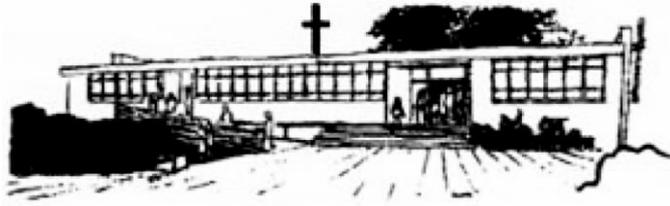


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Please leave a detailed Message

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6th January 2019, Year C/1



ANGELICO, Fra, Adoration of the Magi, 1423-24

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

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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in His grasp, and power and dominion.

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore You.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

SUNDAY 8:30am

Manuel & Eugene Toledo Ching
(24th Wedding Anniversary)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am St Raymond of Penafort

Marie Ward (Deceased Anniversary)

Tuesday 8:00am Tuesday after Epiphany

Judy Rivet

Wednesday 8:00am Wednesday after Epiphany

Thomas Houlihan (Dec. Ann.)

Thursday 8.00am Thursday after Epiphany

Aloma (Successful Operation)

Friday 8.00am Friday after Epiphany

Nicolas Tuvau

Saturday 8.30am Saturday after Epiphany

Michael Corcoran (Dec. Ann.)

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 Fleming, Neddy Devine

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Marie Ward, Thomas Houlihan, Michael Corcoran

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.

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$948**
 Loose: \$362.75
 Christmas Loose: \$851.15

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.

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 will resume at 10.30am this Wednesday 9th January. All are most welcome. Please bring your Bibles with you.

PARISH LUNCH:

Held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Our first Lunch for 2019 will be Wednesday 9th January at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

SUNDAY MORNING TEAS

Thank you to Jim Warburton and the Team for providing Morning Tea after 10am Mass all year. They are having a well-earned rest until the 1st Sunday in February.

NEW YEAR FESTIVITIES

All who attended the Barbeque and Bingo had a most enjoyable evening. Thank you to the Parish Council for organizing this event.

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.

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

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

We continue our catechesis on the "Our Father," illumined by the Christmas mystery that we just celebrated.

Matthew's Gospel places the text of the "Our Father" in a strategic point, at the centre of the Sermon on the Mount (Cf. 6:9-13). Meanwhile we observe the scene: Jesus goes up the mount near the lake, He sits down; He has around him the circle of his closest disciples, and then a great crowd of anonymous faces. It's this heterogeneous assembly that receives first the delivery of the "Our Father."

The placement, as I said, is very significant, because in this long teaching, which goes under the name of "Sermon on the Mount" (Cf. *Matthew* 5:1-7, 27), Jesus condenses the fundamental aspects of His message. The beginning is like an arch decorated festively: the Beatitudes. Jesus crowns with happiness a series of categories of persons that, in His time — but also in ours! — were not greatly regarded. Blessed are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the humble of heart . . . This is the revolution of the Gospel. Wherever the Gospel is, there is revolution. The Gospel doesn't leave us still, it pushes us, it's revolutionary. All people capable of love, the peacemakers who up to then had ended on the margins of history, are instead the builders of the Kingdom of God. It's as if Jesus said: come forward you who bear in your heart the mystery of a God who has revealed His omnipotence in love and in forgiveness!

From this entrance door, which overturns the values of history, issues the novelty of the Gospel. The Law must not be abolished but is in need of a new interpretation, which takes it back to its original meaning. If a person has a good heart, predisposed to love, then he understands that every word of God must be incarnated to its ultimate consequences. Love has no borders: one can love one's spouse, one's friend, and even one's enemy from an altogether new perspective. Jesus says: "But I say to you. Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in Heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the just and on the unjust" (*Matthew* 5:44-45). Here is the great secret that is at the base of the whole Sermon on the Mount: be children of your Father who is in Heaven. Apparently, these chapters of Matthew's Gospel seem to be a moral sermon; they seem to evoke such demanding ethics as to appear impracticable, but instead we discover that they are above all a theological discourse. A Christian is not one who commits himself to be better than others: he knows he is a sinner like all. A Christian is simply a man

who pauses in front of the new Burning Bush, the revelation of a God who asks His children to invoke Him with the name "Father," to allow themselves to be renewed by His power and to reflect a ray of His goodness to this world so thirsty for good, so in expectation of Good News.

See, therefore, how Jesus introduces the teaching of the "Our Father" prayer. He does so, distancing Himself from two groups of His time — first of all, the hypocrites. "You must not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and in the street corners, they like to pray standing, that they may be seen by men" (*Matthew* 6:5). There are people that are able to weave atheist prayers, without God, and they do so to be admired by men. And how often we see the scandal of those people who go to church and are there all day or go every day and then live hating others or speaking badly of people. This is a scandal! It's best not go to church, if one lives this way, as if one were an atheist.

If you go to church, live as a son, as a brother and give true witness. Christian prayer, instead, has no other credible witness than one's conscience, where a continuous dialogue with the Father is intensely woven. "But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret" (*Matthew* 6:6).

Then Jesus distances Himself from the prayer of pagans. "Do not heap up empty phrases [. . .] they think they will be heard for their many words" (*Matthew* 6:7). Here, Jesus alludes to "*captatio benevolentiae*," which was the necessary premise of so many ancient prayers: the divinity had to be in some way appeased by a long series of praises and prayers. We think of the scene of Mount Carmel, when the prophet Elijah challenged the priests of Baal. They were shouting, dancing, asking for so many things so that their god would listen to them. And, instead, Elijah was silent and the Lord revealed Himself to Elijah. Pagans think that one prays by talking, talking, talking. And I also think of so many Christians who think that to pray is — excuse me — "to talk to God as a parrot." No!

Prayer is done from the heart, from within. Instead, Jesus says, turn to God as a son to his father," who knows what you need before you ask Him" (Cf. *Matthew* 6:8). The "Our Father" could also be a silent prayer. Basically, it's enough to put oneself under God's gaze, to remember his love as Father, and this is sufficient to be heard. God doesn't need sacrifices to win His favour! Our God doesn't need anything! He only asks that we have a channel of communication open to Him, to discover ourselves ever His most beloved children. And He loves us so much.