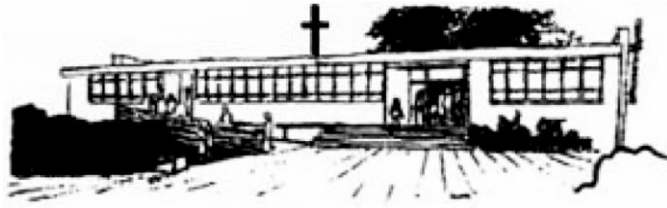


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7<sup>th</sup> January 2018, Year B/2



ANGELICO, Fra, Adoration of the Magi, 1423-24

### 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 Riley - 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:** Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;  
And kingship is in His grasp, and power and dominion.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore You.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12

### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

For the Mahns Family

**SUNDAY** 8:30am

For the Kushnir Family

10:00am

For the Parish

**Monday** 8:00am **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

Leticia De Guzman (Dec. Ann.)

**Tuesday:** 8:00am **1<sup>st</sup> Week Ordinary Time**

Jean Roddy (Dec. Ann.)

**Wednesday** 8:00am **1<sup>st</sup> Week Ordinary Time**

Michael Corcoran (Dec. Ann.)

**Thursday** 8:00am **1<sup>st</sup> Week Ordinary Time**

Dec. Mems. of the Holmes Family

**Friday** 8:00am **1<sup>st</sup> Week Ordinary Time**

Dec. Mems. of the Bullen Family

**Saturday** 8:30am **Mass of the Virgin Mary**

Dec. Mems. of the Butler Family

### ADORATION CHAPEL:

Open during office hours or speak to Fr Andrew to arrange another time.

### 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.

### DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

Leticia De Guzman, Jean Roddy, Michael Corcoran, Deceased Members of the Holmes Family, Deceased Members of the Bullen Family and Deceased Members of the Butler Family.

### YOUTH MASS

The next Youth Mass will be Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 6pm. Please encourage all our young people to attend.

### ROSARY IN OUR HOMES:

Please fill in the form at the back of the Church if you are interested in having 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 will also be able to visit your home to bless it during this time.

### POPE FRANCIS' JANUARY INTENTIONS

#### Religious Minorities in Asia

That Christians and other religious minorities in Asian countries may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

**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, Kathleen Angoves, 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: \$719**  
   **Loose:      \$397.45**

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:**

**Reconciliation: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

**Registration: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

**First Communion: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

**Registration: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

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

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

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

Will resume in February. If you have any questions about these Groups please ring:

Aloma - 4731 8102; Teresa - 4731 4222

Jim - 0411 280 950

### **OFFICE HOURS DURING CHRISTMAS BREAK:**

During January the Parish Office will be open only on Fridays. If you have an urgent matter, please ring the emergency number on the front page. Normal office hours will resume in February.

### **PARISH LUNCH:**

Parish Lunch is cancelled for January, due to many being away on holidays. The date for our next Lunch is the second Wednesday February, which is the 14<sup>th</sup> February. All Parishioners are most welcome.

### **HELPERS FOR CLEANING AND FLOWERS**

If anyone would like to help with cleaning the Church on a Friday or Saturday morning or helping with flower arranging on a Saturday morning please ring the Office and leave your name and phone number.

### **MEN'S BBQ NIGHT**

All men are invited to join our Priests at our barbeque and beer night next Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January after the 6.00pm Mass.

### **PARKING AT CHURCH**

Parking in the Courtyard in front of the Church is reserved for those with a Disability Sticker (and at present for the Contractors for the School Renovations). There is ample parking in the School Carpark and the Grass Area at the Weekend and on the Grass Area on Weekdays. Thank you for your assistance in making this area safe for our Disabled and our Children.

### **LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSES:**

Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses at Penrith (from 15<sup>th</sup> February) or Blacktown (12<sup>th</sup> February) are open to all individuals seeking formation and training for serving at the altar. Email Office of Worship on [ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au) or ring on 8838 3456, or collect an enrolment form from Aruna or Clare.

### **REFLECTIVE MINISTRY PROGRAM 2018**

The Institute of Mission Program comprises 2 components to all involved in the Ministries of Catholic Communities. Component 1, offering 12 gatherings reflecting on Spirituality, Theology and Practical People Skills, starts 27<sup>th</sup> February, and comprises of Tuesday evenings and 2 Saturday mornings. Component 2 will begin in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year. Call or email as soon as possible to reserve your place or for more information. Fr Paul 0417 441 177; Donnie 0432 042 140 or email [connect@ifm.org.au](mailto:connect@ifm.org.au)

### **MT SCHOENSTATT**

**Shrine** at 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year from 7am to 8pm.

### **HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS**

A Camp Retreat for Girls and Young Women aged 17-25. Starts Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 4pm to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 4pm. Venue is Mt Schoenstatt For any inquiries or for Register Form ring Sr M Luka on 0439 537 843 or [sr.m.luka@bigpond.com](mailto:sr.m.luka@bigpond.com) .

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CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

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**POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE:**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Taking up the catecheses on the Eucharistic Celebration, today we reflect, in the context of the rites of introduction, on the *penitential act*. In its sobriety, it fosters the attitude with which to dispose oneself to celebrate worthily the holy mysteries, namely, acknowledging our sins before God and brethren; acknowledging that we are sinners. In fact, the priest's invitation is addressed to the whole community in prayer, because we are all sinners. What can the Lord give to one whose heart is already full of himself, of his success? Nothing, because one who is presumptuous is incapable of receiving forgiveness, satiated as he is with his presumed justice. We think of the parable of the Pharisee and the publican, where only the latter – the publican – goes home justified, namely, forgiven (Cf. *Luke* 18:9-14). One who is aware of his miseries and lowers his eyes with humility, feels God's merciful look resting on him. We know from experience that only one who is able to acknowledge his mistakes and asks for forgiveness, receives the understanding and forgiveness of others.

To listen in silence to the voice of conscience enables us to recognize that our thoughts are far from divine thoughts, that our words and our actions are often worldly, guided, that is, by choices that are contrary to the Gospel. Therefore, at the beginning of the Mass, we carry out communally the penitential act through a formula of *general confession*, pronounced in the *first person singular*. Each one confesses to God and to brethren "to have sinned much in thoughts, words, deeds and omissions." Yes, also in omissions, namely, of having neglected to do the good that one could have done. Often we feel we are good because – we say – "I haven't done wrong to any one." In reality, it's not enough not to have wronged our neighbour, we must choose to do good taking up occasions to give good witness that we are disciples of Jesus. It's good to stress that we confess, *be it to God or to brothers*, that we are sinners: this helps us to understand the dimension of sin that, while it separates us from God, also divides us from our brethren and vice versa. Sin breaks: it breaks the relationship with God and it breaks the relationship with brethren, the relationship in the family, in society and in the community: Sin always breaks, separates, divides.

The words we say with the mouth are accompanied by the *gesture of beating our breast*, acknowledging that I

have sinned by my own fault, and not that of others. It often happens in fact that, out of fear and shame, we point the finger to accuse others. It costs to admit that we are culpable, but it does us good to confess it sincerely, to confess our sins. I remember a story, which an old missionary told, of a woman who went to confession and began to tell the errors of her husband; then she went on to tell the errors of her mother-in-law and then the sins of neighbours. At a certain point, the confessor said to her: "But, lady, tell me, have you finished? – Very good: you have finished with others' sins. Now begin to tell yours." We must tell our sins!

After the confession of sin, we beseech the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Angels and the Saints to pray to the Lord for us. In this also, the *communion of Saints* is precious: namely, the intercession of these "friends and models of life" (Preface of November 12) sustains us in the journey towards full communion with God, when sin will be definitively annihilated.

Beyond the "I confess," the penitential act can be done with other formulas, for instance: "Have mercy upon us, O Lord / We have sinned against you. / Show us thy steadfast love, O Lord. / And grant us thy salvation" (Cf. *Psalms* 123:3; 85:8; *Jeremiah* 14:20). Especially on Sunday, the blessing and the aspersion of water can be carried out in memory of our Baptism (Cf. *OGMR*, 51), which cancels all sins. And, as part of the penitential act, it's also possible to sing the *Kyrie eleison*: with the ancient Greek expression, we acclaim the Lord – Kyrios – and implore His mercy (*Ibid.*, 52).

Sacred Scripture offers us luminous examples of "penitent" figures that, looking into themselves after having committed a sin, find the courage to take off the mask and open themselves to the grace that renews the heart. We think of King David and of the words attributed to him in the Psalm: "Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy steadfast love; according to thy abundant mercy blot out my transgressions" (51:3). We think of the Prodigal Son who returns to the Father; or to the publican's invocation: "God, be merciful to me a sinner" (*Luke* 18:13). We think also of Saint Peter, of Zacchaeus, of the Samaritan woman. To measure oneself with the frailty of the clay of which we are kneaded is an experience that strengthens us: while it makes us deal with our weakness, it opens the heart to invoke the divine mercy, which transforms and converts. And this is what we do in the penitential act at the beginning of the Mass.