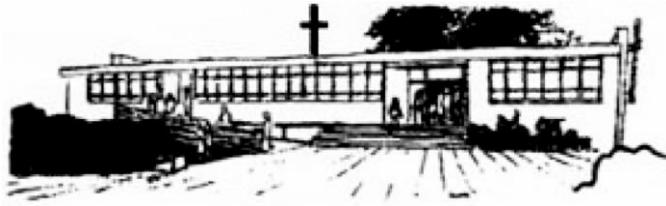


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8<sup>th</sup> November 2020, Year A/2



UNKNOWN MASTER, St Martin of Tours & St Nicholas of Bari, 1450

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 my prayer come into Your presence. Incline Your ear to my cry for help, O Lord  
**First Reading:** Wisdom 6:12-16  
**Responsorial Psalm:** My soul is thirsting for You, O Lord my God.  
**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
**Gospel:** Matthew 25:1-13

### VIGIL SATURDAY

	<b>6:00pm</b>		<b>All Souls</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:30am</b>		<b>All Souls</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>		<b>For the Parish</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>DEDICATION OF ST JOHN LATERAN BASILICA</b>	<b>All Souls</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>St Leo the Great</b>	<b>All Souls</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>St Martin of Tours</b>	<b>All Souls</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>St Josaphat</b>	<b>All Souls</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Ann. of Dec. OP Brothers &amp; Sisters</b>	<b>All Souls</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Mass of the Virgin Mary</b>	<b>All Souls</b>

### 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](http://bit.ly/stjoe)

Click the link [Live Stream of the Sunday Mass](#) and Reload the Page each time.

### NOVEMBER MASSES

During November, one Mass per day, as announced will be celebrated for our deceased loved ones whose names are recorded in the Remembrance Book or on the Envelopes.

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENT

**First Communion: 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### POPE FRANCIS' NOVEMBER INTENTIONS

#### Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

**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

**SECOND COLLECTION:**   **Envelopes: \$1035**  
                                  **Loose:     \$259.75**  
                                  **Donation: \$175**  
                                  **Tap & Go: \$32**

### **PAYMENT LINK ON WEBSITE**

There is now a means to give a donation, contribute to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection or a payment for the Sacramental program using your visa/master card on our website.

### **TAP AND GO DONATION FACILITY**

We have a new "Tap and Go" Donation device at the back of the church. Tap once to donate \$10; tap twice to donate \$20 etc. up to \$150. All contributions go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection.

### **PARISH CELL GROUP**

Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 7pm in the Parish Centre. All are most welcome.

### **PARISH BIBLE STUDY**

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

### **YOUNG ADULTS GROUP**

Our next Young Adults meeting is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 6.45pm in the Parish Hall. For more information please type [bit.ly/YASJK](http://bit.ly/YASJK) into your browser.

### **COLUMBAN CALENDARS**

Available after all Masses at \$9 each.

### **ST MARY MACKILLOP BOOK**

To order your **free** copy of "Encountering St Mary MacKillop in Prayer" please ring 8912 2777 or go to [www.marymackillop.org.au/prayer-book](http://www.marymackillop.org.au/prayer-book)

### **ADVENT GOSPELS ONLINE**

With Dr Michele Connolly Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. Register for access to our website at [www.ifm.org.au/scripturenight](http://www.ifm.org.au/scripturenight)

### **FORMATION COURSE FOR READERS**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November from 7-9pm at St Nicholas of Myra, Penrith. To Register ring 8838 3456 or email [anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org](mailto:anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org)

### **COVID-19 FOOD & TOILETRIES DRIVE**

Jesuit Refugee Service and House of Welcome are running a food and toiletries drive to feed over 1,000 people facing destitution each week. If you are able to assist please leave your contribution 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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/>

### **50<sup>TH</sup> 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 – Jesus, Teacher of Prayer

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

During His public life, Jesus constantly availed himself of the power of prayer. The Gospels show this to us when He retired to secluded places to pray. These are sober and discreet observations, that allow us only to imagine those prayerful dialogues. They clearly demonstrate, however, that even at times of greater dedication to the poor and the sick, Jesus never neglected His intimate dialogue with the Father. The more He was immersed in the needs of the people, the more He felt the need to repose in the Trinitarian Communion, to return to the Father and the Spirit.

There is, therefore, a secret in Jesus' life, hidden from human eyes, which is the fulcrum of everything else. Jesus' prayer is a mysterious reality, of which we have a slight intuition, but which allows us to interpret His entire mission from the right perspective. In those solitary hours – before dawn or at night – Jesus immersed Himself in intimacy with the Father, that is, in the Love that every soul thirsts for. This is what emerges from the very first days of His public ministry.

One Sabbath, for example, the town of Capernaum was transformed into a "field hospital": after sunset they brought all the sick to Jesus, and He healed them. Before dawn, however, Jesus disappeared: He withdrew to a solitary place and prayed. Simon and the others looked for Him and when they found Him they said: "Everyone is searching for you!" How does Jesus reply? "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also; for that is why I came out" (see *Mk* 1:35-38). Jesus always goes a bit further, further in prayer with the Father, and beyond, to other villages, other horizons, to go and preach to other peoples.

Prayer was the *rudder that guides Jesus' course*. It was not success, it was not consensus, it was not the seductive phrase "everyone is searching for you", that dictated the stages of His mission. The path Jesus charted was the least comfortable one, but it was the one by which He obeyed the Father's inspiration, which Jesus heard and welcomed in His solitary prayer.

The Catechism states that "When Jesus prays He is already teaching us how to pray" (no. 2607). Therefore, from Jesus' example we can derive some *characteristics of Christian prayer*.

First and foremost, it possesses primacy: it is *the first desire of the day*, something that is practised at dawn, before the world awakens. It restores a soul to that which otherwise would be without breath. A day lived without prayer risks being transformed into a bothersome or tedious experience: all that happens to us could turn into

a badly endured and blind fate. Jesus instead teaches an obedience to reality and, therefore, to listening. Prayer is primarily listening and encountering God. The problems of everyday life, then, do not become obstacles, but appeals from God Himself to listen to and encounter those who are in front of us. The trials of life thus change into opportunities to grow in faith and charity. The daily journey, including hardships, acquires the perspective of a "vocation". Prayer has the power to transform into good what in life could otherwise be condemnation; prayer has the power to open the mind and broaden the heart to a great horizon.

Secondly, prayer is an art to be practised *insistently*. Jesus Himself says to us: knock, knock, knock. Jesus Himself says to us: knock, knock, knock. We are all capable of sporadic prayers, which arise from a momentary emotion; but Jesus educates us in another type of prayer: the one that knows a discipline, an exercise, assumed within a rule of life. Consistent prayer produces progressive transformation, makes us strong in times of tribulation, gives us the grace to be supported by Him who loves us and always protects us.

Another characteristic of Jesus' prayer is solitude. Those who pray do not escape from the world but prefer deserted places. There, in silence, many voices can emerge that we hide in our innermost selves: the most repressed desires, the truths that we insist on suffocating, and so on. And, above all, in silence God speaks. Every person needs a space for him- or herself, to be able to cultivate the inner life, where actions find meaning. Without the inner life we become superficial, agitated, and anxious – how anxiety harms us! This is why we must go to pray; without an inner life we flee from reality, and we also flee from ourselves, we are men and women always on the run.

Finally, Jesus' prayer is the place where we perceive that everything comes from God and returns to Him. Sometimes we human beings believe that we are the masters of everything, or on the contrary, we lose all self-esteem, we go from one side to another. Prayer helps us to find the right dimension in our relationship with God, our Father, and with all creation. And Jesus' prayer, in the end, means delivering oneself into the hands of the Father, like Jesus in the olive grove, in that anguish: "Father, if it is possible... let your will be done". Delivering oneself into the hands of the Father. It is good, when we are agitated, a bit worried, and the Holy Spirit transforms us from within and leads us to this surrendering of oneself into the hands of the Father: "Father, let your will be done".

Dear brothers and sisters, let us rediscover Jesus Christ as a teacher of prayer in the Gospel and place ourselves in His school. I assure you that we will find joy and peace.