

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Please leave a detailed Message

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

18th March 2018, Year B/2



ANGELICO, Fra, Nailing of Christ to the Cross, 1441-42

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: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for You, O God, are my strength.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Responsorial Psalm: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12:20-30

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

SUNDAY 8:30am

Basilisa Ortaleza (Dec. Ann.)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am & 7pm ST JOSEPH

Tuesday: 8:00am 5th Week of Lent

Wednesday 8:00am 5th Week of Lent

Thursday 8:00am 5th Week of Lent

Friday 8:00am 5th Week of Lent

Saturday 8:30am 5th Week of Lent

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: Fr George O'Mara

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES: Basilisa Ortaleza

YOUTH MASS

The next Youth Mass will be Saturday 21st April at 6pm. Please spread the word to our young people.

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH 19TH MARCH

Masses at 8am followed by Morning Tea and 7pm followed by a light Supper. Please bring a plate to celebrate our Parish Feast Day.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be at 6.30pm every Friday night during Lent.

HOLY WEEK - 26TH MARCH - 1ST APRIL

Reconciliation - Monday 26th - 9am to 12 noon & 5pm to 7.30pm.

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7pm

Good Friday - 11am Stations of the Cross 3pm The Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday - Vigil - 7.45pm

Easter Sunday - 8.30am & 10am

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 Davies, Raymond Waters, Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Noeline Cruzado, 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

POPE FRANCIS' MARCH INTENTIONS

Formation in Spiritual Discernment

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes:** \$697
 Loose: \$439.60

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.

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:

Reconciliation: Thursday 22nd March

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.

Aloma – 4731 8102; Teresa 4731 4222.

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

Jim – 0411 280 950

YOUTH GROUP

Wednesdays from 3pm until 5pm. All Young People from Year 6 to 18 years old are most welcome.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Sunday 18th March at 2pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys

EASTER TRAINING FOR JUNIOR SERVERS

Saturday 24th March at 10.30am for Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

Saturday 31st March at 10.30am for Holy Saturday. It is important for all Junior Servers to attend these mornings to know what to do during the Liturgies.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is every Wednesday at 10.30am in the Parish Hall. All are most welcome. Please bring your Bible with you.

ST JOSEPH'S FAMILY CLUB

Our first Meeting is 18th March from 3-5pm at the Parish Office. All Parents and Children are invited to our new Parish initiative. We are looking to build friendships and enjoy Family Fun in our Parish Community. Please join us.

All questions to Lisa Lynch on 0423 901 720.

PARISH LUNCH:

Held the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The date for our next Lunch is this Wednesday 11th April at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

WORKING BEE

Thank you to all who assisted us in preparing our Church for Easter. May the Lord bless you mightily.

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.

RENEWED IN OUR BAPTISMAL CALL

A Mini-Retreat at the Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion St., Blacktown on Tuesday 20th March at 6.45pm. Led by Fr Paul and Sr Grace. Register at 9831 4911 or email charbel.dib@ifm.org.au

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION APPEAL

We have reached our quota for the Catholic Foundation. Thank you for your generosity.

MONTGROVE COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT

Monday 26th March at 7pm at 140 Bringelly Road, Orchard Hills. Please RSVP by 23rd March at 4736 5977 or raelene.pirota@montgrove.nsw.edu

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS CATECHESIS

14th March: On the Our Father & "Breaking of Bread"

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

We continue with the Catechesis on the Holy Mass. In the Last Supper, after Jesus took the bread and the chalice of the wine, and rendered thanks to God, we know that He "broke the bread." In the Eucharistic Liturgy of the Mass, the breaking of the Bread corresponds to this action, preceded by the prayer that the Lord taught us, namely, the "Our Father."

And so we begin the rites of Communion, prolonging the praise and supplication of the Eucharistic Prayer with the communal recitation of the "Our Father." This isn't one of the many Christian prayers, but the prayer of the children of God; it's the great prayer that Jesus taught us. In fact, consigned to us in the day of our Baptism, the "Our Father" makes resound in us the same sentiments that were in Christ Jesus. When we pray the "Our Father," we pray as Jesus prayed. It's the prayer that Jesus did, and He taught it to us, when the disciples said to him: "Master, teach us to pray as you pray." Formed to His divine teaching, we dare to address God calling Him "Father," because we are reborn as His children through water and the Holy Spirit (Cf. *Ephesians* 1:5). No one, in truth, would be able to call Him "Abba" — "Father" — without being generated by God, without the inspiration of the Spirit, as Saint Paul teaches (Cf. *Romans* 8:15). How many times there are people that say "Our Father," but don't know what they say. Because yes, He is the Father, but when you say "Father" do you feel He is Father, your Father, Father of humanity, Father of Jesus Christ? Do you have a relationship with this Father? When we pray the "Our Father," we connect with the Father who loves us, but it's the Spirit that gives us this connection, this sentiment of being children of God.

What better prayer, than that taught by Jesus, can dispose us to sacramental Communion with Him? In addition to being prayed in the Mass, the "Our Father" is prayed in the morning and in the evening, in Lauds and in Vespers; in this way, the filial attitude to God and of fraternity with our neighbour contribute to give a Christian form to our days.

In the Lord's Prayer we ask for our "daily bread," in which we make a particular reference to the Eucharistic Bread, of which we are in need to live as children of God. We also implore "the forgiveness of our trespasses," and to be worthy to receive God's forgiveness, we commit ourselves to forgive those that have offended us. And this isn't easy; it's a grace we

must request: "Lord, teach me to forgive as you have forgiven me." It's a grace. We can't forgive with our own strength; to forgive is a grace of the Holy Spirit. So, while we open our heart to God, the "Our Father" disposes us also to fraternal love. Finally, we also ask God to "deliver us from evil," which separates us from Him and divides us from our brothers. We understand well that these are very apt requests to prepare us for Holy Communion.

In fact, what we request in the "Our Father," is prolonged by the prayer of the priest who, in the name of all, prays: "Deliver us, O Lord, from all evils and grant peace in our days." And then it receives a sort of seal in the rite of peace: invoked from Christ first of all is the gift of his peace (Cf. *John* 14:27) — so different from that of the world — it makes the Church grow in unity and in peace, according to His will; then, with the concrete gesture exchanged between us, we express "ecclesial communion and mutual love before communing with the Sacrament" (*OGMR*, 82). In the Roman Rite the exchange of the sign of peace, placed since antiquity before Communion, is ordered to Eucharistic Communion. According to Saint Paul's admonition, it's not possible to commune with the one Bread, which renders us one Body in Christ, without recognizing ourselves pacified by fraternal love (Cf. *1 Corinthians* 10:16-17; 11:29). The Lord gives peace; He gives us the grace to forgive those that have offended us.

The gesture of peace is followed by the breaking of the Bread, which since apostolic times has given the name to the entire celebration of the Eucharist (Cf. *OGMR*, 83; *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1329). Carried out by Jesus during the Last Supper, the breaking of the Bread is the revealing gesture that enabled the disciples to recognize Him after His Resurrection. We recall the disciples of Emmaus who, speaking of the encounter with the Risen One, recount "how they recognized Him in the breaking of the bread" (Cf. *Luke* 24:30-31.35).

The breaking of the Eucharistic Bread is accompanied by the invocation of the "Lamb of God," figure with which John the Baptist indicated Jesus "He who takes away the sin of the world" (*John* 1:29). The biblical image of the lamb speaks of the Redemption. In the Eucharistic Bread, broken for the life of the world, the praying assembly recognizes the true Lamb of God, namely, Christ the Redeemer, and begs Him: "Have mercy on us . . . grant us peace." "Have mercy on us," "grant us peace" are invocations that, from the "Our Father" prayer to the breaking of the Bread, help us to dispose our spirit to take part in the Eucharistic feast, source of communion with God and with brothers.