

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18th October 2020, Year A/2



St. John Paul II

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm Live Stream

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: To You I call; for You will surely heed me, O God;
 turn Your ear to me; hear my words.
 Guard me as the apple of Your eye; in the shadow of Your wings protect me.

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Responsorial Psalm: Give the Lord glory and honour.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Krystal Maguire (18th Birthday)
SUNDAY	8:30am		Andre Vyaene (Dec. Ann.)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	29th Week Ordinary Time	Jeanette Rogers (Rec. Dec.)
Tuesday	8:00am	29th Week Ordinary Time	
Wednesday	8.00am	29th Week Ordinary Time	
Thursday	8.00am	St John Paul II	Krystyna Barszczewska (Dec. Ann.)
Friday	8.00am	29th Week Ordinary Time	Benita Azores (Dec. Ann.)
Saturday	8.30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary	

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: Andre Vyaene, Krystyna Barszczewska, Benita Azores

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENT

First Communion: 22nd November

Sessions: Every Sunday 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: \$537**
 Loose: \$376.35
 Donation: \$285

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 Parish Centre. 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

For updated information please type bit.ly/YASJK into your browser. Also see the flyer at the back of the Church.

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 special 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

Prayer in the Psalms

Wednesday 14th October

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

As we read the Bible, we continually come across prayers of various types. But we also find a book made up solely of prayers, a book that has become the native land, gymnasium and home of countless men and women of prayer. It is the *Book of Psalms*. There are 150 Psalms to pray.

It forms part of the books of wisdom because it communicates "knowing how to pray" through the experience of dialogue with God. In the Psalms, we find all human sentiments: the joys, the sorrows, the doubts, the hopes, the bitterness that colour our lives. The *Catechism* affirms that every Psalm "possesses such direct simplicity that it can be prayed in truth by men of all times and conditions". As we read and reread the Psalms, we learn the language of prayer. God the Father, indeed, with His Spirit, inspired them in the heart of King David and others who prayed, in order to teach every man and woman how to praise Him, how to thank Him and to supplicate; how to invoke Him in joy and in suffering, and how to recount the wonders of His works and of His Law. In short, the Psalms are the word of God that we human beings use to speak with Him.

The Psalms are not texts created on paper; they are invocations, often dramatic, that spring from lived existence. We must pray as we are and not embellish the soul to pray. "Lord, I am like this", and go in front of the Lord as we are, with the good things and also with the bad things that no-one knows about, but that we inwardly know. In the Psalms, we hear the voices of men and women of prayer in flesh and blood, whose life, like that of us all, is fraught with problems, hardships, and uncertainties. The Psalmist does not radically contest this suffering: he knows that it is part of living. In the Psalms suffering is transformed into a *question*. From suffering to questioning.

And among the many questions, there is one that remains suspended, like an incessant cry that runs throughout the entire book from beginning to end. A question that we repeat many times: "Until when, Lord?" Every suffering calls for liberation, every tear calls for consolation, every wound awaits healing, every slander a sentence of absolution. "Until when, Lord, must I suffer this? Listen to me, Lord!" How many times we have prayed like this?

By constantly asking such questions, the Psalms teach us not to get used to pain and remind us that life is not saved unless it is healed. The prayerful know that they are precious in the eyes of God, and so *it makes sense to cry out*. And this is important. When we pray, we do so

because we know we are precious in God's eyes. It is the grace of the Holy Spirit that, from within, inspires in us this awareness. And this is why we are moved to pray.

The prayer of the Psalms is the testimony of this cry: a multiple cry, because in life pain takes a thousand forms, and takes the name of sickness, hatred, war, persecution, distrust... Until the supreme "scandal", that of death. Death appears in the Psalter as man's most unreasonable enemy: what crime deserves such cruel punishment, which involves annihilation and the end? The prayer of the Psalms asks God to intervene where all human efforts are in vain. That is why prayer, in and of itself, is the way of salvation and the beginning of salvation.

Everyone suffers in this world: whether they believe in God or reject Him. But in the Psalter, pain becomes a cry for help waiting to intercept a listening ear. It cannot remain meaningless, without purpose. Tears are not universal, they are "my" tears. Everyone has their own. "My" tears and "my" pain drive me to go ahead in prayer. "My" tears are mine, "my" pain is my own, "my" suffering is my own.

When we want to console somebody, we cannot find the words. Why? Because we cannot arrive at his or her pain, because her sorrows are her own, his tears are his own. The same is true of us: the tears, the sorrow, the tears are mine, and with these tears, with this sorrow, I turn to the Lord.

In the Psalms, the believer finds an answer. He knows that even if all human doors were barred, God's door is open. Even if the whole world had issued a verdict of condemnation, there is salvation in God.

"The Lord listens": sometimes in prayer it is enough to know this. Problems are not always solved. Those who pray are not deluded: they know that many questions of life down here remain unresolved, with no way out; suffering will accompany us and, after one battle, others will await us. But if we are listened to, everything becomes more bearable.

The worst thing that can happen is to suffer in abandonment, without being remembered. From this prayer saves us. It can happen, and even often, that we do not understand God's plans. But our cries do not stagnate down here: they rise up to Him, He who has the heart of a Father, and who cries Himself for every son and daughter who suffers and dies. I will tell you something: it is good for me, in difficult moments, to think of Jesus weeping; when He wept looking at Jerusalem when He wept before Lazarus' tomb. God weeps for our sorrows. To think that Jesus weeps with me in sorrow is a consolation: it helps us keep going. If we maintain our relationship with Him, life does not spare us suffering, but we open up to a great horizon of goodness and set out towards its fulfillment. Take courage, persevere in prayer. Jesus is always by our side.