

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## ASCENSION OF THE LORD

13<sup>th</sup> May 2018, Year B/2



PERUGINO, Pietro, The Ascension of Christ, 1496-98

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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# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGY

### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Entrance Antiphon:** Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?  
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven  
will return as you saw Him go, alleluia.

**First Reading:** Acts 1:1-11

**Responsorial Psalm:** God mounts His throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 1:17-23

**Gospel:** Mark 16:15-20

### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

In Thanksgiving

SUNDAY 8:30am

For Deceased Priests & Religious

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am ST MATTHIAS

Tuesday: 8:00am 7<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter

Wednesday 8:00am 7<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter

Thursday 8.00am 7<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter Mariam Arik (Deceased Ann.)

Friday 8.00am 7<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter Intentions of the Brancik Family

Saturday 8.30am 7<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter Intentions of the Woodbury Family

### 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:

Deceased Priests and Religious, Mariam Arik

### ADORATION BEFORE WEEKDAY MASSES

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

### YOUTH MASS

The next Youth Mass will be Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May at  
6pm. Please spread the word to our young people.

### POPE FRANCIS' MAY INTENTIONS

#### The Mission of the Laity

That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission,  
by responding with creativity to the challenges that  
face the world today.

**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.

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

***A VERY BLESSED MOTHERS' DAY TO ALL MOTHERS IN THE PARISH***

***FROM FR ANDREW, FR PAWEL & FR PIOTR***

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Envelopes: \$612  
Loose: \$601.30

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 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**

Youth Group every Wednesday from 3pm – 5pm. All Young People from Year 6 to 18 years old are most welcome.

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Bible Study will resume Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May.

### **PARISH LUNCH:**

Held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. The date for our next Lunch is Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at Penrith Golf Club. If you need a lift please ring the Parish Office. All are most welcome.

### **LEAVING CARPARK AFTER 8.30AM MASS**

**For the next few 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 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.

### **CATHOLIC FOUNDATION APPEAL**

We have our Collection this weekend. This appeal supports our Seminarians and the good works they do in the Community. Our quota is \$2580. Details can be found at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au). Please be generous.

### **ANNULMENT IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Seminar Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> May. BYO lunch or purchase from food stalls. Please BYO chairs and picnic rugs.

### **PENTECOST-THEMED REFLECTION EVENING**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 6.45pm at 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. Dr (Sr) Connolly is our speaker. Register at [charbel.dib@ifm.org.au](mailto:charbel.dib@ifm.org.au) or ring Charbel on 9296 6369.

### **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)

## CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

## POPE FRANCIS CATECHESIS

2<sup>nd</sup> May: Baptism 5: Regeneration

Dear Brothers and Sisters

The catechesis on the Sacrament of Baptism leads us to speak today of the cleansing, accompanied by the invocation of the Most Holy Trinity, that is, the essential rite that properly “baptizes” – namely, immerses – in Christ’s Paschal Mystery (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1239). Saint Paul recalls the meaning of this gesture, to the Christians of Rome, asking first: “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death?” And then answering: “We were buried therefore with Him by Baptism unto death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead . . . we too might walk in the newness of life” (*Romans* 6:3-4). Baptism opens the door to us to a life of resurrection, not to a worldly life but to a life according to Jesus.

The baptismal font is the place in which Easter is lived with Christ! The old man, with his deceitful passions, is buried (Cf. *Ephesians* 4:22), to be reborn a new creature; the old things have truly passed and the new are born (Cf. *2 Corinthians* 5:17). In the “Catechesis” attributed to Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, explained thus to the newly baptized is what happened to them in the water of Baptism. This explanation of Saint Cyril is beautiful: “In the same instant you were dead and born, and the same salutary wave becomes for you sepulchre and mother” (n. 20, *Mistagogica* 2, 4-6: PG 33, 1079-1082). The rebirth of the new man calls for the man corrupted by sin to be reduced to dust. The images of the tomb and of the maternal womb referring to the font are in fact very incisive to express what a great thing happens through the simple gestures of Baptism. I like to quote the inscription that is found in the old Roman Baptistery of the Lateran, on which one reads in Latin this expression, attributed to Pope Sixtus III: “Mother Church gives birth virginally, through water, the children she conceives by the breath of God. Those of you reborn from this font, hope for the Kingdom of Heaven. “It’s beautiful: the Church that has us born, the Church that is womb, is our Mother through Baptism.

If our parents have given us earthly life, the Church has regenerated us to eternal life. We have become children in His Son Jesus (Cf. *Romans* 8:15; *Galatians* 4:5-7). On each one of us also, reborn of the water and of the Holy Spirit, the celestial Father has his voice resound with infinite love, which says: “You are my beloved son” (Cf. *Matthew* 3:17). This paternal voice, imperceptible to the ear but very audible to the heart of one who believes,

accompanies us throughout our life, without ever abandoning us. Throughout life the Father says to us: “You are my beloved son, you are my beloved daughter.” God love us so much, as a Father, and He doesn’t leave us alone. This is true from the moment of Baptism. Reborn as children of God, we are so forever! Baptism, in fact, isn’t repeated, because it imprints an indelible spiritual mark: “No sin can erase this mark, even if sin prevents Baptism from bearing the fruits of salvation” (CCC, 1272). The mark of Baptism is never lost! “Father, but if a person becomes a brigand, of the most famous, who kills people, who commits injustices, doesn’t the mark go away? “No. To his own shame that son of God does those things, but the mark doesn’t go away. And he continues to be a son of God who goes against God, but God never disowns His children. Have you understood this last thing? God never disowns His children. Shall we repeat it all together? “God never disowns His children.” A bit louder, as I’m deaf and I didn’t understand: “God never disowns His children.” There, that’s fine.

Incorporated in Christ through Baptism, the baptized are, therefore, conformed to Him, “the first-born among many brethren” (*Romans* 8:29). Through the action of the Holy Spirit, Baptism purifies, sanctifies, justifies, to form from many only one Body in Christ (Cf. *1 Corinthians* 6:11; 12:13). The chrismal anointing expresses it, “which is sign of the royal priesthood of the baptized person and of his aggregation to the community of the people of God” (Rite of the Baptism of Children, Introduction, n. 18, 3). Therefore, the priest anoints with the sacred chrism the head of every baptized person, after having pronounced these words, which explain its meaning: “God himself consecrates you with the chrism of salvation, so that, inserted in Christ, Priest, King and Prophet, you are ever members of His Body for eternal life” (*Ibid.*, n. 71).

Brothers and sisters, the whole Christian vocation is here: to live united to Christ in the Holy Church, participants of the same consecration, to carry out the very same mission in this world, bearing fruits that last forever. Animated by the one Spirit, the people of God participate, in fact, in the functions of Jesus Christ, “Priest, King and Prophet,” and bear the responsibility of mission and service that stem from it (Cf. CCC, 783-786). What does it mean to participate in the royal and prophetic priesthood of Christ? It means making of oneself a pleasing offering to God (Cf. *Romans* 12:1), rendering witness to Him through a life of faith and charity (Cf. *Lumen Gentium*, 12), putting it at the service of others, following the Lord Jesus’ example (Cf. *Matthew* 20:25-28; *John* 13:13-17). Thank you.