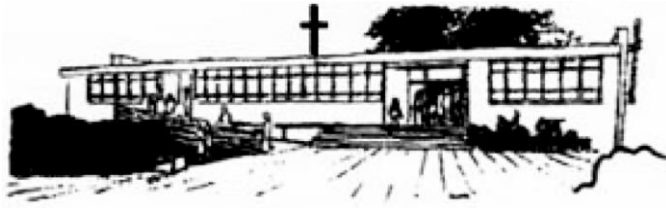


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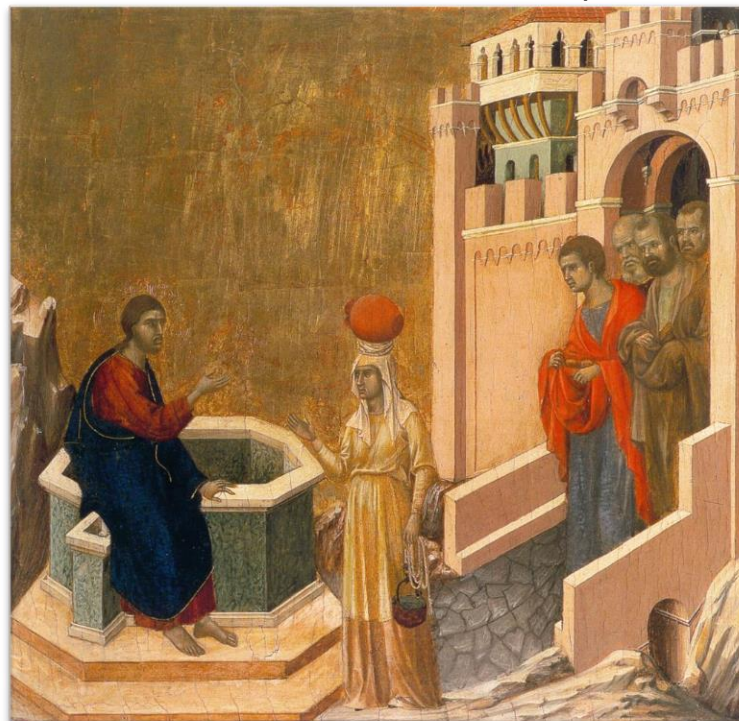
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Please leave a detailed Message

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

15th March 2020, Year A/2



BUONINSEGNA, Duccio di, Christ and the Samaritan Woman, 1308-11

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: 9:00am - 1:00pm

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for He rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

SUNDAY 8:30am

Fay Durbidge (Dec. Ann.)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 3rd Week of Lent

Tuesday 8:00am ST PATRICK

Odile St Lambert & Kim Nelson (D.A.)

Wednesday 8.00am 3rd Week of Lent

Basilisa Ortalaza (Dec. Ann.)

Thursday 8.00am ST JOSEPH

Kerop & Satenique Kherlakian (Dec. Ann.)

Friday 8.00am 3rd Week of Lent

**John & Stefania Zawadzka &
Anastasia Kubic (Deceased Anniversaries)**

Saturday 8.30am 3rd Week of Lent

Piotr Barszczewski

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: Fay Durbidge, Odile St Lambert, Kim Nelson, Basilisa Ortalaza, Kerop & Satenique Kherlakian, John & Stefania Zawadzka, Anastasia Kubic, Piotr Barszczewski

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be next Saturday 21st March at 6pm. Young People required for singing, reading, etc. Please invite all young people to this Mass and a time of fellowship in the Parish Hall afterwards.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent at 6.00pm

ST JOSEPH'S FEAST

Novena until Wednesday 18th March.

Mass for the Feast of St Joseph this Thursday 19th March is 8am.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2020

Reconciliation: Thursday 2nd April

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

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

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: \$764
Loose: \$335.40
Visitor Contribution: \$1.40

POPE FRANCIS' MARCH INTENTIONS Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP:

1st and 3rd Mondays of the month 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

No Bible Study this Wednesday 18th March only Thursday 19th at 7pm. All are welcome. Please bring your Sunday Missal.

YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth Group is every Wednesday in the School Term. All young people from Year 6 to 18 are most welcome.

PARISH LUNCH:

Held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 8th April at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

SRE WORKING BEE

On Monday 16th March we need assistance to move books, paperwork, etc. to our new SRE Office. Any help will be most appreciated.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

2pm on Sunday 22nd March at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys. Celebrant is Fr Tony Alex MGL.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION NIGHT

7pm Wednesday 25th March at Our Lady of the Way Parish Hall, Emu Plains. RSVP at 9296 6369.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

From Friday 20th March 6pm with Holy Mass to Saturday 21st March at 5pm with Holy Mass at Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Reconciliation Friday 7.15pm to 10pm and Saturday 10am to 12pm and 3pm to 4.45pm.

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

Next weekend 21st/22nd March we have our appeal. Your gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare chaplains provide spiritual, sacramental and emotional support in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan. Our quota is \$3580. Please give generously and accompany them on their journey.

DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD

Sunday 29th March at St Marys Cathedral at 10.30am with Mass, Angelus, Procession and Benediction. See leaflet at back of Church.

FROM INVISIBLE TO INVINCIBLE

On Wednesday 15th April from 10am to 1pm at Our Lady of the Way Parish Hall, 19 Troy Street, Emu Plains. Session will include sharing the stories of our lives; finding and re-defining our Baptismal call; tools for the journey through centering prayer and prayer of surrender, abandonment and trust. Contact Marie Cottee at mc@corpuschristi.org.au or on 0407 702 058.

PILGRIMAGE WITH FR PAUL MARSHALL

Visit Fatima Lourdes, Padua, Florence, Assisi and Rome. Departs 18th September to 11th October. Contact Harvest at www.harvestjourneys.com or on 1800 819 156. Tour Code PV5120.



CELEBRATIONS FOR 2020

Events for this year. Dates are to be confirmed:

- Mass with Bishop Vincent
- Parish Dinner
- Parish Picnic
- Parish Fete is Sunday 16th August

Please watch this space for further updates.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

The Beatitudes continued

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

In today's audience, we continue to meditate on the luminous way of happiness, which the Lord has given us in the Beatitudes, and we come to the fourth: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied" (*Matthew 5:6*).

We have already met with poverty in the spirit and mourning; now we are confronted with a further type of weakness — that connected with hunger and thirst. Hunger and thirst are primary needs; they are about survival. This is underlined: here it's not about a generic desire, but about a vital and daily need, as nourishment. However, what does it mean to have hunger and thirst for righteousness? We are certainly not speaking of those that want revenge. In fact, in the preceding Beatitude, we spoke of meekness. Injustices certainly wound humanity; human society is in urgent need of equity, of truth and of social justice; we remember that the evil suffered by the women and men of the world reaches up to the heart of God the Father. What father wouldn't suffer by the pain of his children? The Scriptures speak of the pain of the poor and of the oppressed, which God knows and shares. Having listened to the cry of oppression raised by the children of Israel — as the Book of Exodus recounts (Cf. 3:7-10) — God went down to deliver His people.

However, the hunger and thirst for the righteousness of which the Lord speaks to us is still more profound than the legitimate need of human justice that every man bears in his heart. In the same "Sermon on the Mount," further along, Jesus speaks of a much greater justice than a human right or personal perfection, saying: "Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven" (*Matthew 5:20*). And this is the righteousness that comes from God (Cf. *1 Corinthians 1:30*). We find expressed in the Scriptures a more profound thirst than the physical, which is a desire placed at the root of our being. A Psalm says: "O God, Thou art my God, I seek Thee,

my soul thirsts for Thee, as in a dry and weary land without water" (*Psalms 63:1*). The Fathers of the Church speak of this restlessness that dwells in man's heart. Saint Augustine says: "You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in You." There is an interior thirst, an interior hunger, a restlessness . . .

In every heart, even in the most corrupt person and far from the good, is hidden a yearning for light, even if it is under the rubble of deceits and errors, but there is always the thirst for truth and goodness, which is the thirst for God. It's the Holy Spirit that rouses this thirst: He is the living water that has molded our dust, He is the creator breath that has given it life.

Therefore, the Church is sent to proclaim to all the Word of God, permeated by the Holy Spirit. Because the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the greatest righteousness that can be offered to humanity's heart, which has a vital need of it, even if it doesn't realize it.

For instance, when a man and a woman marry they have the intention of doing something great and beautiful, and if they keep alive this thirst, they will always find the way to go on, in the midst of problems, with the help of Grace. Young people also have this thirst, and they must not lose it! It's necessary to protect and nourish in children's hearts that desire for love, tenderness, acceptance, which they express in their sincere and luminous impulses.

Every person is called to rediscover what really counts, what he is truly in need of, what makes one live well and, at the same time, what is secondary, and of what one can calmly do without.

In this Beatitude — hunger and thirst for righteousness — Jesus announces that there is a thirst that won't be disappointed; a thirst that, if seconded, will be satiated and will always have a good end, because it corresponds to the heart itself of God, to His Spirit, which is love, and also to the seed that Holy Spirit has sowed in our hearts. May the Lord give us this grace: to have this thirst for righteousness that is in fact the wish to find it, to see God and to do good to others.