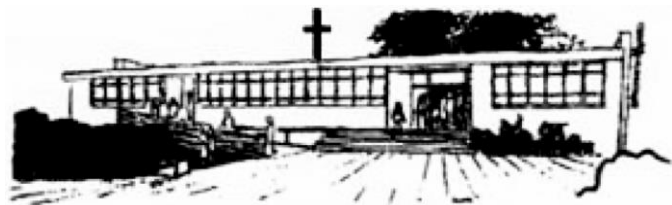


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Please leave a detailed Message

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

26th May 2019, Year C/1



BUONINSEGNA, Duccio di, Christ Taking Leave of His Apostles, 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

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed His people, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29

Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise You!

Second Reading: Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel: John 14:23-29

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Marie Arik (Dec. Ann.)

SUNDAY 8:30am

Special Intention

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 6th Week of Easter

Valerie O'Flynn (Dec. Ann.)

Tuesday 8:00am 6th Week of Easter

Zbigniew Blazek & Jon Burnitt (DA)

Wednesday 8:00am 6th Week of Easter

Krystyna Maciejewska (Dec. Ann.)

Thursday 8.00am 6th Week of Easter

Jolanta Suter (Dec. Ann.)

Friday 8.00am VISITATION OF BL. VIRGIN MARY Special Intention

Saturday 8.30am 6th Week of Easter

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.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES: Marie Arik, Valerie O'Flynn, Zbigniew Blazek & Jon Burnitt, Krystyna Maciejewska, Jolanta Suter, Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be next Saturday 1st June at 6pm, with a time for fellowship in the Parish Hall after Mass. Please invite any young people you know.

SACRAMENTS 2019

First Communion – Sunday 23rd June

Sessions after 10am Mass

Confirmation – Sunday 3rd November

Registration & 1st Session – 28th July

MASS INTENTIONS

To arrange for a Mass Intention please contact one of the Priests in person. Donations need to be cash as we are unable to process credit cards.

POPE FRANCIS' MAY INTENTIONS

Evangelisation – Church in Africa

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for the continent.

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, Mary Roughley Ophelia Paraan.

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: \$689
Loose: \$290.20

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

Every Wednesday at 10.30am. All are most welcome. Please bring your Bibles with you.

YOUTH GROUP

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

PARISH LUNCH:

Held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 12th June at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

PARISH MOVIE

Next Sunday at 2pm in the Parish Hall. Movie is "Heaven is for Real".

COMMISSIONING MASS FOR SRE'S

Thursday 30th May after the 8am Mass our SRE's will be commissioned for their valuable work in the state schools. Please keep them in your prayers.

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

This weekend we have a Leaving Collection for the Vincent de Paul Society to provide for those less fortunate. Thank you for your generosity.

PROJECT COMPASSION – CARITAS

Our contribution to Project Compassion was \$1,684.30. Thank you for your generosity.

ST JOEY'S "OLD SCHOOL" PICNIC

11am Sunday 9th June at Werrington Lakes Reserve, Burton Street, Werrington. See the flyer on the Notice Board or contact Michael Kidd on 0439 609 980.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF EXIT

There will be no exit via Joseph Street on Sundays until construction work at the school is completed. Please take care when entering or leaving via Richmond Road.

BISHOPS GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

The Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park is training 15 young men to be our future priests for the Diocese of Parramatta. Your gift to Parramatta Catholic Foundation will support our seminarians to prepare to be true shepherds of Christ's flock. Please give generously via envelopes or online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal.

DEALING WITH THE LEGAL SYSTEM

Seminar at 6.45pm on Tuesday 4th June at 13 Buller Street, North Parramatta. Cost \$10. Registration is essential. Phone 8843 2530.

'COME AND SEE' EVENT

A day of discernment for single men aged 16 years and over considering a vocation to priesthood. On Sunday 18th August between 10am and 7pm at Holy Spirit Seminary, 33 Allen Street, Harris Park.

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, canned fish, peas and corn and chick peas, canned fruit, biscuits, tea and coffee They also need washing and dishwashing liquid, cleaning products and toiletry items.

FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

25th Anniversary National Pilgrimage

Commences in Melbourne 22nd October and concludes in Sydney 2nd November 2019. Cost \$3,575. For further information please ring Sr Therese on 0417 683 123, Sr Annie on 8912 4818 or email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

THE PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 JOURNEY

Ash Wednesday marked the close of the Listening and Dialogue Stage (in which St Joseph's participated). Pentecost marks the launch of the Listening and Discernment process with themes for national discernment by specially chosen teams. pastoralplanning@parracatholic.org for info.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

Conclusion of "Our Father"

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today we conclude the series of catecheses on the "Our Father." We can say that Christian prayer is born of the audacity to call God with the name of "Father." It is a filial intimacy, in which we are introduced by grace: Jesus is the Revealer of the Father and He grants us familiarity with Him. "He doesn't leave us a formula to repeat mechanically. As with any vocal prayer, it's through the Word of God that the Holy Spirit teaches God's children to pray to their Father" (Catechism of the Catholic Church). Jesus himself used different expressions to pray to the Father. If we read the Gospels attentively, we discover that these expressions of prayer that appear on Jesus' lips recall the text of the "Our Father."

On the night of Gethsemane, Jesus prays this way: "Abba! Father! All things are possible to Thee; remove this cup from me; yet not what I will, but what Thou wilt" (*Mark 14:36*). We have already recalled this text of Mark's Gospel. How can we not recognize in this prayer, though brief, a trace of the "Our Father"? Amid the darkness, Jesus invoked God with the name of "Abba," with filial trust and, although feeling fear and anguish, asks that His will be done. In other passages of the Gospel, Jesus stresses to His disciples that they must cultivate a spirit of prayer. Prayer must be insistent, and it must include above all remembrance of brothers, especially when we experience difficult relations with them. Jesus says: "And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against any one; so that your Father also who is in Heaven may forgive you your trespasses" (*Mark 11:25*). How can we not recognize in these expressions the assonance with the "Our Father"? And the examples could be numerous.

We don't find the text of the "Our Father" in Saint Paul's writings, but its presence emerges in that stupendous synthesis where the Christian's invocation is condensed in one word: "Abba!" (Cf. *Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:6*).

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus satisfies fully the disciples' request who, seeing Him often going apart and immersing Himself in prayer, one day decide to ask Him: "Lord, teach us to pray, as John — the Baptist — taught his disciples" (11:1). And then the Master taught them the prayer to the Father.

Considering the New Testament as a whole, seeing clearly is that the first protagonist of every Christian prayer is the Holy Spirit, who breathes in the heart of the disciple. The Spirit makes us able to pray as children of God, which we really are by Baptism. The Spirit makes us pray in the "furrow" that Jesus has dug for us. This is the mystery of Christian prayer: by grace we are attracted in that dialogue of love of the Most Holy Trinity.

Jesus prays thus. Sometimes He used expressions that are certainly very far from the text of the "Our Father." We think of the initial words of Psalm 22, which Jesus pronounces on the cross: "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" (*Matthew 27:46*). Can the heavenly Father forsake His Son? Certainly not. Yet love for us, sinners, lead Jesus to this point: to the point of experiencing God's abandonment, His distance. However, in the anguished cry there also remains the "My God, my God." In that "my" is the nucleus of the relationship with the Father, there is the nucleus of faith and of prayer.

See why, a Christian can pray from this nucleus in every situation. He can assume all the prayers of the Bible, of the Psalms especially; but he can also pray with many expressions that in millennia of history welled from men's heart. And we never cease to tell the Father about our brothers and sisters in humanity, so that none of them, the poor especially, is without a consolation and a portion of love.

At the end of this catechesis, we can repeat that prayer of Jesus: "I thank Thee, Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, that Thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes" (*Luke 10:21*).