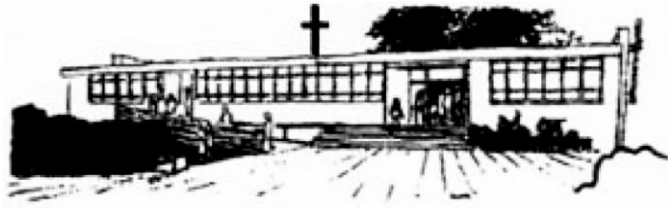


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Please leave a detailed Message

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

15th April 2018, Year B/2



BOUTS, Dieric the Elder, Resurrection, 1450-60

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

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of His name.
O render Him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let Your face shine on us.

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

SUNDAY 8:30am

Ardashes & Alice Keshishian (D.A.)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 3rd Week of Easter

Tuesday: 8:00am 3rd Week of Easter

Wednesday 8:00am 3rd Week of Easter

Thursday 8.00am 3rd Week of Easter

Friday 8.00am St Agnes of Montepulciano

Saturday 8.30am 3rd Week of Easter

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:

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Ardashes & Alice Kesishian

YOUTH MASS

The next Youth Mass will be Saturday 21st April 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. Our Priests are able to bless your home during this time.

POPE FRANCIS' APRIL INTENTIONS

For Those Who have Responsibility in Economic Matters

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, John McCahon, Kathryn Tuckwell, Fay Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, Gisela Drobiszewski, Katalin Domotor, Charles Timmins, 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: \$828
Loose: \$285.70

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

SACRAMENTS FOR 2018:

First Communion: Sunday 3rd June

Confirmation Tuesday 23rd October

Registration Sunday 22nd July

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:

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

Aloma – 4731 8102; Teresa 4731 4222.

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

Jim – 0411 280 950

YOUTH GROUP

There will be no Youth Group for the next two weeks due to school holidays. Group will resume Wednesday 2nd May. All Young People from Year 6 to 18 years old are most welcome.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study has been cancelled until Wednesday 30th May due to Fr. Pawel being on holidays.

PARISH LUNCH:

Held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The date for our next Lunch is Wednesday 9th May at Penrith Golf Club. If you need a lift please ring the Parish Office. All are most welcome.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

If you have not done so already, please return your boxes as soon as possible.

LEAVING CARPARK AFTER 8.30AM MASS

For the next 10 weeks there will be no access via Joseph Street, due to construction at the school. Please take extra care when entering or leaving Church via Richmond Road.

ST JOSEPH'S WINTER FAIR (FETE)

Please keep Sunday 5th August free for our end of winter Fair for the Feast of St. Dominic. Parish Council Members will be asking for volunteers. More information to follow.

ART OF MARRIAGE SEMINAR

Six video sessions by respected experts on marriage. Saturdays 5th and 19th May at Don Bosco Centre, 10 Mamre Rd, St Marys. Cost \$70 per couple, which includes lunch and books.

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Annual May Pilgrimage and Golden Jubilee Celebration of the Shrine at Mt Schoenstatt from 9.30am to 3pm on 20th May. BYO lunch or purchase from food stalls. Please BYO chairs and picnic rugs.

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

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

Commences in Melbourne on 23rd October, travels through Victoria and Sth Australia and concludes in Sydney 3rd November. Cost \$3230. Please contact Sr Therese Leydon on 0417 683 123 or email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

HEART WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

A time to come together as women to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. At Fairfield RSL from 7th to 9th June. Full Registration Cost is \$199. Register at Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com or phone 1300 734 880.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS CATECHESIS

11th April: Baptism 1: 'Baptism enables Christ to live in us and us to live united to Him.'

Dear Brothers and Sisters

The fifty days of the Easter liturgical season are propitious to reflect on the Christian life that, by its nature, is the life that comes from Christ Himself. In fact, we are Christians to the degree in which we let Jesus Christ live in us. From where should we begin then to revive this awareness if not from the beginning, from the Sacrament that lit the Christian life in us? This is Baptism. Christ's Easter, with its charge of novelty, reaches us through Baptism to transform us into His image: the baptized are of Jesus Christ; He is the Lord of their existence. Baptism is the "basis of the whole Christian life" [Catechism of the Catholic Church, (CCC), 1213]. It's the first of the Sacraments, in as much as it's the door that enables Christ the Lord to dwell in our person and us to immerse ourselves in His Mystery.

The Greek verb "to baptize" means "to immerse" (Cf. CCC, 1214). The bath with water is a common rite to several beliefs, to express the passage from one condition to another, sign of purification for a new beginning. However, for us Christians it must not escape us that if it's the body that is immersed in water, it's the soul that is immersed in Christ to receive forgiveness of sin and shine with divine. In virtue of the Holy Spirit, Baptism immerses us in the Death and Resurrection of the Lord, drowning in the baptismal font the old man, dominated by sin, which separates from God and making the new man be born, recreated in Jesus. All Adam's children are called to a new life. Baptism, that is, is a rebirth – certainly. However, I ask myself, somewhat doubtful, and I ask you: does each one of you remember the date of his Baptism? Some say yes – ok. However, it's a somewhat weak yes, because perhaps many don't remember it. However, if we celebrate the day of our birth, how can we not celebrate – at least remember – the day of our rebirth? I will give you a task to do at home, a task to do today at home. Those of you who don't remember the date of your Baptism, ask your mother, aunts, and uncles, nephews, ask them: "Do you know the date of my Baptism?" and don't ever forget it. And that day thank the Lord, because it is, in fact, the day Jesus entered me; the Holy Spirit entered me. Have you understood well the task you have to do at home? We all should know the date of our Baptism. It's another birthday: the birthday of the rebirth. Don't forget to do this, please.

We recall the last words of the Risen one to the Apostles; they are a precise mandate: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). Through the baptismal cleansing, one who believes in Christ is immersed in the very life of the Trinity. In fact, the water of Baptism isn't just any water, but the water upon which the Spirit is invoked that "gives life"

(Creed). We think of what Jesus said to Nicodemus to explain to him the birth to divine life: "Unless one is born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit" (John 3:5-6). Therefore, Baptism is also called "regeneration": we believe that God has saved us "by His mercy, with a water that regenerates and renews in the Spirit: (Tt 3,5).

Baptism is, therefore, an effective sign of rebirth, to walk in newness of life. Saint Paul recalls this to the Christians of Rome: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:3-4).

By immersing us in Christ, Baptism renders us also members of His Body, which is the Church, and participants of His mission in the world (Cf. CCC 1213). We, the baptized, aren't isolated: we are members of the Body of Christ. The vitality that flows from the baptismal font is illustrated by these words of Jesus: "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit" (Cf. John 15:5). A same life, that of the Holy Spirit, flows from Christ to the baptized, uniting them in one Body (Cf. 1 Corinthians 12:13), christened by the holy anointing and fed at the Eucharistic table.

Baptism enables Christ to live in us and us to live united to Him, to collaborate in the Church, each one according to his condition, in the transformation of the world. Received only once, the baptismal cleansing illumines our whole life, guiding our steps to the Heavenly Jerusalem. There is a before and after Baptism. The Sacrament implies a journey of faith, which we call catechumenate, evident when it's an adult that asks for Baptism. However, children also, since antiquity, are baptized in the faith of the parents (Cf. Rite of the Baptism of Children, Introduction, 2). And I would like to say something to you about this. Some think: but why baptize a child who doesn't understand? Let's wait until he grows up, that he understands, and that he himself asks for Baptism. However, this means not to have trust in the Holy Spirit, because when we baptize a child, the Holy Spirit enters that child, and the Holy Spirit makes that child grow, from a child, in Christian virtues that will then flower. This opportunity must always be given to everyone, to all children, to have within them the Holy Spirit who guides them during their life. Don't forget to baptize the children! No one merits Baptism, which is always a free gift for all, adults and newborns. However, as happens with a seed full of life, this gift takes root and bears fruit in a terrain fed by faith. The baptismal promises that we renew every year in the Easter Vigil must be revived every day so that Baptism "Christifies, and the one who is "Christified," resembles Christ, is transformed into Christ and renders him truly another Christ.