

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

29th April 2018, Year B/2



ANGELICO, Fra, Resurrection of Christ
and Women at the Tomb, 1440-1442

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

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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 sing a new song to the Lord, for He has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations He has shown His deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise You, Lord, in the assembly of Your people.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

SUNDAY 8:30am

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am **St Pius V**

Tuesday: 8:00am **St Joseph the Worker**

Wednesday 8:00am **St Athanasius**

Thursday 8.00am **ST PHILIP & ST JAMES**

Friday 8.00am **5th Week of Easter** **For God's Precious Infants**

Saturday 8.30am **St Vincent Ferrer** **Dec. Mem. of St Vincent de Paul**

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:

Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

ADORATION BEFORE WEEKDAY MASSES

There will be no Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament before morning Masses from Monday to
Wednesday until Monday 4th June, when Fr Pawel
returns.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There is an opportunity to spend time with the
Lord on Friday 4th May from 5pm to 10pm. All are
welcome.

YOUTH MASS

The next Youth Mass will be Saturday 5th May at
6pm. The Band "Modulation" will be performing
after this Mass in the School Hall. Please spread the
word to our young people.

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.

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.

**SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$692
Loose: \$484.30**

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.

'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 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

Youth Group resumes this 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.

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.

SRE MEETING

Wednesday 2nd May at 9am. Please be in attendance. Those interested in joining are welcome.

FOOD DRIVE

Our Seminarians will be speaking about a food drive at all Masses next weekend 5th/6th May.

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.

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.

ANNULMENT IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Seminar Wednesday 16th May from 7pm to 9pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.

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.

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.

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

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS CATECHESIS

25th April: **Baptism 3:** So we can live fully a new life of grace

Dear Brothers and Sisters

We continue our reflection on Baptism, ever in the light of the Word of God. It's the Gospel that enlightens the candidates and arouses adherence to the faith: "Baptism is 'the sacrament of faith' in a particular way, since it is the sacramental entry into the life of faith" [Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), 1236]. And faith is the giving of oneself to the Lord Jesus, acknowledged as "spring of water welling up to eternal life" (*John* 4:14), "light of the world" (*John* 9:5), "resurrection and life" (*John* 11:25), as the itinerary shows, followed still today, by catechumens now close to receiving Christian initiation. Educated by listening to Jesus, by His teaching and by His works, catechumens relive the experience of the Samaritan woman thirsty for living water, of the man born blind who opens his eyes to the light, of Lazarus who comes out of the sepulchre. The Gospel has within itself the strength to transform one who accepts it with faith, tearing him away from the dominion of the Evil One, so that he learns to serve the Lord with joy and newness of life.

One never goes alone to the baptismal font, but accompanied by the prayer of the whole Church, as the Litanies of the Saints recall, which precede the Prayer of Exorcism and the pre-baptismal anointing with the oil of the catechumens. They are gestures that, since antiquity, assure all those that prepare themselves to be reborn as children of God, that the prayer of the Church assists them in the struggle against evil, accompanies them on the way of goodness, helps them to subtract themselves from the power of sin to pass into the kingdom of divine grace. The prayer of the Church – the Church prays and prays for all, for all of us! We, as Church, pray for others. It's a good thing to pray for others. How many times we don't have an urgent need and so we don't pray. We must pray, united to the Church, for others: "Lord, I pray to you for those that are in need, for those that don't have faith . . ." Don't forget: the prayer of the Church is always on-going. However, we must enter this prayer and pray for all the people of God and for those that are in need of prayers. Therefore, the path of adult catechumens is marked by repeated exorcisms pronounced by the priest (Cf. CCC, 1237), namely, by prayers that invoke deliverance from all that separates one from Christ and impedes profound union with Him. For children also, God is asked to free them from original sin and consecrate them dwelling of the Holy Spirit (Cf. Rite of

the Baptism of Children, n. 56). The children – pray for the children, for their spiritual and corporal health. It's a way of protecting children with prayer. As the Gospels attests, Jesus Himself fought and expelled devils to manifest the advent of the Kingdom of God (Cf. *Matthew* 12:28): His victory over the power of the Evil One leaves free room to the lordship of God who makes glad and reconciles with life.

Baptism isn't a magical formula, but a gift of the Holy Spirit, which enables one who receives it "to fight against the spirit of evil," believing that "God sent His Son into the world to destroy Satan's power and transfer man from darkness to His Kingdom of infinite light" (Cf. Rite of the Baptism of Children, n. 56). We know from experience that Christian life is always subject to temptation, especially the temptation of separating oneself from God, from His Will, from communion with Him, to fall back into worldly seductions. And Baptism prepares us. It gives us the strength for this daily struggle, also to fight against the devil who – as Saint Peter says – seeks as a lion to devour us, to destroy us.

In addition to prayer, there is then the anointing of the chest with the oil of catechumens, with which "they receive vigour to renounce the devil and sin, before approaching the font and being born to a new life" (Blessing of the oil. *Premesse*, n. 3). Because of the property of oil to penetrate the tissues of the body bringing them benefit, ancient fighters used to sprinkle themselves with oil to tone the muscles and flee more easily from the adversary's grip. In the light of this symbolism, the Christians of the first centuries adopted the use of anointing the body of candidates to Baptism with the oil blessed by the Bishop, in order to show, through this "sign of salvation," that the power of Christ the Saviour strengthens to fight against evil and overcome it (Cf. Rite of the Baptism of Children, n. 105).

It's tiring to fight against evil, to flee from its deceits, to have strength again after an exhausting struggle, but we must know that the whole of Christian life is a battle. However, we must also know that we're not alone, that Mother Church prays so that her children, regenerated in Baptism, won't succumb to the snares of the Evil One but overcome him by the power of Christ's Passover. Strengthened by the Risen Lord, who defeated the prince of this world (Cf. *John* 12:31), we can also repeat with Saint Paul's faith: "I can do all things in Him who strengthens me" (*Philippians* 4:13). All of us can overcome, overcome everything, but with the strength that comes to us from Christ.