

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6<sup>th</sup> September 2020, Year A/2



ANGELICO, Fra Virgin Mary Annunciate, 1431-33

### 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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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am - 2:00pm and Friday: 9:00am - 1:00pm

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# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Entrance Antiphon:** You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right;  
treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 33:7-9

**Responsorial Psalm:** O that today you would listen to His voice! Harden not your hearts.

**Second Reading:** Romans 13:8-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 18:15-20

### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Ching Flora (Recently Deceased)

SUNDAY 8:30am

Annia Molejona (In Thanksgiving)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 23<sup>rd</sup> Week Ordinary Time

Gary O'Brien (Healing from Cancer)

Tuesday 8:00am BIRTHDAY OF BL VIRGIN MARY Angele Ghougassian (Dec. Ann.)

Wednesday 8.00am 23<sup>rd</sup> Week Ordinary Time Visitacion Handar (Dec. Ann.)

Thursday 8.00am 23<sup>rd</sup> Week Ordinary Time Gary O'Brien (Healing from Cancer)

Friday 8.00am 23<sup>rd</sup> Week Ordinary Time Yvonne Mergan (Rec. Dec.)

Saturday 8.30am Most Holy Name of Mary Rona Morrow (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.

For direct link to livestream Mass type in your browser: bit.ly/stjosephlive

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Ching Flora, Yvonne Mergan & Rona Morrow, Denis Woodward

**DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:**  
Angele Ghougassian, Visitacion Handar

### 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

**First Communion: Date to be Confirmed**

First Session: Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October after 10am Mass

### DENIS WOODWARD'S FUNERAL

Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 10:30am is for Family Only.

Please keep Anne and the Family in your prayers.

Mass will be Live Streamed.

**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.

**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.

*Happy Fathers' Day to all our Fathers. May the Lord bless you and keep you always in His care.  
Fr Andrew, Fr Pawel & Fr Piotr*

#### POPE FRANCIS' SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS

##### Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered but shared in a just and respectful manner.

**SECOND COLLECTION:**   **Envelopes: \$754**  
                                  **Loose:     \$389.70**  
                                  **Donations: \$100**

#### 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.

#### DONATIONS & WEEKLY PLANNED GIVING

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection contributions can be placed in the Black Letterboxes at the back of the Church, and any donations into the Donation box.

#### PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will recommence this Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 9.15am. Please bring your Bible with you. All are most welcome.

#### HOLY LAND APPEAL

On the weekend 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> September we will have this Collection for the Holy Land. You will find the Box is at the back of the Church marked "Special Collection". Please be generous.

#### 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.

#### 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 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.

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/>

#### YOUR LEGACY TO FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY

Please take a Brochure from outside the Church with an invitation to consider your Parish and faith community when preparing a Will.

## CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

## POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

"Inside Look"

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

After many months we meet each other again our face to face, rather than screen to screen. Face to face. This is good! The current pandemic has highlighted our interdependence: we are all linked to each other, for better or for worse. Therefore, to come out of this crisis better than before, we have to do so together; together, not alone. Together. Alone no, because it cannot be done. Either it is done together, or it is not done. We must do it together, all of us, in solidarity. I would like to underline this word today: solidarity.

As a human family we have our common origin in God; we dwell in a common home, the earth where God placed us; and we have a common destination in Christ. But when we forget all this, our interdependence becomes dependence of some on others, we lose this harmony of interdependence and solidarity and we become dependent, increasing inequality and marginalisation; it weakens the social fabric and the environment deteriorates. It is always the same. The same way of acting.

Therefore, the principle of solidarity is now more necessary than ever, as Saint John Paul II taught (cf. *Sollicitudo rei socialis*, 38-40). In an interconnected world, we experience what it means to live in the same "global village"; this expression is beautiful, isn't it? The big wide world is none other than a global village, because everything is interconnected, but we do not always transform this interdependence into solidarity. There is a long journey between interdependence and solidarity. Selfishness – individual, national and power-groups – and ideological rigidities instead sustain "structures of sin".

"The word 'solidarity' is a little worn and at times poorly understood, but it refers to something more than a few sporadic acts – the odd sporadic act – of generosity".

It presumes the creation of a new mindset; which thinks in terms of community and the priority of life of all over the appropriation of goods by a few. This is what "solidarity" means. It is not merely a question of helping others – it is good to do so, but it is more than that – it is a matter of justice. Interdependence, in order to be in solidarity and to bear fruit, needs strong roots in the humanity and nature created by God; it needs respect for faces and for the land.

The Bible, from the very beginning, warns us of this. Think of the account of the Tower of Babel (see Gen 11: 1-9), which describes what happens when we try to reach heaven ignoring our bond with humanity, creation and the Creator. It is a figure of

speech. This happens every time that someone wants to climb up and up, without taking others into consideration. Just myself, no?

Think about the tower. We build towers and skyscrapers, but we destroy community. We unify buildings and languages, but we mortify cultural wealth. We want to be masters of the Earth, but we ruin biodiversity and ecological balance. In another audience I spoke about those fishermen from San Benedetto del Tronto, who came this year, and they told me that this year: "We have taken 24 tonnes of waste out of the sea, half of which was plastic". Just think! These people have the task of catching fish – yes – but also refuse, and of taking it out of the water to clean up the sea. But this is ruining the earth – not having solidarity with the earth, which is a gift – and the ecological balance.

I remember a medieval account of this "Babel syndrome", which occurs when there is no solidarity. This medieval account says that, during the building of the tower, when a man fell – they were slaves, weren't they? – and died, no-one said anything. Instead, if a brick fell, everyone complained. And if someone was to blame, he was punished. Why?

Because a brick was costly to make, to prepare, to fire... All of this. It took time to produce a brick, and work. A brick was worth more than a human life. Every one of us, think about what happens today.

Unfortunately, this can happen nowadays too. When shares fall in the financial markets, all the agencies report the news. Thousands of people fall due to hunger and poverty, and no-one talks about it.

Pentecost is diametrically opposed to Babel (see Acts 2: 1-3. The Holy Spirit, descending from above like wind and fire, sweeps over the community closed up in the Cenacle, infuses it with the power of God, and inspires it to go out and announce the Lord Jesus to everyone. The Spirit creates unity in diversity; He creates harmony. There, others are simply instruments, mere "manpower", but here, in Pentecost, each one of us is an instrument, but a community instrument that participates fully in building up the community. Saint Francis of Assisi knew this well, and inspired by the Spirit, he gave all people, indeed creatures, the name of brother or sister. Even brother wolf, remember.

In the midst of crises, a solidarity guided by faith enables us to translate the love of God in our globalised culture, by interweaving communities and sustaining processes of growth that are truly human and solid. I would like to ask a question: do I think of the needs of others? Everyone, answer in your heart.

In the midst of crises and tempests, the Lord invites us to reawaken and activate this solidarity capable of giving solidity, support and meaning to these hours in which everything seems to be wrecked. Thank you.