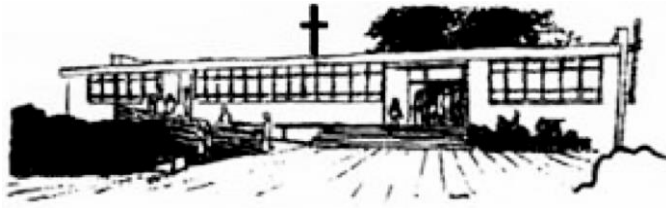


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

Assistant Priest

Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 02 9673 5046

Please leave a detailed Message

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3rd November 2019, Year C/1



BUONINSEGNA, Duccio di, Madonna with Angels and Saints, 1308-11

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 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

Address: 12 Richmond Rd, PO Box 39, Kingswood, NSW 2747 Telephone: 02 4721 4080; Fax: 02 4721 0089
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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

First Reading: Wisdom 11:22 – 12:2

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise Your name for ever, my King and my God.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11 – 2:2

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm All Souls

SUNDAY 8:30am All Souls

10:00am All Souls

Monday 8:00am **St Charles Borromeo** All Souls

Tuesday 8:00am **31st Week Ordinary Time** All Souls

Wednesday 8:00am **Bl Alphonsus Navarrete & Companions** All Souls

Thursday 8.00am **ALL SAINTS OF THE ORDER OF PREACHERS** All Souls

Friday 8.00am **Anniversary of Deceased Brothers & Sisters** All Souls

Saturday 8.30am **DEDICATION OF LATERAN BASILICA** All Souls

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

NOVEMBER MASSES

All Masses during November are for our Deceased, whose names are written in the Remembrance Book or on the envelopes. They will be included in the Masses from the time you add them to either Book or envelope until the end of November. R.I.P.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

To arrange for a Mass Intention please contact one of the Priests in person.

SACRAMENTS 2019

Confirmation – Please pray for our children being Confirmed this weekend.

ADORATION CHAPEL:

Open during office hours or speak to Fr Andrew.

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass is Saturday 16th November at 6pm, with a time for fellowship in the Parish Hall after Mass. Please invite any young people to come along.

POPE FRANCIS' NOVEMBER INTENTIONS

Universal – Communication & Reconciliation

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter and reconciliation emerges in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

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 Davis, Raymond Waters, Jason Isbitski, Andrew Isbitski, David Jenkins, Margaret Colville, Gill Waltisbuhl, Robert Waltisbuhl, Cecylia Tobera, Geoffrey Waltis, Ophelia Paraan, Denis Woodward, Nora Hehir.

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: \$732
Loose: \$286.35
Visitor Contribution: \$10

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP:

1st & 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm in the Parish Office. All are welcome.

Any questions please ring Jim on 0411 280 950.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month in the Church from 12.30pm to 3pm. All are most welcome. Please contact Delfin on 0478 784 885 with any questions.

BIBLE STUDY

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

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group every Wednesday from 3-5pm. Young people from Year 6 to 18 years old are most welcome.

PARISH LUNCH:

Held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 13th November at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Calendars are now available at the sale price of \$9.

NO EXIT VIA JOSEPH STREET

Please take care when entering or leaving via Richmond Road.

UPGRADING PARKING LOT

All monies in the Donation Box at the back of the Church will go towards this project. We have banked \$980. Thank you.

CALLING TO THE MINISTRY

Thank you for considering this ministry. Should you wish to ask question please don't hesitate to email sremifsud@outlook.com or call on 0413 686 270.

Thank you for your generous donation of \$323 for the children's resources.

Urgent SRE meeting Wednesday 6th November at 8:30am- after morning Mass in SRE office.

CLEANING THE LORD'S HOUSE

If anyone has a free hour on a Friday or Saturday morning to clean the Church or arrange flowers please ring the Parish Office. Our next Roster will begin in January 2020.

KINGSWOOD COURT MINISTRY

Each Sunday after 8.30am Mass the Ministers to the Sick take the Blessed Eucharist to the residents of Kingswood Court Nursing Home. We have been doing this for many years.

Unfortunately, due to age and ill health, some of our people have had to resign. This means that we can now only go to Kingswood Court three times a month, with the residents missing out on the Holy Eucharist on the fourth Sunday.

If anyone would like to become a Minister to the Sick, or even accompany one of our Ministers, please ring Nadia on 4731 3819. It means giving 1½ hours of your time once a month (or even once every two months if we get a good response). We really need your help!

NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR RAIN

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The impact of the drought is national – and so the response should be national. Access resources at www.catholic.org.au/drought

MASS FOR THOSE BEREAVED BY SUICIDE

Tuesday 19th November at St Oliver Plunkett Parish, 35 Wigram St., Harris Park at 6.45pm. Please RSVP for catering (light supper) by 14th November at 8843 2575 or soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

REFLECTION DAY FOR WOMEN

Preparing Our Hearts for Advent 9.30am to 3pm Saturday 23 November at Mt Schoenstatt, Fairlight Rd Mulgoa. Facilitator: Sr Mary Louise. Cost \$25. BYO own lunch. Tea & coffee provided. Take some time out for prayer and reflection! To register phone 4773 8338 or email info@schoenstatt.org.au

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK IS BACK!

At the request of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Catholic Outlook will be back from Sunday 1 December 2019. The revised Catholic Outlook will be published quarterly as an A4 magazine with a focus on Catholic faith formation, spirituality and a look at what is happening across the agencies and ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

For the latest information on the Plenary Council please visit www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH
CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

THE HOLY FATHER'S CATECHESIS
Continuation of the Acts of the Apostles

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Reading the Acts of the Apostles one sees how the Holy Spirit is the protagonist of the Church's mission: it is He who guides the path of the evangelizers, showing them the way to follow.

We see this clearly in the moment in which the Apostle Paul, arriving in Troas, receives a vision. A Macedonian implores him: "Come over to Macedonia and help us!" (*Acts 16:9*). The people of North Macedonia are proud of this, they are so proud to have called Paul so that it is Paul who proclaims Jesus Christ to them. I remember those good people who received me with so much warmth: who keep this faith that Paul preached to them! The Apostle didn't hesitate and left for Macedonia, certain that it was, in fact, God who sent him, and he landed at Philippi, a "Roman colony" (*Acts 16:12*) on the via Egnatia, to preach the Gospel. Paul stopped there for a few days. Three events characterize his sojourn at Philippi, during these three days: three important events. 1) The evangelization and Baptism of Lydia and her family; 2) the arrest he suffers together with Silas, after having exorcised a slave girl exploited by her owners; 3) the conversion and Baptism of his jailer and of his family. Let us look at these three episodes in Paul's life.

The power of the Gospel is addressed, first of all, to the women of Philippi, in particular to Lydia, a seller of purple goods, from the city of Thyatira, a believer in God whose heart the Lord opened to give heed to Paul's words" (*Acts 16:14*). Lydia, in fact, welcomed Christ, received Baptism together with her family and received those that were of Christ, hosting Paul and Silas in her home. We have here the testimony of Christianity's landing in Europe: the beginning of a process of inculturation that lasts also today. It entered by Macedonia.

After the warmth felt in Lydia's home, Paul and Silas then found themselves having to deal with the harshness of prison: they pass from the consolation of the conversion of Lydia and her family to the desolation of prison, where they were thrown for having liberated, in the name of Jesus, "a slave who had a spirit of divination" and "brought her owners much gain" with the craft of soothsaying (*Acts 16:16*). Her owners earned so much and this poor slave girl did what soothsayers do: she divined one's future,

read one's hands — as the song says: "take this gypsy hand," and people paid for this. Today also, dear brothers and sisters, there are people that pay for this. I remember in my diocese, in a very large park, there were more than 60 small tables where men and women soothsayers sat and read one's hand and the people believed these things! And they paid. And this happened also in Saint Paul's time. Her owners, in retaliation, denounced Paul and led the Apostles before the magistrates with the accusation of causing public disorder.

However, what happens? Paul is in prison, however, during the imprisonment an astonishing event happens. He is in desolation but, instead of lamenting it, Paul and Silas intone a praise to God and this praise releases a power that frees them: during the prayer, an earthquake shook the prison's foundations, the doors opened and the chains of all fell (*Cg. Acts 16:25-26*). As the prayer of Pentecost, that made in prison also had prodigious effects.

The jailer, thinking that the prisoners had fled, was about to commit suicide, because jailers paid with their life if a prisoner escaped; but Paul cried out to him: "We are all here!" (*Acts 16:27-28*). He then asked: "What must I do to be saved?" (v. 30). The answer is: "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household" (v. 31). At this point, the change happens: in the heart of the night, the jailer listens to the word of the Lord together with his family, he receives the Apostles, cleanses their wounds — because they had been beaten — and together with his own he received Baptism; then, "he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God" (v. 34), then he sets the table and invites Paul and Silas to sit with them: it is the moment of consolation! In the heart of the night of this anonymous jailer, the light of Christ shines and overcomes the darkness: the chains of the heart fall and a joy never felt before blossoms in him and in his relatives. So the Holy Spirit is doing the mission: from the beginning, from Pentecost and thereafter He is the protagonist of the mission. And He leads us forward; we must be faithful to the vocation that the Spirit moves us to do, to take the Gospel.

Let us also ask the Holy Spirit today for an open heart, sensitive to God and hospitable to brothers, as Lydia's, and an audacious faith, as that of Paul and Silas, and also an openness of heart, as that of the jailer who let himself be touched by the Holy Spirit.