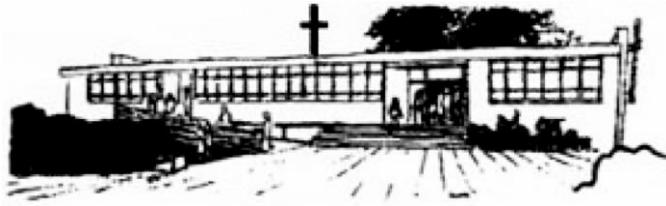


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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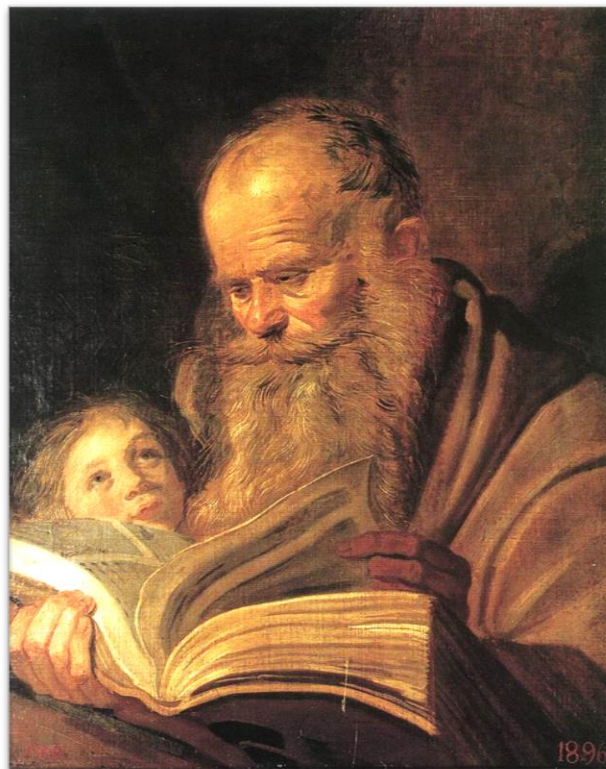
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EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20th September 2020, Year A/2



HALS, Frans, St Matthew, 1625

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

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: 9:00am - 1:00pm

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to Me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is near to all who call Him.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Assaad & Hannah Karam (Rec. Dec)
SUNDAY	8:30am		Anna Blazek (Dec. Ann.)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	ST MATTHEW	Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	8:00am	25th Week Ordinary Time	
Wednesday	8.00am	St Pius of Pietrelcina	Klemens & Thea Blazek (Dec. Ann.)
Thursday	8.00am	25th Week Ordinary Time	
Friday	8.00am	25th Week Ordinary Time	Klemens & Thea Blazek, Helena Kubka, Alina Zawadzka (Dec. Ann.)
Saturday	8.30am	St Cosmos & St Damian	

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: Assaad & Hannah Karam

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES: Anna Blazek, Klemens & Thea Blazek, Alina Zawadzka, Helena Kubka

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 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.

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' 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: \$664**
 Loose: \$342.85
 Donations: \$165

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

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.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is back – every Wednesday at 9.15am. Please bring your Sunday Missal with you. All are most welcome.

PARISH CELL GROUP

Our Group will recommence 7pm this Monday 21st September in the Office. All are most welcome. Any questions please ring Jim on 0478 027 210.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Our Young Adults are in the process of forming a Group in the Parish. For more information please type in your browser: bit.ly/YASJK

HOLY LAND APPEAL

We collected \$561.10. Thank you for your generosity.

VISIT THE WELL

Everyone is invited to “a new online platform that provides free, ‘on-demand’ inspiration for families, children, young people and faith communities”. Visit the Well at www.thewell.org.au

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS FOR 2020

When the restrictions are lifted, we will celebrate and extend our celebrations into next year.

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 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

"Care of Our Common Home"

Wednesday 16th September

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

To emerge from a pandemic, we need to look after and care for each other. And we must support those who care for the weakest, the sick and the elderly. There is the tendency to cast the elderly aside, to abandon them. And this is bad. These people who take care of the sick play an essential role in today's society, even if they often do not receive the recognition they deserve. Caring is a golden rule of our nature as human beings and brings with it health and hope. Taking care of those who are sick, of those who are in need, of those who are cast aside: this is a human, and also Christian.

We must also extend this care to our common home: to the earth and to every creature. All forms of life are interconnected, and our health depends on that of the ecosystems that God created and entrusted to us to care for. Abusing them, on the other hand, is a grave sin that damages us, and harms us, and makes us sick. Is there a vaccine for the care of the common home, so as not to set it aside? If someone has not learned to stop and admire something beautiful, we should not be surprised if he or she treats everything as an object to be used and abused without scruple. Our common home, creation, is not a mere "resource". Creatures have a value in and of themselves and each one reflects in its own way a ray of God's infinite wisdom and goodness. This value and this ray of divine light must be discovered and, in order to discover it, we need to be silent, we need to listen, and we need to contemplate. Contemplation heals the soul.

Without contemplation, it is easy to fall prey to an unbalanced and arrogant anthropocentrism, the "I" at the centre of everything, which gives excessive importance to our role as human beings, positioning us as absolute rulers of all other creatures. A distorted interpretation of biblical texts on creation has contributed to this misinterpretation, which leads to the exploitation of the earth to the point of suffocating it. Exploiting creation: this is the sin. We believe that we are at the centre, claiming to occupy God's place and so we ruin the harmony of creation and God's plan. We become predators and forget our vocation as custodians of life. We cannot expect to continue to grow on a material level, without taking care of the common home that welcomes us. Our poorest brothers and sisters and our mother earth lament for the damage and injustice we have caused, and demand we take another course. It demands of us a conversion, a change of path; taking care of the earth too, of creation.

It is important to recover the contemplative dimension, that is, looking at the earth, creation as a gift, not as

something to exploit for profit: no. When we contemplate, we discover in others and in nature something much greater than their usefulness. Contemplating the beautiful does not mean exploiting it. We discover the intrinsic value of things given by God. As many spiritual masters have taught us, heaven, earth, sea, and every creature have this iconic capacity, or this mystical capacity to bring us back to the Creator and to communion with creation.

Contemplation, which leads us to an attitude of care, is not a question of looking at nature from the outside, as if we were not immersed in it. But we are inside nature, we are part of nature. Those who contemplate in this way experience wonder not only at what they see but also because they feel they are an integral part of this beauty; and they also feel called to guard it and to protect it. And there is one thing we must not forget: those who cannot contemplate nature and creation, cannot contemplate people in their true wealth. And those who live to exploit nature end up exploiting people and treating them like slaves. This is a universal law. If you cannot contemplate nature, it will be very difficult for you to contemplate people, the beauty of people, your brother, your sister. All of us.

Those who know how to contemplate will more easily set to work to change what produces degradation and damage to health. They will strive to educate and promote new production and consumption habits, to contribute to a new model of economic growth that guarantees respect for our common home and respect for people. The contemplative in action: this is good! Each one of us should be a guardian of the environment, of the purity of the environment, seeking to combine ancestral knowledge of millennia-long cultures with new technical knowledge, so that our lifestyle may always be sustainable.

Oftentimes, our relationship with creation seems to be a relationship between enemies: destroying creation for our benefit. Exploiting creation for our profit. Let us not forget that this will be paid for dearly; let us not forget that Spanish saying: "God always forgives; we forgive sometimes; nature never forgives". When we have this "fraternal" relationship with creation, we will become guardians of the common home, guardians of life, and guardians of hope. We will guard the heritage that God has entrusted to us so that future generations may enjoy it. Let us think of our children, our grandchildren: what will we leave if we exploit creation? Contemplating to care for and to protect, and to leave a legacy to the future generation.

This is the task of every human being. Each one of us can and must be a "guardian of the common home", capable of praising God for His creatures, and of contemplating creatures, and protecting them. Thank you.