

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

31<sup>st</sup> March 2019, Year C/1



GIOVANE, Palma, Return of the Prodigal Son, 1595-1600

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

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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

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Entrance Antiphon:** Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**First Reading:** Joshua 5:9-12

**Responsorial Psalm:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**Second Reading:** 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

**Gospel:** Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**VIGIL SATURDAY**

6:00pm

**SUNDAY** 8:30am

10:00am

For the Parish

**Monday** 8:00am 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

**Tuesday** 8:00am 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

Special Intentions

**Wednesday** 8:00am 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

Ardashes & Alice Keshishian (D.A.)

**Thursday** 8.00am 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

Christopher Gilbert (Dec. Ann.)

**Friday** 8.00am 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

For God's Precious Infants

**Saturday** 8.30am 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

Dec. Mems. of St Vincent de Paul

**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.

**DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:** Kevin Murphy, Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society, Ardashes & Alice Keshishian, Christopher Gilbert.

**YOUTH MASS**

Our next Youth Mass will be Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm. Please invite all young people to come along for Mass followed by a get together in the Parish Hall.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations of the Cross will take place at 6pm every Friday during Lent.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

There is an opportunity to spend time with the Lord on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April from 5pm to 10pm (with Stations of the Cross at 6pm). All are welcome.

**EASTER LITURGIES**

**Holy Thursday – Lord's Day Meal – 7.00pm**  
No Morning Mass

**Good Friday – Stations of the Cross – 11.00am**  
Passion of the Lord – 3.00pm

**Holy Saturday – Mass at 7.00pm**  
No Morning Mass

**Easter Sunday Masses – 8.30am & 10.00am**

**Reconciliation for Easter – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April**  
9.00am to 12 noon & 5.00pm to 7.30pm

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Kevin Collins, John McCahon, Kathryn Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, Margaret Colville, Katalin Domotor, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Valerie Davies, Raymond Waters, Jason Isbitski, Andrew Isbitski, David Jenkins, Gill Waltisbuhl, Robert Waltisbuhl, Cecylia Tobera, Geoffrey Waltis.

**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**

**Evangelisation – Christian Communities**

That Christian communities, especially those persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

**SACRAMENTS 2019 – AFTER 10AM MASS**

**Reconciliation – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

**First Communion – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

**Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session – 28<sup>th</sup> April**

**Confirmation – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

**Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session – 28<sup>th</sup> July**

**SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$733**

**Loose: \$336.15**

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.

**ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP:**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 at 10.30am every Wednesday. All are most welcome. Please bring your Bibles with you.

**YOUTH GROUP**

Every Wednesday from 3pm to 5pm. Young people from Year 6 to 18 years are most welcome.

**PARISH LUNCH:**

Held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

**PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY**

If anyone has palms to contribute for Palm Sunday please ring the Office. We would need them Friday 12<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon or Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> in the morning.

**PARISH MOVIE**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm. Movie to be confirmed. All are welcome.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

To arrange for a Mass Intention please contact one of the Priests in person. We are unable to process Credit Cards, so your donation will need to be cash.

**LEGION OF MARY**

Please ring St Nicholas of Myra on 4721 2509 for details.

**PROJECT COMPASSION**

Please take home a Project Compassion box and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season, themed "Give Lent 100%".

**MT SCHOENSTATT – HOME OF LIGHT**

230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa 2745

**Discern My Vocation** – for young women aged 15-29. Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April from 10am to 4pm. Free event. RSVP by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

**Easter Girls Camp** – for girls aged 10-13. Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 7pm to Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 7pm. RSVP by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April.

Contact Sr Luka at 0439 537 843 or email her at [srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au) for either event.

**HOUSE OF WELCOME DONATIONS**

If you would like to donate groceries for the refugees please leave them at the Parish Office. They need olive oil, tinned tomatoes, Basmati rice, flour, UHT milk, washing and dishwashing liquid, cleaning products, chick peas, tea and coffee.

**J.S. BACH'S ASCENSION ORATORIO**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. Tickets at [www.baa20192.floktu.com](http://www.baa20192.floktu.com) or 0411 144 402.

**YOUNG BEREAVED SPOUSES SUPPORT GROUP**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 7-9pm at 13 Buller St, North Parramatta. Cost \$5 Registration essential. Email [soloparentsservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentsservices@ccss.org.au) or ring Rita on 8843 2575.

**THE PLENARY COUNCIL JOURNEY 2019**

**April/May** – National Centre for Pastoral Research collates and analyses all responses. A draft National Report developed with emergent themes for the Plenary Council identified. For updates look up Facebook, YouTube or Twitter.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

**"Give us this day our daily bread"**

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

We pass today to analyse the second part of the "Our Father," in which we present our needs to God. This second part begins with a word that smells daily: bread.

Jesus' prayer begins with a pressing demand, which is very similar to the entreaty of a beggar: "Give us our daily bread!" This prayer comes from evidence that we often forget, that is, that we aren't self-sufficient creatures, and that every day we need to eat.

The Scriptures show us that for many people the encounter with Jesus began from a question. Jesus doesn't ask for refined invocations, rather, the whole of human existence, with its most concrete and daily problems, can become a prayer. We find in the Gospel a multitude of beggars, who supplicate for liberation and salvation. One who asks for bread, another for healing, some for purification, others for sight, or that a dear person live again . . . Jesus never goes by indifferent to these requests and to these sorrows.

Therefore, Jesus teaches us to ask the Father for daily bread. He teaches us to do so united to so many men and women for whom this prayer is a cry — often held inside — which accompanies everyday anxiety. How many mothers and how many fathers, also today, go to sleep with the torment of not having enough bread the next day for their children! Let us imagine this prayer recited not in the security of a comfortable apartment, but in the precariousness of a room where we fit, where what is necessary to live is lacking. Jesus' words assume a new force. Christian prayer begins from this level. It's not an exercise for ascetics; it starts from reality, from the heart and from the flesh of people that live in need, or who share the condition of those that don't have what is necessary to live. Not even the highest Christian mystics can do without the simplicity of this request. "Father, see to it that for us and for all there is today the necessary bread." And "bread" stands also for water, medicine, house, work . . . To ask for what is necessary to live. The bread that a Christian asks for in prayer is not "my" but "our" bread. It's how

Jesus wants it. He teaches us to ask it, not only for ourselves but for the entire brotherhood of the world. If one doesn't pray in this way, the "Our Father" ceases to be a Christian prayer. If God is our Father, how can we present ourselves to Him without taking one another by the hand? — all of us. And if we steal among ourselves the bread that He gives us, how can we say we are His children? This prayer contains an attitude of empathy and solidarity. In my hunger, I feel the hunger of multitudes, and then I'll pray to God until their prayer is heard. This is how Jesus educates His community, His Church, to bring to God the needs of all: "We are all your children, O Father, have mercy on us!" And now it will do us good to pause a bit and to think of starving children. Let us think of children that are in countries at war: the starving children of Yemen, Syria and South Sudan and the many countries where there isn't bread. Let us think of these children and, thinking of them, let us say together in a loud voice the prayer: "Father, give us this day our daily bread" — altogether.

The bread that we ask of the Lord in prayer is the same that one day will reprove our little habit of breaking it with one who is close to us, our little habit of sharing it. It was bread given for humanity and, instead, only someone ate it: love can't endure this. Our love can't endure this; nor can the love of God endure this egoism of not sharing the bread.

There was once a great crowd before Jesus; they were people who were hungry. Jesus asked if someone has something, and only a child was found ready to share his supply: five loaves and two fishes. Jesus multiplied that generous gesture (Cf. *John*6:9). That child had understood the lesson of the "Our Father": that food isn't private property— let's keep this in our mind: food isn't private property —, but providence to share, with the grace of God.

The true miracle wrought by Jesus that day was not so much the multiplication — which is true —, but the sharing: give what you have and I will do the miracle. He Himself, by multiplying that bread offered, anticipated the offering of Himself in the Eucharistic Bread. In fact, only the Eucharist is able to satiate the hunger for the infinite and the desire for God that animates every man, also in the search for daily bread.