

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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



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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

#### Address

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

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# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.  
You will call upon Me, and I will answer you,  
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

**First Reading:** Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

**Responsorial Psalm:** Happy are those who fear the Lord.

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:14-30

### VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		All Souls
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:30am		All Souls
	10:00am		For the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	8:00am	33 <sup>rd</sup> Week Ordinary Time	All Souls
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00am	St Elizabeth of Hungary	All Souls
<b>Wednesday</b>	8.00am	33 <sup>rd</sup> Week Ordinary Time	All Souls
<b>Thursday</b>	8.00am	33 <sup>rd</sup> Week Ordinary Time	All Souls
<b>Friday</b>	8.00am	33 <sup>rd</sup> Week Ordinary Time	All Souls
<b>Saturday</b>	8.30am	Presentation of Bl Virgin Mary	All Souls

### 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: Next Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.**

Please keep our children in your prayers.

### 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: \$688**  
                                  **Loose:     \$483.80**  
                                  **Tap & Go: \$100**

### **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. 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 welcome.

### **YOUNG ADULTS GROUP**

Our next Young Adults meeting is on Friday 27<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.

### **CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS**

At 2pm on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys. Celebrant is Fr Hugh Thomas CSsR. Please register at 0410 475 734.

### **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)

### **VISIT THE WELL**

You are invited to partake of inspirational Sessions for your families at [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au)

### **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. 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 – Continued

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Someone said to me: “You talk too much about prayer. It is not necessary”. Yes, it is necessary. Because if we do not pray, we will not have the strength to go forward in life. Prayer is like the oxygen of life. Prayer draws down on us the Holy Spirit’s presence who always leads us forward. For this reason, I speak a lot about prayer.

Jesus has given an example of continual prayer, practiced *perseveringly*. Constant dialogue with His Father, in silence and in recollection, was the fulcrum of His entire mission. The Gospels also report His exhortations to the disciples, so that they might pray insistently, without getting tired. The *Catechism* recalls three parables contained in the Gospel of Luke that underline this characteristic of Jesus’s prayer.

First of all, prayer must be *tenacious*: like the person in the parable who, having to welcome a guest who arrived unexpectedly in the middle of the night, goes to knock on the door of a friend and asks him for some bread. The friend responds, “No!”, because he is already in bed – but he insists and insists until he constrains his friend to get up and give him some bread (see *Lk* 11:5-8). A tenacious request. But God is more patient with us, and the person who knocks with faith and perseverance on the door of His heart will not be disappointed. God always responds. Always. Our Father knows well what we need; insistence is necessary not to inform Him or to convince Him but is necessary to nurture the desire and expectation in us.

The second parable is that of the widow who goes to the judge for his help in obtaining justice. This judge is corrupt, he is a man without scruples, but in the end, exasperated by the insistence of the widow, decides to please her (see *Lk* 18:1-8). He thought: “But, it is better to resolve this problem and get her off my back so she will not continue coming to me to complain”. This parable makes us understand that faith is not a momentary choice, but a courageous disposition to call on God, even to “argue” with Him, without resigning oneself to evil and injustice.

The third parable presents a pharisee and a publican who go to the Temple to pray. The first turns to God boasting of his merits; the other feels unworthy even to enter the sanctuary. While God does not listen to the prayer of the first, that is of those who are proud, He does grant the prayer of the humble (see *Lk* 18:9-14). There is no true prayer without a spirit of humility. It is specifically humility that leads us to ask in prayer.

The teaching of the Gospel is clear: we need to pray always, even when everything seems in vain, when God

appears to be deaf and mute and it seems we are wasting time. Even if heaven is overshadowed, the Christian does not stop praying. A Christian’s prayer keeps stride with his or her faith. There are many days of our life when faith seems to be an illusion, a sterile exertion. There are moments of darkness in our life, and in those moments, faith may seem to be an illusion. But the practice of prayer means accepting even this exertion. “Father, I pray and do not feel anything ... It feels like my heart is dry, that my heart is arid”. But we must continue exerting ourselves in the tough moments, the moments in which we feel nothing. Many saints experienced the night of faith and God’s silence – when we know and God does not respond – and these saints were persevering.

During those nights of faith, the one who prays is never alone. Jesus, in fact, is not only a witness and teacher of prayer; He is more. He welcomes us *in His prayer* so that we might pray in Him and through Him. This is the work of the Holy Spirit. For this reason, the Gospel invites us to pray to the Father in Jesus’s name. Saint John provides these words of the Lord: “Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son” (14:13). And the *Catechism* explains that “the certitude that our petitions will be heard is founded on the prayer of Jesus” (n. 2614). It gives the wings that the human person’s prayer has always desired to possess.

We recall the words of Psalm 91: “He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings, you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday”. It is in Christ that this stupendous prayer is fulfilled, and in Him that it finds its complete truth. Without Jesus, our prayer risks being reduced to human effort, destined most of the time to failure. But He has taken on Himself every cry, every groan, every jubilation, every supplication...every human prayer. And let us not forget that the Holy Spirit prays in us; it is He who leads us to pray, who leads us to Jesus. He is the gift that the Father and the Son gave us to foster an encounter with God. And when we pray, it is the Holy Spirit who prays in our hearts.

Christ is everything for us, even in our prayer life. Saint Augustine said this with an enlightening expression that we also find in the *Catechism*: Jesus “prays for us as our priest, prays in us as our Head, and is prayed to by us as our God. Therefore let us acknowledge our voice in him and his in us” (n. 2616). This is why the Christian who prays fears nothing, he or she trusts in the Holy Spirit who was given to us as a gift and who prays in us, eliciting prayer. May the Holy Spirit, Teacher of prayer, teach us the path of prayer.