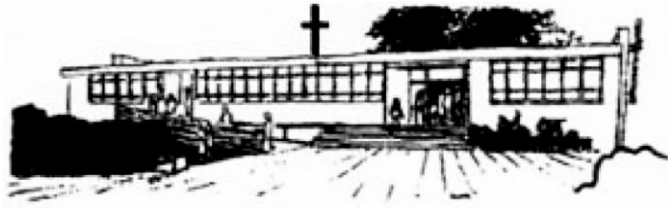


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Please leave a detailed Message

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

28<sup>th</sup> April 2019, Year C/1



Divine Mercy Icon, reinkat.wordpress.com

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

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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:** Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in Him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

**Responsorial Psalm:** Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting.

**Second Reading:** Peter 1:3-9

**Gospel:** John 20:19-31

**VIGIL SATURDAY**

6:00pm

Special Intention

**SUNDAY**

8:30am

Special Intention

10:00am

For the Parish

**Monday**

8:00am

ST CATHERINE OF SIENNA

Dec. Mem. of Vella and Portelli Families

**Tuesday**

8:00am

St Pius V

Special Intention

**Wednesday**

8:00am

St Joseph the Worker

Dec. Mem. of Vella and Portelli Families

**Thursday**

8.00am

St Athanasius

Special Intention

**Friday**

8.00am

STS PHILIP & JAMES

For God's Precious Infants

**Saturday**

8.30am

2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter

Dec. Mem. 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 the Vella and Portelli Families, Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

There is an opportunity to spend time with the Lord from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 5pm until Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm. All are welcome.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Divine Mercy Devotions today at 3.00pm

**YOUTH MASS**

Our next Youth Mass will be Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm. There will be a time for fellowship in the Parish Hall after the Mass. Please pass on the word to all our young people.

**SACRAMENTS 2019 – AFTER 10AM MASS**

**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

**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.

**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

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## PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

### POPE FRANCIS' APRIL INTENTIONS

#### Universal – Workers in War Zones

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

**SECOND COLLECTION:**   **Envelopes: \$783**  
  **Loose:       \$688.90**

### 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

Will recommence this Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May. All are most welcome. Please bring your Bibles with you.

### YOUTH GROUP

Resumes this Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 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 8<sup>th</sup> May at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

### 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.

### PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Thank you for supporting Project Compassion 2019. If you still have your Project Compassion Box at home, please return it next week.

### HOUSE OF WELCOME DONATIONS

Donations of groceries for the refugees can be left 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.

### MEN'S BARBEQUE SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY

After 6pm Mass. All men over 18 years are most welcome. Come and enjoy.

### PARISH MOVIE

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm. All are welcome.

### MT SCHOENSTATT – HOME OF LIGHT

**Shrine** at 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year from 7am to 8pm.

### Annual Marian Pilgrimage Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May

9.30am to 2pm. Includes Reconciliation Holy Mass, Eucharistic Procession, Anointing of the Sick and Benediction. BYO Lunch. Flyers at back of Church.

### RAISING LAZARUS RETREAT DAY

Contemplating living and our inner journey from death to new life. Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 10am to 2pm at Parramatta Institute of Mission, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. BYO Lunch. Free but must register at [mark.oconnor@parramattacatholic.org](mailto:mark.oconnor@parramattacatholic.org)

### MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS SEMINAR

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 7 to 9pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. No charge. Registration essential at 8843 2575.

### PALMS AUSTRALIA GLOBAL MISSION INFO

Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am at the Aquinas Academy, 141 Harrington Street, The Rocks, Sydney. If you have teaching, medical, admin or trade skills this is an opportunity to share them with those in need.

### ST JOEY'S "OLD SCHOOL" PICNIC

11am Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at Werrington Lakes Reserve, Burton Street, Werrington.. See flyer at back of Church or contact Michael Kidd on 0439 609 980.

### FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL

**Relive the Acts of the Apostles on a 14 day pilgrimage which departs** 8<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> September or 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at a cost of \$5690. Ring Magi Pilgrimages on 03 8839 6615 for more information.

### 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. For information: [pastoralplanning@parracatholic.org](mailto:pastoralplanning@parracatholic.org).

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

**"As we forgive those who trespass against us"**

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today we complete the catechesis on the fifth question of the "Our Father," pausing on the expression "as we forgive those who trespass against us" (*Matthew 6:12*). We have seen that it's proper to man to be a debtor before God: we have received everything from Him, in terms of nature and of grace. Our life was not only willed but was also loved by God. There is truly no room for presumption when we join our hands to pray. "Self-made men" don't exist in the Church — men who made themselves. We are all debtors of God and of so many persons who have given us favourable conditions of life. Our identity is built from the good received. The first is life.

One who prays learns to say, "thank you," and asks God to be benevolent with him or with her. Try as we might, an overwhelming debt remains before God, which we will never be able to restore: He loves us infinitely more than we love Him. And then, try as we might to live according to Christian teachings, there will always be something in our life for which to ask forgiveness: we think of days spent lazily, of moments in which resentment occupied our heart, and so on. It's these experiences, unfortunately not rare, which make us implore: "Lord, Father, forgive us our trespasses." So we ask God for forgiveness.

If we think properly, the invocation could also be limited to this first part; it would be good. Instead, Jesus welds it with a second expression that is altogether one with the first. The vertical relationship of benevolence on God's part is refracted and we are called to translate it into a new relationship that we live with our brothers: a horizontal relationship. The two parts of the invocation are linked together with a merciless conjunction: we ask the Lord to forgive us our trespasses, our sins "as" we forgive our friends, the people that live with us, our neighbours, the people who have done something bad to us.

Every Christian knows that the forgiveness of sins exists for him; we all know this: God forgives everything and forgives always. Jesus says that there is more joy in Heaven over one sinner who repents than over a crowd of righteous persons who need no repentance (*Cf. Luke 15:7.10*). Nothing in the Gospels lets one suspect that God doesn't forgive the sins of one who is well disposed and asks to be embraced again.

However, God's grace, which is so abundant, is always challenging. One who has received so much must learn to give as much and not keep for himself what he has

received. One who has received much must learn to give much. It's no accident that Matthew's Gospel, immediately after having given the text of the "Our Father," pauses, among the seven expressions used, to stress in fact that of fraternal forgiveness: "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (*Matthew 6:14-15*). I've heard people who said: "I'll never forgive that person! I'll never forgive what they have done to me!" However, if you don't forgive, God won't forgive you. Let us think if we are capable of forgiving or if we don't forgive. A priest told me anxiously that he had gone to give the last Sacraments to an elderly lady who was about to die. The poor lady couldn't talk. And the priest said to her: "Lady, do you repent of your sins?" The lady said yes; he couldn't hear her confession but she said yes. It's enough. And then he asked again: "Do you forgive others?" And the lady, about to die, said: "No." The priest remained anxious. If you don't forgive, God won't forgive you. Let us think, we who are here, if we forgive or if we are capable of forgiving. "Father, I can't do it, because those people did so much to me." However, if you can't do it, ask the Lord to give you the strength to do so: Lord, help me to forgive. Love calls for love, forgiveness calls for forgiveness. We find in Matthew again a very intense parable dedicated to fraternal forgiveness (*Cf. 18:21-35*). Let us listen to it.

There was a servant who had contracted an enormous debt with his king: ten thousand talents! A sum impossible to restore; I don't know how much it would be today, but hundreds of millions. However, the miracle happens, and that servant receives — not a postponement of the payment, but the full condoning of it — an unexpected grace! However, that servant, immediately after, set upon his brother who owed him one hundred denarii and, although this figure was accessible, he doesn't accept excuses or entreaties. Therefore, in the end, the master calls him back and has him condemned. Because, if you don't make an effort to forgive, you won't be forgiven; if you don't make an effort to love, you won't be loved.

Jesus inserts in human relationships the strength of forgiveness. Not everything is resolved in life with justice. To the law of retaliation — what you did to me, I do to you, Jesus substitutes the law of love: what God has done to me, I do to you! Let us think today, in this lovely Easter week, if we are capable of forgiving. And if we don't feel capable, we must ask the Lord to give us the grace to forgive, because it's a grace to be able to forgive.