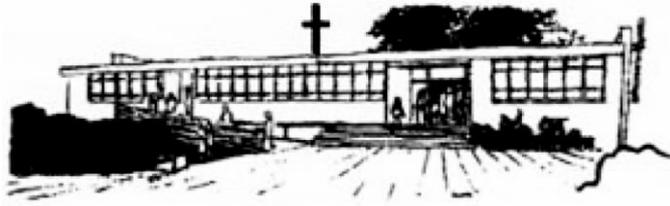


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## THE MOST HOLY FAMILY

30<sup>th</sup> December 2018, Year C/1



PISANO, Nicola, The Holy Family, 1500s

### Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm (Mass in Polish)  
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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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Entrance Antiphon:** The shepherds went in haste,  
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

**First Reading:** Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

**Responsorial Psalm:** How happy they who dwell in Your house, O Lord.

**Second Reading:** 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

**Gospel:** Luke 2:41-52

**VIGIL SATURDAY**

6:00pm

**SUNDAY 8:30am**

**Dec. Mems. of the Woodward and  
Hewitt Families**

10:00am

**For the Parish**

**Monday 8:00am 7<sup>th</sup> Day in Octave of Christmas Stephen Muller (Dec. Ann.)**

**Tuesday 8:00am MARY MOTHER OF GOD**

6.00pm **MARY MOTHER OF GOD For the Parish**

**Wednesday 8:00am St Basil & St Gregory Thomas Pieprzyh (for healing)**

**Thursday 8.00am Most Holy Name of Jesus**

**Friday 8.00am St Zedislava Berkiana Joel Burzinski**

**Saturday 8.30am Christmas Time 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 the Woodward & Hewitt  
Families, Stephen Muller, Deceased Members of St  
Vincent de Paul Society

**NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 8am and 6pm.  
After 6pm Mass please join us to celebrate the New  
Year with Bingo, Barbeque and Festivities.

**POPE FRANCIS' DECEMBER INTENTIONS**

**In the Service of the Transmission of Faith**

That people, who are involved in the service and  
transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue  
with culture, a language suited to the conditions of  
the present time.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

There will be no first Friday adoration on  
4<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

**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

*Have a grace filled New Year A.D. 2019  
Dominican Fathers*

**SECOND COLLECTION:**      **Envelopes: \$793**  
   **Loose:      \$601.65**

### **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.

### **SACRAMENTS 2019**

**Reconciliation – Registration 10<sup>th</sup> March**

**First Communion – Registration 28<sup>th</sup> April**

**Confirmation – Registration 28<sup>th</sup> July**

### **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 will resume Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January. All are most welcome. Please bring your Bibles with you.

### **PARISH LUNCH:**

Held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Our first Lunch for 2019 will be Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in February.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **COME AND EXPERIENCE GOD’S MERCY**

You are invited for Praise & Worship, Divine Mercy, Word of God and healing at St Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December from 11.30am to 4pm. All are welcome. Tea and coffee provided.

### **NSW PASTORAL MINISTRY CONFERENCE**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February from 9.30am to 4.30pm at Dooleys Catholic Club Lidcombe. Cost \$75 includes morning tea and lunch. For information and registration [nappa2019.wixsite.com/conference](http://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 call 1300 721 561 or email [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au). Departure dates are 24<sup>th</sup> March, 26<sup>th</sup> May or 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

**Mary is the Model of Faith and Charity**

*Before the Angelus:*

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

The liturgy of this Fourth Sunday of Advent puts in the first place the figure of Mary, the Virgin Mother, waiting to give birth to Jesus, the Saviour of the world. We fix our gaze on Her, model of *faith* and of *charity*, and we can ask ourselves: what were Her thoughts in the months of waiting? The answer comes, in fact, from today's evangelical passage, the account of Mary's visit to her elderly kinswoman Elizabeth (Cf. *Luke* 1:39-45). The Angel Gabriel had revealed to Her that Elizabeth was expecting a son and that she was already in her sixth month (Cf. *Luke* 1:26.36). And then the Virgin, who had just conceived Jesus by the work of God, left in haste from Nazareth in Galilee to reach the hills of Judea and meet Her cousin.

The Gospel says: "And She entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth" (v. 40). No doubt she congratulated her for her maternity, like Elizabeth, in turn, greeted Mary saying: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (vv. 42-43). And, immediately, she praises Her *faith*: "And blessed is She *who believed* that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to Her from the Lord" (v. 45). Evident is the contrast between Mary, who had faith, and Zechariah, Elizabeth's husband, who had doubted and did not believe the Angel's promise, and so remained mute until John's birth. It's a comparison.

This episode helps us to read with an altogether particular light the mystery of man's encounter with God; an encounter that is not marked by amazing miracles but, rather, is marked by *faith* and *charity*. Mary, in fact, is blessed because she believed; the encounter with God is the fruit of faith. Zachariah, instead, who doubted and didn't believe, remained deaf-mute, to grow in faith during the long silence: without faith, we remain inevitably deaf to God's consoling voice. And we remain incapable of pronouncing words of

consolation and hope for our brothers. And we see it every day: people who don't have faith or who have very little faith, when they must approach a person who is suffering say circumstantial words but are unable to reach the heart because they lack strength. They don't have strength because they don't have faith, and if they don't have faith, the words don't come that reach others' heart. Faith, in turn, is nourished in *charity*. The evangelist narrates that "Mary arose and went in haste" (v. 39) to Elizabeth's house.: in haste, not in anxiety, not anxious, but in haste, in peace. "She rose" — a gesture full of care. She could have stayed at home, to prepare for Her Son's birth, instead, she is concerned first with others than herself, demonstrating in the facts of being already a disciple of that Lord She was bearing in Her womb. The event of Jesus' birth began thus, with a simple gesture of charity; after all, genuine charity is always the fruit of the love of God.

The Gospel of Mary's visit to Elizabeth, which we heard today in the Mass, prepares us to live Christmas well, communicating to one another the dynamism of faith and of charity. This dynamism is the work of the Holy Spirit: the Spirit of Love that fecundated Mary's virginal womb and that drove Her to run to the service of Her elderly kinswoman. A dynamism full of joy, as is seen in the meeting between the two mothers, which is altogether a joyous hymn of exultance in the Lord, who does great things with little ones who trust Him.

May the Virgin Mary obtain for us the grace to live an *extroverted* Christmas: may our "I" not be at the centre, but the "You" of Jesus and the "you" of brothers, especially of those who are in need of a hand. Then we'll leave room for Love that, also today, wills to become flesh and come to dwell in our midst.

*After the Angelus:*

Dear brothers and sisters, our Heavenly Father doesn't forget you and doesn't abandon you. I hope you find in the Church a true family, where you experience the warmth of fraternal love. And to all who are far from their family, Christians and non-Christians: the doors of the Christian community are open; Jesus is born for all and gives all the love of God. I wish you a Happy Sunday. Don't forget to pray for me.