

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

13th January 2019, Year C/1



PERUGINO, Pietro, Baptism of Christ (detail) c. 1482

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

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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: After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened,
and the Spirit descended upon Him like a dove,
and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Responsorial Psalm: Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Pat Fleming (Recently Deceased)
SUNDAY	8:30am		Neddy Devine (Recently Deceased)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	1 st Week Ordinary Time	Vincent Dowd (For Healing)
Tuesday	8:00am	St Francis Fernandez de Capillas, Peter Sanz and Companions	Kim Nelson (Deceased Anniversary)
Wednesday	8:00am	1 st Week Ordinary Time	For Australian Farmers
Thursday	8.00am	St Anthony	Flora Toledo (Deceased Ann.)
Friday	8.00am	St Margaret of Hungary	For Australian Farmers
Saturday	8.30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary	For Australian Farmers

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Pat & Ken Fleming, Neddy Devine

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Kim Nelson, Flora Toledo

SACRAMENTS 2019

Reconciliation – Thursday 11th April
Registration 10th March

First Communion – Sunday 23rd June
Registration 28th April

Confirmation – Sunday 3rd November
Registration 28th July

POPE FRANCIS' JANUARY INTENTIONS

Evangelisation – Young People

That young people, especially in Latin America,
follow the example of Mary and respond to the call
of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to
the world.

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.

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: \$842**
 Loose: \$281.25

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’

Meeting every Thursday from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the old office building. All interested in participating in Legion’s activities are most welcome.

CHILDREN’S LEGION OF MARY

Meeting every Wednesday from 6.00pm in the old office building. Children under 18 years old are most welcome.

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.

ST. JOSEPH’S PRAYER GROUP:

Will resume 1st Monday in February at 7pm in the Parish Office. 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 at 10.30am every Wednesday. All are most welcome. Please bring your Bibles with you.

PARISH LUNCH:

Held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 14th February at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome. Please ring the Office if you need a lift.

CHOIR MEMBERS REQUIRED

If you enjoy singing, please consider joining our Choir. Please ring Rubina on 0405 043 865 for more information. Thank you to our Choirs, who so faithfully lead us in worship throughout the year.

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.

CLEANING THE LORD’S HOUSE

If anyone has a free hour on a Friday or Saturday morning we would appreciate some help cleaning the Church, polishing brass or arranging flowers. Please ring the Parish Office.

ST JOSEPH’S KINGSWOOD REUNION

A reunion is being planned for Year 6 Class of 1986. Please email Janette Flavell at jankers@tpg.com.au

WORLD YOUTH DAY PANAMA

World Youth Day will take place 15th January to 1st February 2019. The Diocese of Parramatta has 171 pilgrims attending. Please remember to pray for Fr Andrew and our pilgrims. Follow the pilgrim’s progress online at parrawyd.org

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.

NSW PASTORAL MINISTRY CONFERENCE

Tuesday 26th February from 9.30am to 4.30pm at Dooleys Catholic Club Lidcombe. Keynote speaker is Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO. Cost \$75 and includes morning tea and lunch. For information and registration nappa2019.wixsite.com/conference.

FOOTPRINTS OF JESUS

See places mentioned in the Bible on a 14 day pilgrimage for an all-inclusive price of \$5690. For enquiries and bookings call 1300 721 561 or email pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au. The departure dates are 24th March, 26th May or 31st May. There will be a Priest on each pilgrimage.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops’ decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. Information at back of the Church or at plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

The "Our Father" continued

Today's catechesis makes reference to the Gospel of Luke. In fact, it's especially this Gospel, from the childhood accounts, that describes the figure of Christ in an atmosphere dense with prayer. In it are contained the three hymns that mark the Church's prayer every day: the *Benedictus*, the *Magnificat* and the *Nunc dimittis*. And in this catechesis on the Our Father we go on, we see Jesus as a man of prayer. Jesus prays. In Luke's account, for instance, the episode of the Transfiguration springs from a moment of prayer. It says thus: "And as He was praying, the appearance of his countenance was altered, and his raiment became dazzling white" (9:29). However, every step of Jesus' life is as though driven by the breath of the Spirit, who guides Him in all His actions. Jesus prays in the Baptism at the Jordan, He talks with the Father before taking the most important decisions; He often retires in solitude to pray, He intercedes for Peter who from there would soon deny Him. This is consoling: to know that Jesus prays for us, He prays for me, for each one of us so that our faith won't fail. He still does so, before the Father. Jesus prays for me. Each one of us can say this. And we can also say to Jesus: "You are praying for me, continue to pray as I need it," — so, brave.

Even the Messiah's death is immersed in an atmosphere of prayer, so much so that the hours of the Passion seem marked by a surprising calm: Jesus consoles the women, prays for His crucifiers, promises Paradise to the good thief, expires saying: "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!" (Luke 23:46) Jesus' prayer seems to deaden the most violent emotions, the desires of vendetta and revenge, reconciles man with his severest enemy, reconciles man with this enemy, which is death.

It's always in Luke's Gospel that we find the request, expressed by one of the disciples, to be able to be educated by Jesus Himself to prayer. And it says thus: "Lord, teach us to pray" (11:1). They saw Him who was praying. "Teach us — we too can say to the Lord — Lord you are praying for me, I know it, but teach me to pray, so that I too can pray."

Born from this request is quite an extensive teaching, through which Jesus explains to His own with what words and what sentiments they should address God.

The first part of this teaching is precisely the Our Father. Pray thus: "Father, who art in Heaven." "Father," that word that is so lovely to say. We can be in prayer the whole time with only that word: "Father." And feel we have a father. A Christian addresses God calling Him first of all "Father."

In this teaching that Jesus gives to His disciples, it's interesting to pause on some instructions that crown the prayer's text. Jesus explains some things to give us confidence. They emphasize the attitudes of the praying believer. For instance, there is the parable of the importunate friend, who goes to disturb a whole family that is sleeping, because a person arrived suddenly from a trip and there are no loaves to offer him. What does Jesus say to this man who knocks on the door and wakes his friend?: "I tell you — explains Jesus — though he will not get up to give them to him because he is a friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him whatever he needs" (Luke 11:9). With this He wants to teach us to pray and to insist in prayer. And immediately after He gives the example of a father who has a hungry son. All of you, fathers and grandparents who are here, when your son or grandson asks for something, is hungry and asks and asks, then cries, yells, is hungry: "What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent?" (v. 11). And you all have the experience when your son asks, you give him to eat what he asks for, for his good. With these words Jesus makes it understood that God always answers, that no prayer will remain unheard. Why? — because He is Father and does not forget His suffering children.

These affirmations, of course, put us in crisis, as so many of our prayers seem not to obtain any result. We've all experienced this — how many times have we knocked and found a closed door? In those moments, Jesus recommends that we insist and not give up. Prayer always transforms the reality — always. If the things around us don't change, at least we change, our heart changes. Jesus has promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to every man and every woman who prays.

We can be certain that God will answer. The only uncertainty is due to the times, but we must not doubt that He will respond. He has promised it. There's nothing more certain: the desire for happiness that we all have in our heart will one day be fulfilled. Jesus says: "And will not God vindicate His elect, who cry to Him day and night?" (Luke 18:7). Yes, He will do justice; He will listen to us. What a day of glory and resurrection that day will ever be! To pray is from now on the victory over loneliness and despair. Prayer changes the reality; let's not forget it. It either changes things or changes our heart, but it always changes. Prayer is from now on the victory over loneliness and over despair. But it is in movement, on the way, and at the end of every road, what is at the end of our road? At the end of prayer, at the end of a time in which we are praying, at the end of life, what is there? There is a Father who awaits everything and awaits everyone with wide-open arms. Let us look at this Father.