

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11th October 2020, Year A/2



ANGELICO, Fra, Sacra Conversazione (detail) c. 1443

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: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with You is found forgiveness, O God of Israel!

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

Responsorial Psalm: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

SUNDAY 8:30am

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday	8:00am	28 th Week Ordinary Time	Rodel Alarde (For Successful Operation)
Tuesday	8:00am	28 th Week Ordinary Time	
Wednesday	8.00am	28 th Week Ordinary Time	Mary Spiteri (Deceased Anniversary)
Thursday	8.00am	St Teresa of Avila	
Friday	8.00am	28 th Week Ordinary Time	John Burnitt (Deceased Anniversary)
Saturday	8.30am	St Ignatius of Antioch	

LIVE STREAM OF WEEKEND MASS AT 6PM

The 6pm Vigil on Saturday evening will continue to be livestreamed every Weekend 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: Jeanette Rogers

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary Spiteri, John Burnitt

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENT

First Communion: 22nd November

First Session: This Sunday 11th October after 10am Mass.

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.

NOVEMBER MASSES

Masses during November will be celebrated for our deceased loved ones whose names are recorded in the Remembrance Book or on the Envelopes. Please write their names for Mass to be offered for them.

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

POPE FRANCIS' OCTOBER INTENTIONS

The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$962.10
Loose: \$251.10

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 CELL GROUP

Every 1st & 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm in the Office. All are most welcome. Any questions please ring Jim on 0478 027 210.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

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

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Our Young Adults are meeting on Friday 16th October at 6.45pm in the Parish Hall. For more information please type bit.ly/YASJK into your browser.

MEN'S NIGHT

7th November after 6pm Mass. A great opportunity to gather as Men of the Parish. Please ring the Office by Thursday 5th to Register as numbers are restricted.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Available after all Masses at \$9 each. They make a lovely Christmas gift.

PASTORAL PLANNING/PLENARY COUNCIL

Please visit <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au> for resources and updates.

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

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. Your presence will be confirmed as you arrive at the Church.

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 or you can use the QR Code and show the Usher that you have been CHECKED IN.

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/>

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS FOR 2020

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

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

"Healing the World" – Elijah's Prayer

Wednesday 7th October

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Let us resume today our catechesis on prayer, which we have interrupted for the catechesis on the care of creation, and which we will now resume; and let us meet one of the most compelling characters in the whole of Sacred Scripture: the prophet Elijah. He goes beyond the confines of his time, and we can also see his presence in some episodes of the Gospel. He appeared at Jesus' side, together with Moses, at the moment of the Transfiguration (cf. *Mt* 17:3). Jesus Himself refers to him to give credit to the testimony of John the Baptist (cf. *Mt* 17:10-13).

In the Bible, Elijah appears suddenly, in a mysterious way, coming from a small village that is completely marginal (cf. *1 Kings* 17:1); and in the end, he leaves the scene, under the eyes of the disciple Elisha, on a chariot of fire that takes him to heaven (cf. *2 Kings* 2:11-12). He is therefore a man without a precise origin, and above all without an end, taken up into heaven: for this reason, his return was expected before the coming of the Messiah, as a precursor. In this way, the return of Elijah was awaited.

Scripture presents Elijah as a man of crystalline faith: his very name, which may mean "Yahweh is God", encloses the secret of his mission. He will be like this for the rest of his life: a man of integrity, incapable of petty compromises. His symbol is fire, the image of God's purifying power. He will be the first to be put to the test, and he will remain faithful. He is the example of all people of faith who know temptation and suffering but do not fail to live up to the ideal for which they were born.

Prayer is the lifeblood that constantly nourishes his existence. For this reason, he is one of those most dear to the monastic tradition, so much so that some have elected him as the spiritual father of the life consecrated to God. Elijah is the man of God, who stands as a defender of the primacy of the Most High. And yet, he too is forced to come to terms with his own frailties. It is difficult to say which experiences were most useful to him: the defeat of the false prophets on Mount Carmel (cf. *1 Kings* 18:20-40), or his bewilderment in which he finds that he is "no better than [his] ancestors" (see *1 Kings* 19:4). In the soul of those who pray, the sense of their own weakness is more precious than moments of exaltation, when it seems that life is a series of victories and successes. This always happens in prayer: moments of prayer that we feel lift us up, even of enthusiasm, and moments of prayer of pain, aridity, trial. This is what prayer is: letting ourselves be carried by God, and also

letting ourselves be struck by unpleasant situations and even temptations. This is a reality found in many other biblical vocations, even in the New Testament; think, for example, of St Peter and St Paul. Their lives were like this too: moments of exultation and moments of low spirits, of suffering.

Elijah is the man of contemplative life and, at the same time, of active life, preoccupied with the events of his time, capable of clashing with the king and queen after they had Nabot killed to take possession of his vineyard (cf. *1 Kings* 21:1-24). How much we are in need of believers, of zealous Christians, who act before people who have managerial responsibility with the courage of Elijah, to say, "This must not be done! This is murder!". We need Elijah's spirit. He shows us that there should be no dichotomy in the life of those who pray: one stands before the Lord and goes towards the brothers to whom He sends us. Prayer is not about locking oneself up with the Lord to make one's soul appear beautiful: no, this is not prayer, this is false prayer. Prayer is a confrontation with God and letting oneself be sent to serve one's brothers and sisters. The proof of prayer is the real love of one's neighbour. And vice versa: believers act in the world after having first kept silent and prayed; otherwise, their action is impulsive, it is devoid of discernment, it is rushing without a destination. Believers behave in this way because they did not go to pray to the Lord first, to discern what they must do.

The pages of the Bible suggest that Elijah's faith also made progress: he too grew in prayer, he refined it little by little. The face of God came into focus for him as he walked. He reached his peak in that extraordinary experience, when God manifested Himself to Elijah on the mount (cf. *1 Kings* 19:9-13). He manifests himself not in the storm, not in the earthquake or the devouring fire, but in "a light murmuring sound" (v. 12). Or better, a translation that reflects that experience well: in a thread of resounding silence. This is how God manifests Himself to Elijah. It is with this humble sign that God communicates with Elijah, who at that moment is a fugitive prophet who has lost peace. God comes forward to meet a tired man, a man who thought he had failed on all fronts, and with that gentle breeze, with that thread of resounding silence, He brings calm and peace back into the heart.

This is the story of Elijah, but it seems written for all of us. In some evenings we can feel useless and lonely. It is then that prayer will come and knock on the door of our hearts. We can all gather a corner of Elijah's cloak, just as his disciple Elisha collected half his cloak. And even if we have done something wrong, or if we feel threatened and frightened, when we return before God with prayer, serenity and peace will return as if by miracle. This is what the example of Elijah shows us.