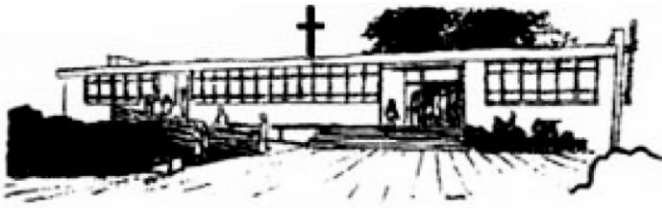


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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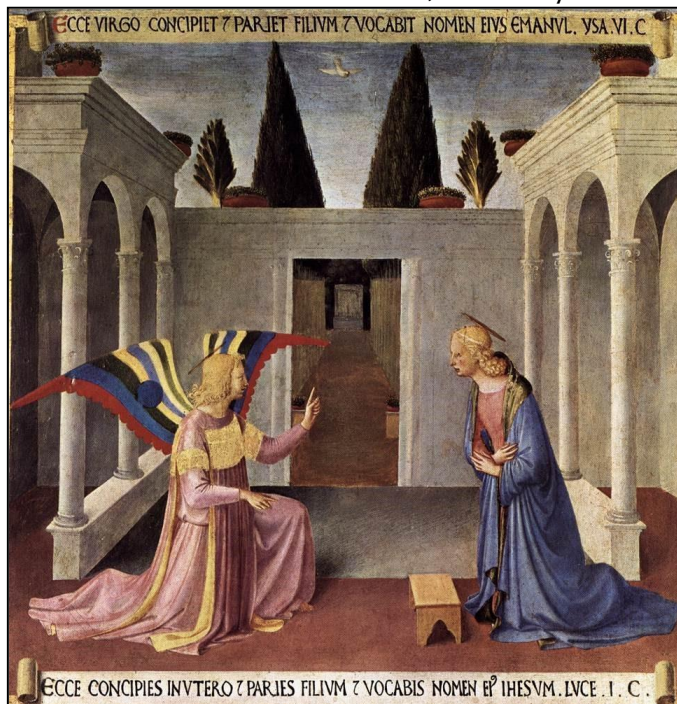
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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

17<sup>th</sup> December 2017, Year B/2



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:** 4726 4200; **Fax:** 4731 1432

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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:** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.  
Indeed, the Lord is near.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

**Responsorial Psalm:** My soul rejoices in my God.

**Second Reading** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

**Gospel:** John 1:6-8, 19-28

#### VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Deceased Members of the Mahns Family
	8.30am		Deceased Members of the Hlinka Family
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent	Louis Popovski (For Health)
Tuesday:	8:00am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent	Vocations to Priesthood
Wednesday	8:00am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	8:00am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent	For the Woodbury Family
Friday	8.00am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent	For Fr Thomas Brancik in Thanksgiving
Saturday	8.30am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent	For the Awadalla Family

#### 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:** Petronela Barszczewska

#### DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Deceased Members of the Mahns and Hlinka Families.

#### YOUTH MASS

Our Young People will be singing at the Christmas Eve Mass and the next Youth Mass will be Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 6pm.

#### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Eve**  
Vigil Mass 6pm - Carols before Mass

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day**  
Midnight Mass - Carols from 11.30pm  
Monday morning - 9am Mass  
Polish Mass - 11am

**Reconciliation - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
9am - 12noon and 5pm - 7.30pm

#### VISITATION OF THE SICK

Our Priests are visiting the Sick this Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. If you know anyone who would like a visit please ring the Office or the Emergency number on the front page on Monday.

**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

Will resume in February.

**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: \$847  
Loose: \$390.60**

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. Legion of Mary Members will deliver the Statue to you.

**SACRAMENTS FOR 2018:**

**Reconciliation: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

**Registration: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

**First Communion: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

**Registration: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

**Confirmation Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

**Registration Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

**WORKING BEE**

Thank you to all who gave their valuable time and energy to work together in preparing our Church and grounds for Christmas. May the Lord bless you for your service.

**OFFICE HOURS DURING CHRISTMAS BREAK:**

During January the Parish Office will be open on Fridays. If you have an urgent matter, please ring the emergency number on the front page. Normal office hours will resume in February.

**PRAYER GROUPS AND YOUTH GROUP:**

**HELPERS FOR CLEANING AND FLOWERS**

If anyone would like to help with cleaning the Church on a Friday or Saturday morning or helping with flower arranging on a Saturday morning please ring the Office and leave your name and phone number.

**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](mailto:yourfoundation@parra.catholic.org.au).

**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 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:connect@ifm.org.au)

**HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS**

A Camp Retreat for Girls and Young Women aged 17-25; includes a pilgrimage to Mary MacKillop Place, as well as talks, prayer, workshops, craft and fun activities. Starts Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 4pm to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 4pm. Venue is Mt Schoenstatt 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. For any inquiries or for Register Form ring Sr M Luka on 0439 537 843 or [sr.m.luka@bigpond.com](mailto:sr.m.luka@bigpond.com).

**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 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> January 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

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more information

contact us at 0413 489 738, or visit  
[www.campion.edu.au/summer](http://www.campion.edu.au/summer)

**The Holy Father's Angelus Address 10<sup>th</sup> December**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Last Sunday we began Advent with the invitation to watch. Today, the second Sunday of this time of preparation for Christmas, the Liturgy points out the proper contents: it's the time to recognize the *voids to fill* in our life, to smooth the asperities of pride and make room for Jesus who is coming.

The prophet Isaiah addresses the people announcing the end of the exile in Babylon and the return to Jerusalem. He prophesizes: "A voice cries: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord [. . .] Every valley shall be lifted up'" (40:3). The valleys to be lifted up represent all the voids of our behaviour before God, all our sins of omission. A void in our life can be the fact that we don't pray or pray little. Hence, Advent is the favourable moment to pray with more intensity, to give to the spiritual life the important place it deserves. Another void might be our lack of charity towards our neighbour, especially towards those most in need of help, not only material but also spiritual. We are called to be more conscious of the needs of others, closer to them. Thus, like John the Baptist, we can open paths of hope in the desert of the arid hearts of so many people.

"Every mountain and hill be made low" (v. 4), exhorts again Isaiah. The mountains and hills that must be made low are pride, haughtiness & arrogance. Where there is pride, where there is arrogance, where there is haughtiness the Lord can't enter because that heart is full of pride, of haughtiness, of arrogance. Therefore, we must lower this pride. We must assume meek and humble attitudes, without rebuking, listening, talking meekly and thus preparing the coming of our Saviour, He who is meek and humble of heart (Cf. *Matthew* 11:29). Then we are asked to eliminate all the obstacles we put to our union with the Lord: "The uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed – says Isaiah – and all flesh shall see it together" (*Isaiah* 40:4-5). However, these actions are to be done with joy, because they are geared to the preparation of Jesus' arrival. When we expect at home the visit of a dear person, we prepare everything with care and happiness. We want to predispose ourselves in the same way for the coming of the Lord: to attend to Him every day with solicitude, to be filled with His grace when He comes.

The Saviour we

await is able to transform our life with the strength of the Holy Spirit, with the strength of love. In fact, the Holy Spirit effuses in our hearts the

love of God, inexhaustible source of purification, of new life and of freedom. The Virgin Mary lived this reality in fullness, allowing herself to be "baptized" by the Holy Spirit who inundated her with His power. May she, who prepared the coming of Christ with the totality of her existence, help us to follow her example and guide our steps to encounter the Lord who is coming.

*After the Angelus*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today the Nobel Peace Prize will be awarded to the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. This recognition happens to coincide with the United Nations Day for Human Rights, and this stresses the strong link between human rights and nuclear disarmament. In fact, to be committed to the protection of the dignity of all people, in particular, the weakest and most disadvantaged means also to work with determination to build a world without nuclear weapons. God gives us the ability to collaborate to build our common home: we have the freedom, the intelligence and the capacity to guide technology, to limit our power to the service of peace and true progress (Cf. Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'*, 78, 112, 202.

"Our Planet Summit" will be held in Paris day after tomorrow. Two years after the adoption of the Paris Agreement on climate, its purpose is to renew the commitment for its implementation and to consolidate a shared strategy to counteract the worrying phenomenon of climate change. I earnestly hope that this Summit, as well as the other initiatives that are in this same direction, will foster a clear awareness of the need to adopt really effective decisions to counteract climate change and, at the same time, to combat poverty and promote integral human development.

In this context, I would like to express my closeness to the Indian populations affected by cyclone Okhi, especially the families of the very many dispersed fishermen, and also to the population of Albania, harshly tried by grave floods.

My greeting goes to all of you, Romans and pilgrims, in particular to the faithful from Valladolid and Huelva, in Spain. I greet the numerous groups of Italian young people and youngsters from Florence, Carugate,

Brembate, Alme, Petosino and Pian Camuno: I encourage all to be joyful witnesses of the Gospel.

I wish all a happy Sunday and a good Advent journey, preparing the way for the Lord who is coming. Please, don't forget to pray for me. and goodbye!