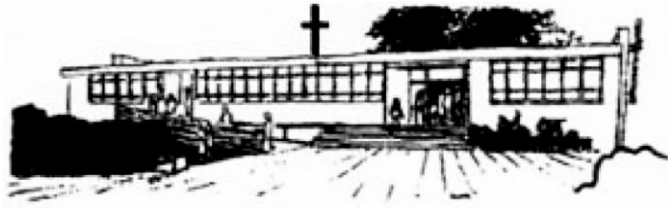


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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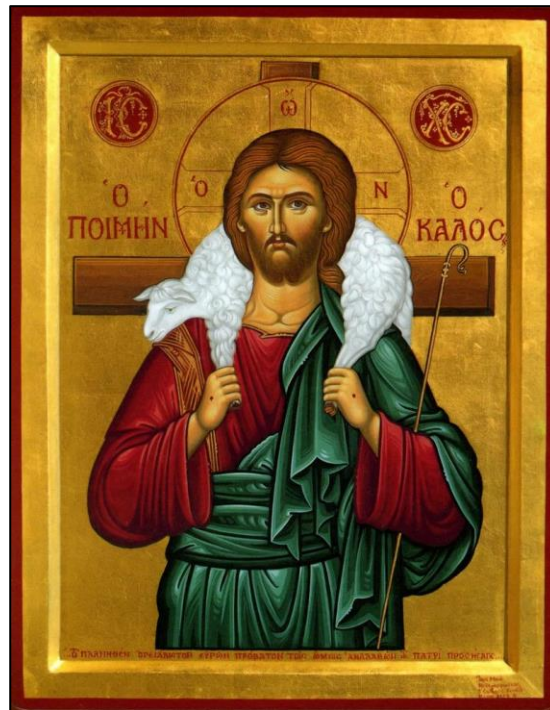
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Please leave a detailed Message

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018, Year B/2



Christ "The Good Shepherd" Icon

### 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](http://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  
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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

Responsorial Psalm: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

SUNDAY 8:30am

Paul & Angela Kulas (Dec. Ann.)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am

St Adalbert

Gabriel Ghougassian (Dec. Ann.)

Tuesday: 8:00am

4th Week of Easter

Wednesday 8:00am

ANZAC DAY

Thomas James Cowen (Dec. Ann.)

Thursday 8.00am

ST MARK

Friday 8.00am

St Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort

Saturday 8.30am

St Peter Chanel

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:

Charles Timmins

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Paul & Angela Kulas, Thomas James Cowen, Gabriel Ghougassian

YOUTH MASS

The next Youth Mass will be Saturday 5th May at 6pm. Please spread the word to our young people.

POPE FRANCIS – MESSAGE FOR 2018 WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS

‘It will not fill our hearts if we keep standing by the window with the excuse of waiting for the right time, without accepting this very day the risk of making a decision. Vocation is today! The Christian mission is now! Each one of us is called to become a witness of the Lord, here and now.

‘We should not wait to be perfect in order to respond with our generous “yes”, nor be fearful of our limitations and sins, but instead open our hearts to the voice of the Lord.’

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, 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.

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Envelopes: \$896  
Loose: \$631.70

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.

**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.

**'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.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

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

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

**ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays** after Mass – 9am to 10am in Parish Hall.

Aloma – 4731 8102; Teresa 4731 4222.

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays** 7pm in Parish Office.

Jim – 0411 280 950

**YOUTH GROUP**

There will be no Youth Group next week due to school holidays. Group will resume Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. All Young People from Year 6 to 18 years old are most welcome.

**BIBLE STUDY**

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

**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.**

**PARISH LUNCH:**

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

**ART OF MARRIAGE SEMINAR**

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

**ANNULMENT IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Seminar Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May from 7pm to 9pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta.

**GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION**

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

**ST JOSEPH'S WINTER FAIR (FETE)**

Please keep Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](http://wydpanama2019.com.au/registration)

**IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP**

Commences in Melbourne on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, travels through Victoria and Sth Australia and concludes in Sydney 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Cost \$3230. Please contact Sr Therese Leydon on 0417 683 123 or email [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au)

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS CATECHESIS

18<sup>th</sup> April: **Baptism 2:** The sign of Christian faith.

Dear Brothers and Sisters

In this Easter Season we continue the catechesis on Baptism. The meaning of Baptism stands out clearly by its celebration; therefore we turn our attention to it. Considering the gestures and words of the liturgy, we can receive the grace and the commitment of this Sacrament, which is ever to be rediscovered. We recall it with the aspersion of blessed water, which can be done on Sunday at the beginning of the Mass, as well as in the renewal of the baptismal promises during the Easter Vigil. In fact, what happens in the celebration of Baptism arouses a spiritual dynamic that runs through the whole life of the baptized; it's the start of a process, which enables one to live united to Christ in the Church. Therefore, to return to the source of the Christian life leads us to understand better the gift received on the day of our Baptism, and to renew our commitment to respond to it in the condition in which we find ourselves today – to renew the commitment, to understand this gift better, which is Baptism, and to remember the day of our Baptism.

First of all, in the welcoming rite, the candidate is asked his name, because the name indicates a person's identity. When we introduce ourselves, we say our name immediately: "I'm called thus," to come out of anonymity; the anonymous is he who has no name. To come out of anonymity we say our name immediately. Without a name, one remains unknown, without rights and duties. God calls each one of us by name, loving us individually, in the concreteness of our history. Baptism kindles our personal vocation to live as Christians, which is developed throughout life. And it implies a personal response and not borrowed, with a "copy and paste." In fact, the Christian life is woven of a series of calls and responses: God continues to pronounce our name in the course of the years, having His call resound in a thousand ways to become conformed to His Son Jesus. Therefore, the name is important! It's very important! Parents already think of the name they will give their child before the birth: this is also part of expecting a child that, in his name, will have his original identity, also for his Christian life connected to God.

To become Christians is, certainly, a gift that comes from on high (Cf. *John* 3:3-8). Faith can't be bought, but it can be asked for and received as a gift. "Lord, give me the gift of faith," it's a beautiful prayer! "That I may have faith," is a beautiful prayer. To ask for it as a gift, but it can't be bought, it is requested. In fact, "Baptism is the Sacrament of that faith with which men, illumined by the grace of the Holy Spirit, respond to Christ's Gospel"

((Rite of the Baptism of Children, General Introduction, n. 3). The formation of the catechumens and the preparation of the parents tend to arouse and awaken a sincere faith in response to the Gospel, as the listening of the Word of God in the celebration of Baptism itself.

If adult catechumens express personally what they want to receive as a gift from the Church, parents, with the godparents, present the children. The dialogue with them enables them to express the desire that the little ones receive Baptism and the Church's intention to celebrate it. "Expression of all this is the cross, which the Celebrant and parents trace on the children's forehead" (Rite of the Baptism of Children, Introduction, n. 16). "The sign of the cross, on the threshold of the celebration, marks with the imprint of Christ the one who is going to belong to Him and signifies the grace of the redemption that Christ won for us by His cross" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1235). In the ceremony we make the sign of the cross on the children. But I want to return to an argument of which I have spoken to you. Do our children know how to make the sign of the cross well? Many times I've seen children who don't know how to make the sign of the cross. And you, fathers, mothers, grandfathers, grandmothers, godfathers, godmothers must teach them to do well the sign of the cross because it is to repeat what was done in Baptism. Have you understood well? Teach the children to make the sign of the cross well. If they learn it as children, they will do it well later, as grownups.

The cross is the badge that manifests who we are: our speaking, thinking, looking, working is under the sign of the cross, namely, under the sign of Jesus' love to the end. The children are marked on the forehead. The adult catechumens are also marked on the senses with these words: "Receive the sign of the cross on the ears to listen to the voice of the Lord"; "on the eyes to see the splendour of the face of God"; on the mouth, to respond to the word of God"; on the breast, so that through faith, Christ will dwell in your hearts."; "on the shoulders, to support Christ's gentle yoke" (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, n. 85). One becomes a Christian to the degree in which the cross is imprinted in us as a "paschal" sign (Cf. *Revelation* 14:1; 22:4), making visible, also externally, the Christian way of facing life. To do the sign of the cross when we wake up, before meals, before a danger, as a defence against evil, in the evening before sleeping, means to say to ourselves, and to others, to whom we belong, who we want to be. This is why it's so important to teach children to make well the sign of the cross. And, as we do on entering a church, we can do so also at home, keeping in a small appropriate glass some blessed water – some families do it: thus every time we come in or go out, by doing the sign of the cross with that water we remember that we are baptized. Don't forget, I repeat: teach the children to make the sign of the cross.