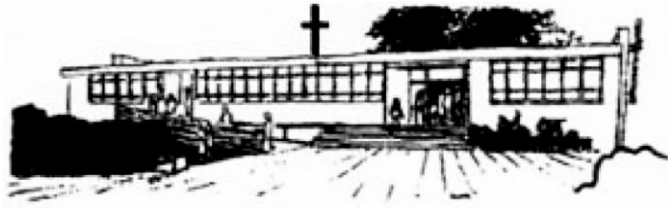


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Please leave a detailed Message

NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

24th June 2018, Year B/2



Fra ANGELICO, The Naming of St John the Baptist 1434-35

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: A man was sent from God, whose name was John.
He came to testify to the light, to prepare a people fit for the Lord.

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: I praise You for I am wonderfully made.

Second Reading: Acts 13:22-26

Gospel: Luke 1:57-66, 80

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Lynette Eades (Dec. Ann.)

SUNDAY 8:30am

Intentions of the Donor

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 12th Week Ordinary Time

Intentions of the Donor

Tuesday: 8:00am 12th Week Ordinary Time

Valerie O'Flynn (Dec. Ann.)

Wednesday 8:00am St Cyril of Alexandria

Intentions of the Donor

Thursday 8.00am St Irenaeus

Terrance O'Flynn (Dec. Ann.)

Friday 8.00am ST PETER & ST PAUL

Fr Piotr & Fr Pawel

Saturday 8.30am Mass of the Virgin Mary

Abdou Haydamous

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:

Franciszka Warda, Milos Prazak, Fay Tuckwell

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Lynette Eades, Valerie O'Flynn, Terrance O'Flynn, Abdou Haydamous, Giuseppi, Concetta & Michael Romeo

YOUTH MASS

The next Youth Mass will be Saturday 7th July at 6pm. Please spread the word to our young people.

POPE FRANCIS' JUNE INTENTIONS

Social Networks

That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

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.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, John McCahon, Kathryn Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, 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

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$693
Loose: \$692.20

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:

Confirmation Tuesday 23rd October

Registration Sunday 22nd July

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays after Mass – 9.15am to 10.15am in the Parish Hall.

Aloma – 4731 8102; Teresa 4731 4222.

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

Jim – 0411 280 950

YOUTH GROUP

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

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is every Wednesday at 10.30am. All are welcome. Please bring your Bibles with you

PARISH LUNCH:

Held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The date for our next Lunch is Wednesday 11th July at Penrith Golf Club. If you need a lift please ring the Parish Office. All are most welcome.

STATUE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A new statue of Our Lady of Lourdes, made from reconstituted marble, has been ordered for the Grotto, at a cost of \$2750 including GST. Donations for the statue can be left in the donation box at the back of the Church.

We also want to purchase a Paten with a lid. Cost is \$1100 + GST.

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.**

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Please find your envelopes at the back of the Church. If you would like to contribute towards Planned Giving there are forms on the back table.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

This collection helps provide the Holy Father with funds for emergency assistance to those in need. The proceeds enable Pope Francis to assist the most disadvantaged in emergency situations including oppression, victims of war and disasters. This will be next weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Fr Pawel is running in the Sydney Marathon on Sunday 16th September to fund-raise for Vinnies. To sponsor Fr Pawel please go to the following site:

<https://donate.grassrootz.com/blackmores-sydney-running-festival-2018/vinnies/pawel-barszczewski>

ST JOSEPH'S WINTER FAIR (FETE)

5th August is our end of winter Fair for the Feast of St. Dominic. Volunteers will be most appreciated. Please bring your donations for the Fete Stalls to be stored in the Shed.

MEN'S BARBEQUE NIGHT

Our next Men's Night is Saturday 14th July after 6pm Mass. All men over 18 are most welcome.

ANNUAL MARRIAGE MASS

Sunday 8th July at 10.30am at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney for Mass & Renewal of Vows. Mass celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher. Register at LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org or 9307 8404.

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

13th June: Commandments 2: Introduction: The Path to Freedom.

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

This audience takes place in two places: we are here in the square, and in the Paul VI Hall there are more than 200 sick people who follow via the maxiscreen. All together we form a community. Let us greet those in the Hall with an applause.

Last Wednesday we began a new cycle of catechesis, on the commandments. We have seen that the Lord Jesus did not come to abolish the Law, but to fulfil it. But we must understand this perspective better.

In the Bible the commandments do not exist autonomously, but are *part of a relationship*. The Lord Jesus did not come to abolish the Law, but to bring it to fulfilment. And there is that relationship, of the Covenant between God and His People. At the beginning of Chapter 20 of the Book of Exodus we read – and this is important – “And God spoke all these words” (v. 1).

It appears to be an opening like any other, but nothing in the Bible is banal. The text does not say, “And God spoke these commandments”, but “*these words*”. The Jewish tradition always calls the Decalogue “the ten Words”. And the term “Decalogue” is intended to say precisely this. And yet they have the form of laws, they are objectively commandments. Why, then, does the holy Author use, right here, the term “ten Words”? Why? And why not “ten commandments”?

What difference is there between a *command* and a *word*? A command is essentially a communication that does not require dialogue. The word, on the other hand, is the essential means of *relations as dialogue*. God the Father creates by means of His Word, and His Son is the Word made flesh. Love is nurtured by words, like education or collaboration. Two people who do not love each other are not able to communicate. When someone speaks to our heart, our loneliness comes to an end. A word is received, communication is given, and the commandments are words of God: God communicates Himself in these ten Words, and awaits our response.

It is one thing to receive an order, another to perceive that someone is trying to speak with us. A dialogue is much more than the communication of a truth. I can say to you: “Today is the last day of spring, it is hot for spring, but today is the last day”. This is truth, it is not dialogue. But if I say to you, “What do you think of this

spring?”, I initiate a dialogue. The commandments are a dialogue. Communication is carried out for the pleasure of speaking and for the real good that is communicated between those who wish each other well, by means of words. It is a good that does not consist in things, but in the same people who reciprocally give each other in dialogue (cf. Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii gaudium*, 142).

But this difference is not something artificial. Let us look at what happened at the beginning. The temptor, the devil, wishes to deceive the man and the woman on this point: he wants to convince them that God has forbidden them to eat the fruit of the tree of good and evil to keep them in submission. The challenge is precisely this: is the first rule that God gave to man the imposition of a despot who forbids and compels, or is it the care of a father who cares for his young and protects them from self-destruction? Is it a word or is it a command? The most tragic, among the many lies that the serpent tells Eve, is the suggestion of an envious deity: “But no, God is envious of you” – and of a possessive deity – “God does not want you to have freedom”.

Man faces this crossroads: does God impose things or does He take care of me? Are His commandments just a law, or do they contain a *word*, to care for me? Is God master or father? God is the Father: never forget this. Even in the worst situations, think that we have a Father Who loves us all. Are we subjects or offspring? This conflict, within or outside us, presents itself continually: a thousand times we must choose between the mentality of slaves or the mentality of sons. The commandment is that of a father, the word is that of a Father.

The Holy Spirit is a Spirit of sons, He is the Spirit of Jesus. A spirit of slaves cannot but receive the Law in an oppressive way, and can produce two opposing results: either a life made up of duties and obligations, or a violent reaction of rejection. All Christianity is the passage from the letter of the Law to the Spirit that gives it life (cf. 2 Cor 3: 6-17). Jesus is the Word of the Father, not the Father’s condemnation. Jesus came to save, with His Word, not to condemn us.

We can see when a man or a woman has experienced this passage or not. People realize if a Christian reasons like a son or a slave. And we ourselves remember whether our educators took care of us like fathers or mothers, or if they simply imposed rules. The commandments are the path towards freedom, because they are the word of the Father that makes us free in this journey.

The world needs not legalism, but care. It needs Christians with the heart of sons. It needs Christians with the heart of sons: do not forget this.