

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26<sup>th</sup> July 2020, Year A/2



Christ with Martha and Maria, by Henryk Siemiradzki, 1886

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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# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Entrance Antiphon:** God is in His holy place, God who unites those who dwell in His house;  
He Himself gives might and strength to His people.

**First Reading:** Kings 3:5, 7-12

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, I love Your commands.

**Second Reading:** Romans 8:29-30

**Gospel:** Matthew 13:44-52

### VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Rose Pereira (Dec. Ann.)
SUNDAY	8:30am		Herman Mulder (Dec. Ann.)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	17 <sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time	Peter Gale (For Good Health)
Tuesday	8:00am	17 <sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time	Margaret Mary Sullivan (Rec. Dec.)
Wednesday	8.00am	St Martha	Thierry Monrodon (Rec. Dec.)
Thursday	8.00am	17 <sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time	Margaret Mary Sullivan (Rec. Dec.)
Friday	8.00am	St Ignatius of Loyola	Lourdes M Mendiola (Dec. Ann.)
Saturday	8.30am	St Alphonsus Liguori	Dec. Mem. of St Vincent de Paul

### LIVE STREAM OF WEEKEND MASS AT 6PM

One **Weekend** Mass, the 6pm Vigil on Saturday evening, will continue to be livestreamed every Weekend for the sick and elderly and will be available online through to Sunday.

Please visit our website:

<http://stjosephskingswood.org/> or type in your browser: [bit.ly/stjoe](http://bit.ly/stjoe)

Click the link [Live Stream of the Sunday Mass](#) and Reload the Page each time.

For direct link to livestream Mass type in your browser: [bit.ly/stjosephlive](http://bit.ly/stjosephlive)

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Margaret Mary Sullivan, Thierry Monrodon, Cecylia Tobera

**DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:** Herman Mulder, Rose Pereira, Lourdes M Mendiola

### SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,

I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I long for You in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart

as though You have already come.

I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENT

**Reconciliation: Date to be announced**

First session for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August after 10am Mass. This will be a refresher course for the children.

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Zig Barglik, Alice Cassar, Joy Cavanagh, Kevin Collins, Margaret Colville, Valerie Davis, Katalin Domotor, Nora Hehir, Andrew Isbitski, Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Shayla, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Barbara Thompson, Kelly Tonna, Kathryn Tuckwell, Geoffrey Waltis, Gill Waltisbuhl, Robert Waltisbuhl, Raymond Waters, Denis Woodward.

**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

### POPE FRANCIS' JULY INTENTIONS

#### Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

**SECOND COLLECTION:**   **Envelopes: \$827**  
                                  **Loose:     \$447.80**  
                                  **Donations: \$68.50**

#### **PAYMENT LINK ON WEBSITE**

There is now a means to give a donation, contribute to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection or a payment for the Sacramental program using your visa/master card on our website. There is a minimum of \$10 donation.

#### **DONATIONS & WEEKLY PLANNED GIVING**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions there are no Collections during Masses. Planned giving envelopes and 1<sup>st</sup> Collection contributions can be placed in the Black Letterboxes at the back of the Church, and any donations into the Donation box.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO AARON DUNN**

This Sunday at 10.00am Mass Aaron Dunn will receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation. Please keep him in your prayers.

#### **50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS FOR 2020**

We will celebrate when the Church is officially open and will extend our celebration into next year.

#### **MINI VINNIES FORMATION PROGRAM**

Vinnies Has launched the MVFP for students Year 4-6. to undertake Social Justice Formation. See <https://bit.ly/MVFPinfo> for information.

#### **SCRIPTURE NIGHT WITH DR LAURIE WOODS**

Livestreamed on Institute for Mission Facebook page on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm. Open to everyone and no registration required.

#### **ANNULMENT INFORMATION WEBINAR**

6-8pm Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August via Zoom. Registration on 8838 3480 or at [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au) is essential.

#### **HOUSE OF WELCOME DONATIONS**

If you would like to donate groceries for the refugees please leave them at the Parish Office.

### PRIVATE PRAYER AND MASS BOOKINGS

Following the 4 sq. metres per person, 80 people are allowed in our Church from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Priest and Essential Workers are not included.

**Private Prayer** - Sign-in sheets are provided prior to entry to provide your contact details for Private Prayer.

**Weekend Masses** – Bookings are required to guarantee a place in the Church. To register please ring the Parish by calling 4721 4080 during Office hours or ring 0423 725 148 outside Office hours. If you do not register early in the week, we cannot guarantee that you will be able to attend the Mass of your choice, as we will have to limit the number of attendants to 80 (including children) for each Mass.

You will need to provide your name and contact details when registering.

When you come to the Church you will be asked to confirm your presence on a pre-printed sheet with your name on it. Please make sure your details are correct when you sign in.

**Weekday Masses** - There is no registration for weekday Masses; the first 80 people will be admitted to the Church.

Please provide your name and contact details on the sheet provided.

**Social distancing is still essential, so you will be required to take notice of the signs on the pews.**

**If you decide to attend Mass, please adhere to these rules:**

- There will be no procession of gifts, no passing of hymn books or collection plates.
- The sign of peace will be omitted or given without hand-to-hand contact.
- Holy communion will only be distributed and received on the hand.

Hand sanitisers are available in the church. Door handles, pens and surfaces are sanitised regularly.

Further details are available on the parish website <http://stjosephskingswood.org/>

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

**POPE FRANCIS' ANGELUS**

On Matthew 13:24-43 – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

In today's Gospel (cf Mt 13:24-43) we once again encounter Jesus who is intent on speaking to the crowd in parables about the Kingdom of Heaven. I will reflect only on the first one, that of the weeds, through which Jesus helps us understand *God's patience*, opening our hearts to *hope*.

Jesus narrates that, in the field in which good seed was sown, weeds sprout up as well. This term sums up all the toxic vegetation that infests the soil. Among us, we can say that even today the soil has been devastated by so many herbicides and pesticides that, in the end, cause harm both to the weeds, to the earth, and to our health. This is in parentheses. The servants then go to the master to know where the weeds come from. He responds: "An enemy has done this!" (v. 28). Because we sowed good seed! An enemy, someone who is in competition, came to do this. They [the servants] want to go right away to pull them up, the weeds that are growing. Instead, the master says no, because that would risk pulling the vegetation – the weeds – up together with the wheat. It is necessary to wait for harvest time: only then, will the weeds be separated and burned. This is also a common-sense story.

A way of looking at history can be read in this parable. Alongside God – the master of the field – who only and always sows good seed, there is an adversary, who sows weeds to impede the wheat's growth. The master acts in the open, in broad daylight, and his goal is a good harvest. Instead, the other, the adversary, takes advantage of the darkness of night and works out of envy and hostility to ruin everything. The adversary has a name – the adversary that Jesus refers to has a name: it is the devil, God's quintessential opponent. The devil's intention is to hinder the work of salvation, to stonewall the Kingdom of God through wicked workers, sowers of scandal. In fact, the good seed and the weeds do not represent good and bad in the abstract, no; but we human beings, who can follow God or the devil. Many times we have heard that a peaceful family begins to be at war, or envious... a neighbourhood that was peaceful, then nasty things begin to happen... And we are used to saying: "Eh, someone went and sowed weeds there", or "that person in the family sowed weeds by gossiping". Destruction always happens by sowing evil. It is always the devil who does this or our own temptations: when we fall into the temptation to gossip to destroy others. The servants' intention is to eliminate evil immediately, that is, evil people. But the master is wiser, he sees

farther. They must learn to wait because enduring persecution and hostility is part of the Christian vocation. Certainly, evil must be rejected, but those who do evil are people with whom it is necessary to be patient. This does not mean that type of hypocritical tolerance that hides ambiguity; but rather, justice tempered by mercy. If Jesus came to seek sinners more than the righteous, to cure the sick first before the healthy (cf Mt 9:12-13), so must the actions of His disciples be focused not on suppressing the wicked, but on saving them. Patience lies here.

Today's Gospel presents two ways of acting and of living history: on the one hand, the master's vision who sees far; on the other, the vision of the servants who just see the problem. What the servants care about is a field without weeds; the master cares about good wheat. The Lord invites us to adopt His own vision, one that is focused on good wheat, that knows how to protect it even amidst the weeds. Those who are always hunting for the limitations and defects of others do not collaborate well with God, but, rather, those who know how to recognize the good that silently grows in the field of the Church and history, cultivating it until it becomes mature. And then, it will be God, and He alone, who will reward the good and punish the wicked. May the Virgin Mary help us to understand and imitate God's patience, who wants none of His children to be lost, whom He loves with the love of a Father.

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**After the Angelus**

Dear brothers and sisters,

In this time in which the pandemic shows no signs of coming to an end, I want to assure my nearness to all those suffering from the illness and its economic and social repercussions. My thought goes out especially to the populations whose sufferings are heightened due to situations of conflict. On the basis of a recent United Nations resolution, I renew the appeal for a global and immediate cease-fire that would allow the peace and safety that are indispensable in order to provide the necessary humanitarian assistance.

I extend my heartfelt greeting to you, members of the Faithful from Rome and pilgrims who are from Italy and other countries.

I wish all of you a blessed Sunday. Please, do not forget to pray for me.