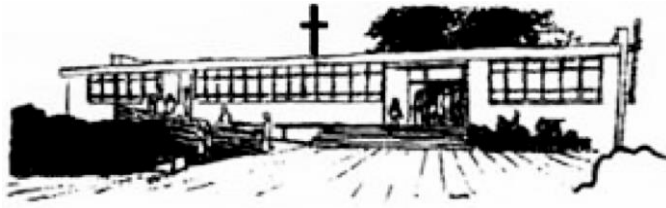


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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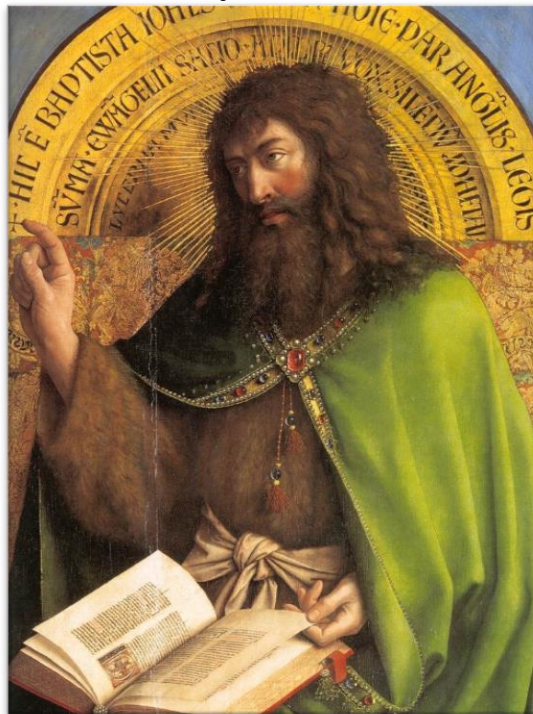
Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 02 9673 5046

Please leave a detailed Message

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19th January 2020, Year A/2



EYCK, Jan van, John the Baptist, The Ghent Altarpiece, 1425-29

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

www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am - 2:00pm and Friday: 8:30am - 1:30pm

Address: 12 Richmond Rd, PO Box 39, Kingswood, NSW 2747 Telephone: 02 4721 4080; Fax: 02 4721 0089
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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before You, O God,
and shall sing to You, shall sing to Your name, O Most High!

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Responsorial Psalm: Here I am, Lord; I come to do Your will.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

SUNDAY 8:30am

Dec. Mems. of the Brancik Family

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 2nd Week Ordinary Time

Dec. Mems. of the Woodbury Family

Tuesday 8:00am St Agnes

Wednesday 8.00am 2nd Week Ordinary Time

Walter Ronald Atkins (Dec. Ann.)

Thursday 8.00am Bl Henry Suso

Mr Kurian (Dec. Ann.)

Friday 8.00am St Francis de Sales

For the Souls in Purgatory

Saturday 8.30am CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

Dec. Mems. of the Kushnir Family

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please contact the Parish Office or one of the Priests. In the case of Emergency please call the emergency number at the front of this bulletin.

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Deceased Members of the Brancik, Woodbury & Kusnir Families, Walter Ronald Atkins, Mr Kurian

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be Saturday 1st February 2020 at 6pm. Please pass the word on to any young people you know.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2020

Reconciliation: Thursday 2nd April
Registration & 1st Session: 1st March

First Communion: Sunday 14th June
Registration & 1st Session: 26th April

Confirmation: Sunday 15th November
Registration & 1st Session: 28th June

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

POPE FRANCIS' JANUARY INTENTIONS

Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Zig Barglik, Kevin Collins, Margaret Colville, Valerie Davis, Katalin Domotor, Nora Hehir, Andrew Isbitski, Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Shayla, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Barbara Thompson, Cecylia Tobera, Kelly Tonna, Kathryn Tuckwell, Geoffrey Waltis, Gill Waltisbuhl, 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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$736.20

Loose: \$298.70

Visitor Contribution: \$1

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP:

Next Group is Monday 3rd February at 7pm in the Parish Office. All are welcome.

Any questions please ring Jim on 0411 280 950.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month in the Church from 12.30pm to 4pm. All are most welcome. Please contact Delfin on 0478 784 885 with any questions.

BIBLE STUDY

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

YOUTH GROUP

Our next Group is Wednesday 5th February 2020.

PARISH LUNCH:

Held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 12th February at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

IMPORTANT 1ST SRE MEETING FOR 2020

Thursday 23rd January at 9.30am. If anyone is interested in finding out more about scripture teaching you are most welcome to come.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 – STAGE 2

Please return your Forms to the Pink Box at the back of the Church by next Sunday 19th January.

GIRLS' FAITH & FUN DAY

For girls aged 9 to 14 from 10.30am to 3.30pm on Monday 27th January at "Home of Light" 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa 2745. Cost \$15. RSVP by 21st January. Registration Forms are at the back of the Church.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSES

Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses for Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar begin Monday 10th February at Blacktown and Thursday 13th February at Penrith. Please see Office for Form.

BUSHFIRE RESPONSE

Australia is currently facing an unprecedented bushfire crisis in many parts of the country. The Australian Bishops have announced that special collections will be taken at Masses on Australia Day weekend, which is next weekend, to support affected communities. They have also urged Catholics to pray constantly for those affected, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the bushfires. All funds will be donated to Vinnies Bushfire Appeal. For information and resources visit www.catholic.org.au/bushfires

LISTENING & DISCERNMENT SESSION

Thursday 6th February from 10.30am to 1pm at 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. We will cover:

Missionary & Evangelising;

Inclusive, Participatory & Synodal;

Prayerful & Eucharistic;

Humble, Healing & Merciful;

A Joy, Hope-filled & Servant Community;

Open to conversation, Renewal and Reform.

INSTITUTE OF MISSION

Themes of Faith – 10 Monday evening sessions from 9th March. A guided exploration of key Catholic themes for our life, faith and action in the World.

Reflective Ministry Part 1 – Tuesday evenings from 10th March. A program to enrich and enthuse those involved in the Ministries of Catholic Communities.

See information for both of these courses on the Notice Board or at the back of the Church

MT CARMEL 2020 RETREAT PROGRAM

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre is at 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville. Phone 8795 3400.

See the Program at the back of the Church or visit the web site mtcarmel.com.au.

NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR RAIN

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place from November 2019. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The impact of the drought is national – and so the response should be national. See www.catholic.org.au/drought

HOUSE OF WELCOME DONATIONS

If you would like to donate groceries for the refugees please leave them at the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

The End of Paul's Journey

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

We conclude today the catechesis on the Acts of the Apostles with Saint Paul's last missionary stage, namely, Rome (Cf. *Acts* 28:14).

Paul's journey, which was one with that of the Gospel, is the proof that men's routes, if lived in faith, can become areas of transit of God's salvation, through the Word of the faith, which is an active ferment in history, capable of transforming situations and of opening ever new ways. The account of the Acts of the Apostles ends with Paul's arrival in the heart of the Empire, which doesn't close with Paul's martyrdom, but with the abundant sowing of the Word. The end of Luke's account pivoted on the Gospel's journey in the world, contains and recapitulates all the dynamism of the Word of God, unstoppable Word that wants to run to communicate salvation to all.

At Rome, Paul met first of all his brothers in Christ, who received him and infused courage in him (Cf. *Acts* 28:15), and whose warm hospitality lets one think how much his arrival was awaited and desired. Then he was allowed to stay by himself under military guard, namely, with a soldier that guarded him. He was in house arrest. Despite his condition of prisoner, Paul could meet with the Jewish leaders to explain why he was forced to appeal to Caesar and to speak to them of the Kingdom of God. He sought to convince them in regard to Jesus, starting from the Scriptures and showing the continuity between the novelty of Christ and the "hope of Israel" (*Acts* 28:20) Paul acknowledges himself profoundly Jewish and he sees in the Gospel he preaches, namely, in the proclamation of Christ dead and risen, the fulfillment of the promises made to the Chosen People.

After this first informal meeting, which finds the Jews well disposed, a more official one follows during which, for a whole day, Paul proclaims the Kingdom of God and tries to open his interlocutors to faith in Jesus, beginning "from the law of Moses and from the Prophets" (*Acts* 28:23). As not all of them were convinced, he laments the hardness of heart of the People of God, cause of their condemnation (Cf. *Isaiah* 6:9-10), and celebrates passionately the salvation of the nations that, instead, show themselves sensitive to God and capable of listening to the Word of the Gospel of life (Cf. *Acts* 28:28).

At this point of the narrative, Luke concludes his work showing us not Paul's death but the dynamism of his preaching, of a Word that "is not fettered" (*2 Timothy* 2:9) – Paul doesn't have the freedom to move but he is free to speak because the Word isn't chained – it's a Word ready to let itself be sown with full hands by the Apostle. Paul does so "quite openly and unhindered" (*Acts* 28:31), in a house where he receives all those that want to receive the proclamation of the Kingdom of God and know Christ. This house, open to all searching hearts, is the image of the Church that, although persecuted, misunderstood and chained, never tires of receiving every man and every woman with a maternal heart, to proclaim to them the love of the Father who made Himself visible in Jesus.

Dear brothers and sisters, at the end of this itinerary, lived together following the course of the Gospel in the world, may the Spirit revive in each one of us the call to be courageous and joyful evangelizers. May He also make us capable, as Paul, to permeate our homes with the Gospel and make them cenacles of fraternity, where the living Christ is received, who "comes to meet us in every man and in every time" (Cf. Preface of Advent).