

For any changes please call 8838 3482 or email yourfoundation@parra.catholic.org.au.

CHRISTMAS AT ST FINBAR'S

St Finbar's traditional Christmas feast will be held this year on Sunday 17th December at 7.30pm. Donation: Families \$35, individuals \$15. Bring the family, friends and neighbours. Proceeds towards the upkeep and maintenance of the organ. St. Finbar's Catholic Church, 46 Levy Street, Glenbrook. Enquiries 4754 1780.

REFLECTIVE MINISTRY PROGRAM 2018

The Institute of Mission is offering this Program comprising of 2 components to all involved in the Ministries of Catholic Communities. Component 1 starts 27th February, and comprises of Tuesday evenings and 2 Saturday mornings. Call or email as soon as possible to reserve your place or for more information. Fr Paul 0417 441 177; Donnie 0432 042 140 or email connect@ifm.org.au

CAMPION COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAM

Campion College Summer program is forming young minds in faith and reason. Looking for 16 - 24 year olds to come join the Program on January 8-12 2018. Experience College life and a taste of the Campion College course: Literature, History, Hiking, Coastal Walks & Swims, Theology, Philosophy, Sports, Other Activities. Registration: \$390 per person Financial assistance available. For more information contact us at 0413 489 738, or visit www.campion.edu.au/summer

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

The Holy Father's Catechesis

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today I would like to talk about the *Apostolic Journey* I undertook in past days to *Myanmar and Bangladesh*. It was a great gift of God, and so I thank Him for everything, especially for the meetings I was able to have. I renew the expression of my gratitude to the Authorities of the two countries and to the respective Bishops, for all the work of preparation and for the welcome that was given to me and to my collaborators. I wish to give a heartfelt "thank you" to the Burmese people and to those of Bangladesh who showed me so much faith and so much affection: thank you!

For the first time a Successor of Peter visited Myanmar, and this happened shortly after diplomatic relations were established between that country and the Holy See.

In this case also, I wished to express *the closeness* of Christ and of the Church to a people that has suffered due to conflicts and repressions, and that now *is walking slowly to a new condition of freedom and peace*. A people in whom the Buddhist religion is strongly rooted, with its spiritual and ethical principles, and where Christians are present as a small flock and leaven of the Kingdom of God. I had the joy of confirming in the faith and in communion this Church, alive and fervent, in the meetings with the Bishops of the country and in the two Eucharistic celebrations. The first was in the great sports area in the centre of Yangon, and the Gospel of that day recalled that persecutions caused by faith in Jesus are normal for His disciples, as occasion of *testimony*, but not a hair of your head will perish" (Cf. *Luke 21:12-19*). The second Mass, last act of the visit in Myanmar, was dedicated to *young people: a sign of hope* and a special gift of the Virgin Mary, in the Cathedral that bears her name. In the faces of those young people, full of joy, I saw the future of Asia: a future that will not be of those that construct arms, but of those that sow fraternity. And ever in the sign of hope, I blessed the stones of 16 churches, of the Seminary and of the Nunciature: eighteen.

In addition to the Catholic community, I was able to meet the Authorities of Myanmar, encouraging the efforts for the country's pacification and hoping that *all the different components* of the nation, not one excluded, will be able to *cooperate in this process in mutual respect*. In this spirit, I wished to meet the representatives of the different religious communities in the country. In particular, I manifested to the Supreme Council of Buddhist monks, the Church's esteem for their ancient spiritual tradition, and the confidence that *Christians and Buddhists* will be able

together to help people to love God and their neighbour, rejecting all violence and opposing evil with goodness.

Having left Myanmar, I went to *Bangladesh*, where, as the first thing, I rendered homage to the martyrs of the struggle for Independence and to the "Father of the Nation." My visit in the footsteps of Blessed Paul VI and of Saint John Paul II – marked a further step *in favour of respect and of dialogue between Christianity and Islam*.

I reminded the country's Authorities that, since the beginning, the Holy See has supported the will of the Bangladeshi people to constitute themselves as an independent nation, as well as that in it the need of religious freedom be always protected.

The Mass celebrated in a historic park of Dhaka was enriched by the *Ordination of sixteen priests*, and this was one of the most significant and joyful events of the trip. In fact, be it in Bangladesh as well as in Myanmar and in other countries of South East Asia, thank God vocation are not lacking, a sign of living communities, where the Lord's voice resounds, who calls to follow Him. I shared this joy with the *Bishops of Bangladesh*, and I encouraged them in their generous work for families, for the poor, for education, for dialogue and social peace. And I shared this joy with many *priests, and consecrated men and women* of the country, as well as with *the seminarians and men and women novices*, in whom I saw seeds of the Church in that land.

At Dhaka, we lived an intense moment of *inter-religious and ecumenical dialogue*, which enabled me to stress the importance of openness of heart as a basis of the culture of encounter, of harmony and of peace. In addition, I visited "Mother Teresa's House," where the Saint stayed when she was in that city, and which receives very many orphans and persons with disabilities. There, in keeping with their charism, the Sisters live every day the prayer of Adoration and the service to Christ, poor and suffering. And a smile is never lacking on their lips. Sisters that pray so much, that serve the suffering continually with a smile. It's a beautiful testimony. I thank these little Sisters so much.

The last event was with the *Bangladeshi young people*, rich in testimonies, songs, and dances. But how well they dance, these Bengalese! A celebration that manifested the joy of the Gospel received by that culture; a joy fecundated by the sacrifices of so many missionaries, so many catechists, and Christian parents. Also present at the meeting were young Muslims and youths of other religions: a sign of hope for Bangladesh, for Asia and for the whole world.