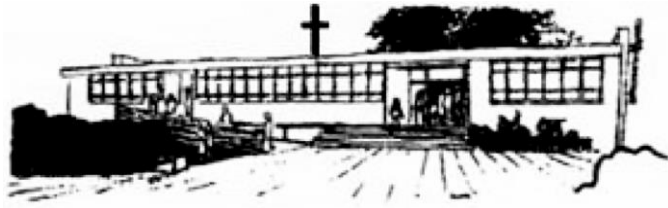


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Please leave a detailed Message

PALM SUNDAY

25th March 2018, Year B/2



LORENZETTI, Pietro, Entry Into Jerusalem, 1320

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

Telephone: 4726 4200; Fax: 4731 1432

www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au

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: Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest
First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
Responsorial Psalm: My God, my God, why have You abandoned me?
Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel: Mark 14:1-15, 47

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

SUNDAY 8:30am

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am Monday of Holy Week Dec. Mem. of the Kushir Family

Tuesday: 8:00am Tuesday of Holy Week

Wednesday 8:00am Wednesday of Holy Week

Thursday 7.00pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Friday 11.00am STATIONS OF THE CROSS
3.00pm PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday 7.45pm RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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.

YOUTH MASS

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

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY

Deceased Members of the Kushir Family

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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
Waiting Prayer until Midnight

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

Holy Saturday - Vigil - 7.45pm

Easter Sunday - 8.30am & 10am

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 8TH APRIL

Divine Mercy Devotions at 3.00pm

Divine Mercy Novena starts Good Friday after the Passion of the Lord

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, Charles Timmins, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Valerie Davies, Raymond Waters, Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Noeline Cruzado, Margaret Colville, Gill Waltisbuhl, Robert Waltisbuhl & Brian Carpenter,

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.

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: \$936
 Loose: \$635.50

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

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.

BIBLE STUDY

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

EASTER TRAINING FOR JUNIOR SERVERS

Saturday 31st March at 10.30am for Holy Saturday.

It is important for all Junior Servers to attend to know what to do during the Liturgy.

LEAVING CARPARK AFTER 8.30AM MASS

After 8.30am Mass please leave the Parking Areas from Joseph Street exit, to enable Parishioners entering for the 10am Mass to use Richmond Road.

PARISH LUNCH:

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

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.

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION: 25TH MARCH

Catholic Youth Parramatta are hosting the annual Palm Sunday Procession. Starting at Parramatta Town Hall on Sunday 25th March at 5:15pm and walking to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Details at: parracatholic.org/cyp

GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT WALK: 30TH MARCH

Catholic Youth Parramatta are hosting the annual Good Friday Night Walk. Starting Friday 30th March at 10:00pm from St Patrick's Church, Blacktown and finishing at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Details at: parracatholic.org/cyp

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.

WORLD YOUTH DAY PANAMA 2019

Raffle Tickets will be on sale shortly to support the young people from our Parish in attending. For Registration: wydpanama2019.com.au/registration

SON OF GOD: DAILY GOSPEL YEAR B/2

This e-book may be downloaded free and offers the Gospel and a reflection for every day of 2018. Access at www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS CATECHESIS

21st March: On Communion, Culminating Moment

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

And now we continue with the catechesis on the Holy Mass. The celebration of Mass, which we are going over in various moments, is ordered to Communion, namely, to unite us to Jesus. Sacramental Communion, not spiritual Communion, which you can do at home, saying: "Jesus, I would like to receive you spiritually." No, Sacramental Communion, with the Body and Blood of Christ. We celebrate the Eucharist to be nourished by Christ, who gives us Himself, be it in the Word, be it in the Sacrament of the altar, to conform us to Himself. The Lord Himself says it: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him" (*John* 6:56). In fact, Jesus' gesture, who gave His disciples His Body and Blood in the Last Supper, continues still today through the ministry of the priest and of the deacon, ordinary ministers of the distribution of the Bread of life and of the Chalice of salvation. In the Mass, after breaking the consecrated Bread, namely, Jesus' Body, the priest shows it to the faithful, inviting them to take part in the Eucharistic feast. We know the words that resound from the holy altar: "Blessed are those invited to the supper of the Lord: behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world." Inspired in a passage of Revelation – "Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb" (*Revelation* 19:9): It says "marriage" because Jesus is the spouse of the Church – this invitation calls us to experience intimate union with Christ, source of joy and sanctity. It's an invitation that cheers us and, at the same time, drives us to an examination of conscience illumined by faith. If on one hand, in fact, we see the distance that separates us from Christ's holiness, on the other we believe that His Blood is "shed for the remission of sins." We were all forgiven in Baptism, and all of us are forgiven or will be forgiven every time that we approach the Sacrament of Penance. And, don't forget: Jesus always forgives. Jesus doesn't tire of forgiving. It's we who tire of asking for forgiveness. In fact, thinking of the salvific value of this Blood, Saint Ambrose exclaimed: "I who always sin, must always make use of the medicine: (*De Sacramentis* 4, 28: PL 16, 446A). In this faith, we also turn our gaze to the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, and we invoke Him: "O Lord, I am not worthy to take part at your table, but only say a word and I will be saved." We say this in every Mass.

If we are the ones that move in procession to receive Communion – we go to the altar in procession to

receive Communion –, in reality it's Christ who comes to meet us to assimilate us to Himself. It's an encounter with Jesus! To be nourished by the Eucharist means to let ourselves be changed into what we receive. Saint Augustine helps us to understand it, when he talks about the light he received in hearing Christ say: "I am the food of grownups. Grow and you will eat Me. And it won't be you that transforms me into yourself, as the food of your flesh, but you will be transformed into Me" (*Confessions* VII, 10, 16: PL 32, 742). Every time we go to Communion, we are more like Jesus, we are transformed more into Jesus. As the bread and the wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of the Lord, so all those that receive them with faith are transformed into a living Eucharist. To the priest who, distributing the Eucharist, says to you: "The Body of Christ," you answer: "Amen," namely, you recognize the grace and commitment entailed in becoming Body of Christ, because, when you receive the Eucharist you become Body of Christ. This is beautiful; it's very beautiful. While uniting us to Christ, tearing us away from our egoisms, Communion opens us and unites us to all those that are one with Him. Behold the prodigy of Communion: we become what we receive!

The Church earnestly desires that the faithful also receive the Lord's Body with the hosts consecrated in the same Mass; and the sign of the Eucharistic Banquet is expressed with greater fullness if Holy Communion is made under the two species, though knowing that Catholic doctrine teaches that the whole of Christ is received under one species (Cf. *Ordinamento Generale del Messale Romano* (OGMR), 85:281-281). According to ecclesial practice, the faithful normally approach the Eucharist in a processional way, as we said, and one receives Communion standing with devotion, or kneeling, as established by the Episcopal Conference, receiving the Sacrament in the mouth or, where it's permitted, in the hand, as one prefers (Cf. OGMR, 160-161). After Communion, silence, silent prayer, helps to guard in the heart the gift received. Prolonging somewhat the moment of silence, talking with Jesus from our heart, helps us so much, as well as singing a Psalm or a hymn of praise (Cf. OGMR, 88), which help us to be with the Lord.

The Eucharistic Liturgy concludes with the prayer after Communion. In it the priest turns to God, on behalf of all, to thank Him for having made us His guests and to ask that what we received may transform our life. The Eucharist gives us strength to bear fruits of good works to live as Christians. Let us approach the Eucharist: receive Jesus who transforms us into Himself and makes us stronger. The Lord is so good and so great!