

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24<sup>th</sup> February 2019, Year C/1



ANGELICO, Fra, Madonna and Child, 1433

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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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Entrance Antiphon:** O Lord, I trust in Your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in Your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

**First Reading:** Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is kind and merciful.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

**Gospel:** Luke 6:27-38

**VIGIL SATURDAY**

6:00pm

**SUNDAY 8:30am**

**Blessings on a Marriage Retreat**

10:00am

**For the Parish**

**Monday 8:00am 7<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time**

**For Australian Farmers**

**Tuesday 8:00am 7<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time**

**Wednesday 8:00am 7<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time**

**Thursday 8.00am 7<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time**

**For Australian Farmers**

**Friday 8.00am 7<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time**

**For God's Precious Infants**

**Saturday 8.30am Mass of the Virgin Mary**

**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:**

Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

There is an opportunity to spend time with the Lord on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March from 5pm to 10pm. All are welcome.

**SACRAMENTS 2019**

**Reconciliation – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April  
Registration 10<sup>th</sup> March**

**First Communion – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
Registration 28<sup>th</sup> April**

**Confirmation – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
Registration 28<sup>th</sup> July**

**YOUTH MASS**

Our next Youth Mass will be Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 6pm. Please invite all young people to come along for Mass followed by a get together in the Parish Hall.

**ASH WEDNESDAY – 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Masses at 8am and 7pm.

Please return your Palms so they can be burnt on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

**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, Andrew Isbitski, David Jenkins, Margaret Colville, 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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

There will be Stations of the Cross at 6pm every Friday during Lent.

**POPE FRANCIS' FEBRUARY INTENTIONS**

**Universal - Victims**

For a generous welcome to the victims of human trafficking, enforced prostitution and violence.

**SECOND COLLECTION:**      **Envelopes: \$742**  
   **Loose:      \$430.70**

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 have discontinued here at St Joseph's due to lack of numbers. St Nicholas of Myra hold their meetings at 10.30am on Tuesdays.

**ROSARY IN OUR HOMES:**

If you would like Our Lady's Rosary Statue in your home for a week at a time please ring the Parish Office. You would pick it up on Saturday night or Sunday morning and return it on Saturday.

**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.

We begin with Worship and Prayer; share what God has done in our lives; study the Gospel for the following Sunday (Lectio Divina), have Prayers of Intercession and Spiritual Input.

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 13<sup>th</sup> March at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

**CHOIR MEMBERS REQUIRED**

If you enjoy singing, please consider joining our Choir. Ring Rubina on 0405 043 865 for information.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

To arrange for a Mass Intention please contact one of the Priests in person. Please do not place Mass Intentions envelopes in the Collection plate. We are unable to process Credit Cards, so your donation will need to be cash.

**SCRIPTURE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Teachers and helpers are needed urgently to teach Kindy to Year 6 for one hour per week. All training provided. Please contact Antoinette on 0413 686 270 or [sremifsud@outlook.com](mailto:sremifsud@outlook.com)

**CATHOLIC FOUNDATION APPEAL**

**"Bring Hope this Lent"**

We have our Bishop's Lenten Appeal this weekend. Funds raised will support the Ephpheta Centre, Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care, which support the vulnerable and isolated. Our quota is \$3552. Please be generous.

**SCHOOL OPEN DAYS**

**St Dominic's** – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – 10am to 2.30pm

Ph. 4731 1933 or [info@stdominics.nsw.edu.au](mailto:info@stdominics.nsw.edu.au)

**St Joseph's Primary** – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 9am, 2pm or 5pm. Phone 4726 4200

**Xavier College** – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – 4pm & 5pm  
Ph. 4777 0900

**McCarthy College** – Tues. 19<sup>th</sup> March – 5pm to 8pm  
Ph. 4728 8100

**NSW PASTORAL MINISTRY CONFERENCE**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February from 9.30am to 4.30pm at Dooleys Catholic Club Lidcombe. Cost \$75 and includes morning tea and lunch. For registration [nappa2019.wixsite.com/conference](http://nappa2019.wixsite.com/conference).

**SOCIAL JUSTICE NIGHT – Right to Home**

All young adults 18 to 30 years old are most welcome at 6.30pm 27<sup>th</sup> March at Mad Mex, 285 Church St., Parramatta. We will hear from experts and brainstorm actions over a shared meal. RSVP at [parrayouth@vinnies.org.au](mailto:parrayouth@vinnies.org.au).

**LIMITED TIME FOR PLENARY COUNCIL 2020**

Submissions to Plenary Council 2020 close 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019. YOUR voice matters! To make a submission visit: [parracatholic.org/haveyoursayplenary2020/](http://parracatholic.org/haveyoursayplenary2020/)

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

"Our Father, Who Art in Heaven"

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

We continue the catechesis on the "Our Father." The first step of every Christian prayer is the entrance in a mystery, that of God's paternity. We can't pray like parrots. Either you enter the mystery, in the awareness that God is your Father, or you don't pray. If I want to pray to God my Father, I begin with the mystery. To understand in what measure God is our Father, we think of the figure of our parents; however, we must always in some measure "refine it," purify it. The Catechism of the Catholic Church also states it, it says thus: "The *purification* of our hearts has to do with paternal or maternal images, stemming from our personal and cultural history, and influencing our relationship with God" (n. 2779).

None of us have had perfect parents, none, as we, in turn, will never be perfect parents or Pastors. We all have defects, all. We live our relationships of love always under the sign of our limitations and also of our egoism. Therefore, they are often sullied by desires of possession or of manipulation of the other. Therefore, sometimes declarations of love are changed into feelings of anger and hostility. But look, these two loved one another so much last week <and> today they hate each other to death. We see this every day! It's because of this, because we all have bitter roots inside, which aren't good and sometimes come out and do evil.

See why, when we speak of God as "Father," while we think of the image of our parents, especially if they loved us, at the same time we should go beyond. Because the love of God is that of the Father "who is in Heaven," according to the expression that Jesus invites us to use: it's total love, which we in this life savour only imperfectly. Men and women are eternally beggars of love — we are beggars of love, we are in need of love — they seek a place where they will finally be loved, but they don't find it. How many disappointed friendships and loves there are in our world — so many!

Mythology says that the Greek god of love is the son of Poros and of Penia, that is, of expediency and of poverty, destined to bear in himself a bit of the physiognomy of these parents. From here we can think of the ambivalent nature of human love, capable of flowering and of living arrogantly in an hour of the day, and immediately after wither and die; that which grips always flees away (Cf. Plato, Symposium, 203). There is an expression of the prophet Hosea that frames mercilessly the congenital weakness of our love: "Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away: (6:4). See what our love often is: a promise that is hard to keep, an attempt

that soon parches and evaporates; it's somewhat as when the sun comes out in the morning and the dew of the night goes away.

How many times we men have loved in this very weak and intermittent way. We all have the experience: we have loved but then that love fell or became weak. Desirous of loving, we then come up against our limitations, with the poverty of our strength, incapable of keeping a promise that in the days of grace seemed easy to realize. There is always this weakness that makes us fall. We are beggars who on the way risk not ever finding completely that treasure that we seek from the first day of our life: love.

However, another love exists, that of the Father "who is in Heaven." No one should doubt of being the recipient of this love. He loves us. We can say, "He loves me." If even our father and our mother did not love us, there is a God in Heaven who loves us like no one on this earth has done or can ever do. God's love is constant. The prophet Isaiah says: "Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet will I not forget you. Behold, I have graven you on the palms of my hands" (49:15-16). Today tattoo is in fashion: "I have graven you on the palms of my hands." I have made a tattoo of you on my hands. I am on God's hands thus, and I can't take it off. The love of God is like the love of a mother, who can never forget. And if a mother forgets? "I will never forget you," says the Lord. This is God's perfect love; this is how He loves us. If even all our earthly loves crumbled and we had nothing left other than dust, there is always for all of us, burning, the unique and faithful love of God.

In the hunger of love that we all feel, let us not look for something that doesn't exist: it is, instead, an invitation to know God who is Father. Saint Augustine's conversion, for instance, passed through this crest: the young and brilliant rector was simply seeking among creatures something that no creature could give, until one day he had the courage to look up. And on that day he knew God — God who loves.

The expression "in Heaven" does not intend to express distance, but a radical diversity of love, another dimension of love, a tireless love, a love that will always remain, rather, that is always at hand. Suffice it to say "Our Father who art in Heaven," and that love comes. Therefore, don't fear. None of us is alone. If your earthly father had forgotten you and you resented him, you are not denied the fundamental experience of the Christian faith: that of knowing that you are the most beloved child of God, and there is nothing in life that can extinguish His passionate love for you.