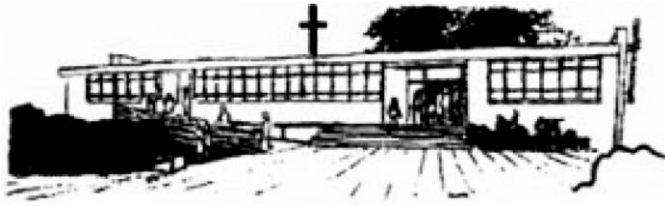


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23rd August 2020, Year A/2



PERUGINO, Pieter, Christ Giving the Keys to St Peter, Sistine Chapel, Rome

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

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8:30 am - 4:00 pm - Monday to Friday

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Turn Your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in You, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long.

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, Your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of Your hands.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Jolania & Czeslaw Urbaniak (R. D.)
SUNDAY	8:30am		Angelo Spiteri (Dec. Ann.)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	ST BARTHOLOMEW	Benita Azores (Dec. Ann.)
Tuesday	8:00am	21 st Week Ordinary Time	Lila Hulme (1 st Dec. Ann.)
Wednesday	8.00am	21 st Week Ordinary Time	Margaret Mary Sullivan (Rec. Dec.)
Thursday	8.00am	St Monica	Marivic (50 th Birthday Blessings)
Friday	8.00am	ST AUGUSTINE	Margaret Mary Sullivan (Rec. Dec.)
Saturday	8.30am	Passion of St John the Baptist	Margaret Mary Sullivan (Rec. Dec.)

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

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Margaret Mary Sullivan, Jolania & Czeslaw Urbaniak, Gillian Waltisbuhl

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES: Angelo Spiteri, Benita Azores, Lila Hulme

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: Thursday 3rd September at 6pm
Session is this Sunday 23rd August after 10am Mass.

First Communion: To be Confirmed

Sessions begin Sunday 11th October after 10am Mass

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Zig Barglik, Joy Cavanagh, Kevin Collins, Margaret Colville, Valerie Davis, Katalin Domotor, Marie Donaldson, 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, 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.

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

POPE FRANCIS' AUGUST INTENTIONS

The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea; among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$1279
Loose: \$377.30
Donations: \$10

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.

PAYMENT LINK ON WEBSITE

There is now a means to give a donation, contribute to the 2nd Collection or a payment for the Sacramental program using your visa/master card on our website.

DONATIONS & WEEKLY PLANNED GIVING

Due to COVID-19 restrictions there are no Collections during Masses. 1st and 2nd Collection contributions can be placed in the Black Letterboxes at the back of the Church, and any donations into the Donation box.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS FOR 2020

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

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Our Catholic Charity has launched a national emergency appeal to raise funds for the people in Lebanon. To make a donation please ring 1800 101 201 or visit www.aidtothechurch.org/lebanon. Additional information on the brochures at the back of the church.

NATIONAL WEBINAR VIA ZOOM

Theme: "Knowing the Community Whom We are Called to Serve"

Led by National Centre for Pastoral Research. Tuesday 25th August from 11am to 12pm. Go to https://bit.ly/nationalwebinar_reg to register.

BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

Owing to COVID-19, the Clergy support Foundation will not be holding the Collection for Retired Priests. Donations are gratefully accepted by electronic transfer to BSB 067950, Account No 00001691, Account Name CSF No 1 with Reference your name. The CSF Committee thanks you for your continued support over the past 15 years. May God bless you at this difficult time in our lives.

PRIVATE PRAYER AND MASS BOOKINGS

Following the 4 sq. metres per person, 80 people are allowed in our Church from Wednesday 1st 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.
- **There is no Congregational Singing at present and it is highly recommended that Masks be worn at Church and in the Grounds.**

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' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Matthew Chapter 25 – Wednesday 19th August

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

The pandemic has exposed the plight of the poor and the great inequality that reigns in the world. And the virus, while it does not distinguish between people, has found, in its devastating path, great inequalities and discrimination. And it has exacerbated them!

The response to the pandemic is dual. On the one hand, it is essential to find a cure for this terrible virus. On the other, we must also cure a larger virus, that of social injustice, inequality of opportunity, marginalisation, and the lack of protection for the weakest. In this dual response for healing there is a choice that, according to the Gospel, cannot be lacking: the preferential option for the poor. And this is not a political option; nor is it an ideological option, a party option... no. The preferential option for the poor is at the centre of the Gospel. And the first to do this was Jesus; we heard this in the reading from the Letter to the Corinthians which was read at the beginning. Since He was rich, He made Himself poor to enrich us. He made Himself one of us and for this reason, at the centre of the Gospel, there is this option, at the centre of Jesus' proclamation.

Christ Himself, who is God, despoiled Himself, making Himself similar to men; and he chose not a life of privilege, but he chose the condition of a servant. He was born into a humble family and worked as a craftsman. At the beginning of His preaching, He announced that in the Kingdom of God the poor are blessed (cf. Mt 5:3; Lk 6:20; EG, 197). He stood among the sick, the poor, the excluded, showing them God's merciful love. Many times He was judged an impure man because He went to the sick, to lepers... and this made people impure, according to the law of the age. And He took risks to be near to the poor.

Jesus' followers recognise themselves by their closeness to the poor, the little ones, the sick and imprisoned, the excluded and the forgotten, those without food and clothing. Matthew, chapter 25 is a key criterion of Christian authenticity. Some mistakenly think that this preferential love for the poor is a task for the few, but in reality it is the mission of the Church as a whole, as Saint John Paul II said. (cf. St. John Paul II, *Sollicitudo rei socialis*, 42). "Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor society"

Faith, hope and love necessarily push us towards this preference for those most in need, which goes beyond necessary assistance. It implies walking together, letting ourselves be evangelised by them, who know the suffering Christ well, letting ourselves be

"infected" by their experience of salvation, by their wisdom and by their creativity. Sharing with the poor means mutual enrichment. And, if there are unhealthy social structures that prevent them from dreaming of the future, we must work together to heal them, to change them. And we are led to this by the love of Christ, who loved us to the extreme (see Jn 13:1), and reaches the boundaries, the margins, the existential frontiers. Bringing the peripheries to the centre means focusing our life on Christ, who "made Himself poor" for us, to enrich us "by His poverty" (2 Cor 8:9),² as we have heard.

We are all worried about the social consequences of the pandemic. Many people want to return to normality and resume economic activities. But this "normality" should not include social injustices and the degradation of the environment. The pandemic is a crisis, and we do not emerge from a crisis the same as before: either we come out of it better, or we come out of it worse. We must come out of it better, to counter social injustice and environmental damage. Today we have an opportunity to build something different. For example, we can nurture an economy of the integral development of the poor, and not of providing assistance. By this I do not wish to condemn assistance: aid is important. I am thinking of the voluntary sector, which is one of the best structures of the Italian Church. The preferential option for the poor, this ethical-social need that comes from God's love, inspires us to conceive of and design an economy where people, and especially the poorest, are at the centre. And it also encourages us to plan the treatment of viruses by prioritising those who are most in need. It would be sad if this vaccine were to become the property of this nation or another, rather than universal and for all. And what a scandal it would be if all the economic assistance we are observing – most of it with public money – were to focus on rescuing those industries that do not contribute to the inclusion of the excluded, the promotion of the least, the common good or the care of creation.

If the virus were to intensify again in a world that is unjust to the poor and vulnerable, then we must change this world. I propose that this be done by starting from the love of God, placing the peripheries at the centre and the last in first place. Do not forget that protocol by which we will be judged, Matthew, chapter 25. Let us put it into practice in this recovery from the epidemic. And starting from this tangible love – as the Gospel says, there – anchored in hope and founded in faith, a healthier world will be possible.

Otherwise, we will come out of the crisis worse. May the Lord help us, and give us the strength to come out of it better, responding to the needs of today's world. Thank you.