

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25th October 2020, Year A/2



BAROCCI, Federico, Virgin & Child with St Simon & St Jude, 1567

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: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and His strength; constantly seek His face.

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

Responsorial Psalm: I love You, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Daniel & Emma
SUNDAY	8:30am		Denis Woodward (Recently Dec.)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	30 th Week Ordinary Time	Domingo & Antonia Santiago (D.A.)
Tuesday	8:00am	30 th Week Ordinary Time	Barrie Ward (Deceased Ann.)
Wednesday	8.00am	ST SIMON & ST JUDE	Carlos Jocson (Deceased Ann.)
Thursday	8.00am	30 th Week Ordinary Time	Krystal Maguire (HSC Exams)
Friday	8.00am	30 th Week Ordinary Time	Stanislaw & Bronislaw Blazek (D.A)
Saturday	8.30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary	Hagop Arikian (Deceased Ann.)

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: Denis Woodward, Diosdado de la Cruz

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES: Barrie Ward, Domingo & Antonia Santiago, Carlson Jocson, Stanislaw & Bronislaw Blazek, Hagop Arikian

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: \$697**
 Loose: \$305.50
 Donation: \$100

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.

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.

SRE MEETING WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER

Meeting at 1pm in the Parish Centre. All who are interested are most welcome. RSVP by Tuesday 27th to sremifsud@outlook.com or text 0413 686 270

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Our Young Adults are meeting on Friday 30th 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.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

Bishop Vincent is calling for nominations for people to work with him on the Diocesan Pastoral Council, which assists with the governance of the Church. For more information or to fill out a form please visit parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils/. Applications close Monday 2nd November.

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 of the Psalms (Conclusion)

Wednesday 21st October

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

"Prayer is the centre of life... the Psalter presents prayer as the fundamental reality of life." Today we will complete the catechesis on the *prayer of the Psalms*. Above all, we see how there often appears a negative figure in the Psalms, called the "wicked" person, that is, he or she who lives as if God does not exist. This is the person without any transcendent referent, whose arrogance has no limits, who fears no judgment regarding what he or she thinks or does.

For this reason, the Psalter presents prayer as the fundamental reality of life. The reference to the absolute and to the transcendent – which the spiritual masters call the "holy fear of God" – and which makes us completely human, is the boundary that saves us from ourselves, preventing us from venturing into life in a predatory and voracious manner. Prayer is the salvation of the human being.

There certainly also exists a false prayer, a prayer said only for the admiration of others. The person or those persons who go to Mass only to make it seen that they are Catholics or to show off the latest fashion that they acquired, or to make a good impression in society. They are moving toward false prayer. Jesus strongly admonished against such prayer (see *Mt* 6:5-6; *Lk* 9:14). But when the true spirit of prayer is sincerely received and enters the heart, it then allows us to contemplate reality with God's very eyes.

When one prays, everything acquires "depth". This is interesting in prayer, perhaps something subtle begins but in prayer that thing acquires depth, it becomes weighty as if God takes it in hand and transforms it. The worst service someone can give God, and others as well is to pray tiredly, by rote. To pray like parrots. No, one prays with the heart. Prayer is the centre of life. If there is prayer, even a brother, a sister, even an enemy becomes important. An old saying from the first Christian monks reads: "Blessed the monk who regards every human being as God, after God" (Evagrius Ponticus, *Trattato sulla preghiera*, n. 122). Those who adore God, love His children. Those who respect God, respect human beings.

And so, prayer is not a sedative to alleviate life's anxieties; or, in any case, this type of prayer is certainly not Christian. Rather, prayer makes each of us responsible. We see this clearly in the "Our Father" that Jesus taught His disciples.

To learn how to pray this way, the Psalter is a tremendous school. We saw how the Psalms do not always use refined and gentle language, and how they

often bring out the scars of existence. And yet, all these prayers were first used in the Temple of Jerusalem and then in the synagogues; even the most intimate and personal ones. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* puts it this way: "The Psalter's many forms of prayer take shape both in the liturgy of the Temple and in the human heart". And thus, personal prayer draws from and is nourished first by the prayer of the people of Israel, then by the prayer of the Church.

Even the Psalms in the first person singular, which confide the most intimate thoughts and problems of an individual, are a collective patrimony, to the point of being prayed by everyone and for everyone. The prayer of the Christian has this "breath", this spiritual "tension" holding the temple and the world together. Prayer can begin in the penumbra of a church's nave but come to an end on the city streets. And vice versa, it can blossom during the day's activities and reach its fulfillment in the liturgy. The church doors are not barriers, but permeable "membranes", willing to allow everyone's groans in.

The world is always present in the prayer found in the Psalter. The Psalms, for example, voice the divine promise of salvation for the weakest: "'Because the poor are despoiled, because the needy groan I will now arise,' says the Lord; 'I will place him in the safety for which he longs'" (12:5). Or again, they warn about the danger of worldly riches because... "Man cannot abide in his pomp, he is like the beasts that perish" (49:20). Or still, they open the horizon to God's view of history: "The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to naught; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations" (33:10-11).

In short, where there is God, the human person must be there as well. Sacred Scripture is categorical: "We love because he first loved us". He always goes ahead of us. He always awaits us because He loves us first, He looks at us first, He understands us first. He always awaits us. "If anyone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen". If you pray many rosaries each day but then gossip about others, and nourish grudges inside if you hate others, this is truly artificial, it is not true. "And this commandment we have from him, that he who loves God should love his brother also" (1 *Jn* 4:19-21). Scripture acknowledges the case of the person who, even though he or she sincerely searches for God, never succeeds to encounter Him; but it also affirms that the tears of the poor can never be repudiated on pain of not encountering God. Not to recognize the human person as the image of God is a sacrilege, an abomination, the worst offense that can be directed toward the temple and the altar.