

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10<sup>th</sup> May 2020, Year A/2



Fra Angelico (1395-1455), *Virgen de la granada*

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

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[www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au](http://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:** O sing a new song to the Lord, for He has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations He has shown His deliverance, alleluia.

**First Reading:** Acts 6:1-7

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, let Your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You.

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 2:4-9

**Gospel:** John 14:1-12

### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm Intention will be celebrated in a private mass (No live broadcast)

**SUNDAY** 8:30am Odile St Lambert & Kim Nelson (Dec Ann)

10:00am For the Parish

**Monday** 8:00am 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter

**Tuesday** 8:00am 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter Baby Kurian (1<sup>st</sup> Dec. Ann.)

**Wednesday** 8.00am Our Lady of Fatima

**Thursday** 8.00am ST MATTHIAS

**Friday** 8.00am 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter Marie Arikian (Dec. Ann.)

**Saturday** 8.30am 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter

### LIVE STREAM OF DAILY MASS AND ADORATION

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 Masses and Adoration](#) and Reload the Page each day.

For direct link to livestream masses type in your browser: [bit.ly/stjosephlive](http://bit.ly/stjosephlive)

### MASS INTENTIONS

Ring Emergency number or apply at Mass Intentions on the Parish Website

### SACRAMENTS OF THE SICK AND CONFESSION

If you require Anointing of the Sick and/or Sacrament of Reconciliation, please contact us on our mobile number 0423 725 148 and one of the priests will be available.

### 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.

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2020

Postponed till further notice.

**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, John Stofmeel, 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.

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*May the Lord bless and keep all our Mothers as we keep you in our prayers  
From Fr. Andrew, Fr. Pawel and Fr. Piotr*

**POPE FRANCIS' MAY INTENTIONS**

**For Deacons**

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

**SECOND COLLECTION:**   **Envelopes: \$860**  
                                  **Loose:     \$400**  
                                  **Donations: \$110**

**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.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2020-2021**

We have reduced the number of envelopes for this coming financial year, so you may notice a different number on your envelopes.

**DONATIONS & WEEKLY PLANNED GIVING**

Planned giving envelopes and any donations can be placed in the letterbox slot of the Parish Office building at any time.

If you would like to contribute through online banking, please use the following details for EFT deposits:

BSB:                         067 950  
Account Number:       00000396  
Account Name:         Kingswood Catholic Church

Please send us an email with details of your donation including name, contact number and envelope number (if you have one) on our parish email. Thank you for your generosity.

**NEW MOBILE NUMBER FOR PARISH**

Our new mobile number for counselling, to make an appointment or to contact the priest on duty is 0423 725 148.

We are also available on WhatsApp, Viber, Line or Duo Messenger through our new mobile number.

**OFFICE HOURS**

Parish Office is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00am to 2:00pm and on Friday from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

**REGULAR UPDATES**

For regular updates please visit us on our website <http://stjosephskingswood.org/> or type in your browser: bit.ly/stJoe or visit our Facebook page stjosephkingswood

**DIOCESE WEBSITE UPDATES**

Resources, links and articles to assist during this time can be found at [www.parracatholic.org/covid19](http://www.parracatholic.org/covid19)

**DIOCESAN MINISTRY CENTRE**

The Social Justice Office, Office for Worship, Life, Marriage and Family and Pastoral Planning are all offering support and resources in a variety of new ways. Contact details for each office can be found at [www.parracatholic.org](http://www.parracatholic.org)

**CATHOLIC CARE**

CatholicCare remains open and operational. The service operates with care and support offered via phone, video conferencing / telehealth and online. Some programs are continuing to run groups via video conference. Please visit their web site <https://ccss.org.au> or ring 8843 2500.

**PENTECOST PILGRIMAGE ONLINE**

April 26<sup>th</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>. Register for over 40 Free Talks with acclaimed Catholic Australian and overseas speakers. Register free at [pentecostpilgrimage.com](http://pentecostpilgrimage.com)



**CELEBRATIONS FOR 2020**

We will celebrate when the Church is officially open and will extend our celebration into next year.

## CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

## POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

## On Prayer

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Today we begin a new series of catecheses on the theme of prayer. Prayer is the breath of faith, it is its most proper expression, as a cry that issues from the heart of one who believes and entrusts himself to God. We think of the story of Bartimaeus, a personage of the Gospel (Cf. *Mark* 10:46-52 and par.) and I confess to you, for me the most likable of all. He was blind, sitting by the roadside begging on the outskirts of his city, Jericho. He isn't an anonymous personality; he has a face and a name: Bartimaeus, namely, "son of Timaeus." One day he hears it said that Jesus would be passing by there. In fact, Jericho was a crossroads of people, constantly traversed by pilgrims and merchants. Therefore, Bartimaeus lies in wait: he did everything possible to meet Jesus. So many people did the same thing: we recall Zacchaeus, who climbed up on the tree. So many wanted to see Jesus, he did too.

Thus, this man enters in the Gospels as a voice that shouts loudly. He cannot see; he doesn't know if Jesus is close or far, but he understands from the crowd that increases at a certain point and he approaches . . . However, he is completely alone and no one is concerned about him. And what does Bartimaeus do?

He shouts and shouts and continues to shout. He uses the only weapon in his possession: his voice. He begins to cry out: "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (v. 47). And he continues thus, shouting. His repeated shouts annoy, don't seem polite, and many rebuke him and tell him to be quiet. "But be polite, don't do that!" However, Bartimaeus doesn't keep quiet, instead, he shouts even louder "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (v. 47)." It is that very good stubbornness of those that seek a grace and knock, knock on the door of God's heart. He shouts, knocks. That expression, "Son of David," is very important, it means "the Messiah," — he confesses the Messiah —, it's a profession of faith that issues from the mouth of that man, scorned by all. And Jesus listens to his cry. Bartimaeus' prayer touches His heart, God's heart, and the doors of salvation open for him. Jesus had him called. He springs to his feet and those that before told him to be quiet now lead him to the Master. Jesus speaks to him, He asks him to express his desire — this is important — and then the cry becomes a request: "Let me receive my sight, Lord!" (Cf. v. 51). Jesus says to him: "Go your way; your faith has made you well" (v. 52). He acknowledges in that

poor, helpless, scorned man all the power of his faith, which attracts God's mercy and power. Faith is to have two hands raised, a voice that cries to implore the gift of salvation. The Catechism affirms that "humility is the foundation of prayer" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, CCC, 2559).

Prayer is born of the earth, of the *humus*, from which "humble" derives "humility"; it comes from our precarious state, from our continuous thirst for God (Cf. *Ibid.*, 2560-2561).

Faith, we saw in Bartimaeus, is a cry; non-faith is to suffocate that cry, that attitude that the people had, in silencing him. They weren't people of faith, instead, he was. To suffocate that cry is a sort of "omerta" or "code of silence". Faith is protest against a painful condition whose motive we don't understand; non-faith is to limit oneself to endure a situation to which we are adapted. Faith is hope of being saved; non-faith is to get used to the evil that oppresses us, and to continue thus.

Dear brothers and sisters, we begin this series of catecheses with Bartimaeus' cry because perhaps, in a figure such as his, everything is already written. Bartimaeus is a persevering man. There were people around him that explained that to implore was useless, that it was unanswered shouting, that he was noisy, that he was just disturbing, that he please stop shouting. However, he did not remain silent and, in the end, he got what he wanted.

There is a voice in man's heart that invokes, louder than any contrary argumentation. We all have this voice within, A voice that issues spontaneously, without anyone ordering it, a voice that questions the meaning of our journey down here, especially when we find ourselves in darkness. "Jesus, have mercy on me! Jesus, have mercy on me!" This is a beautiful prayer. But are these words, perhaps, not sculpted in the whole of creation? Everything invokes and implores that the mystery of mercy find its definitive fulfilment. Christian are not the only ones that pray: they share the cry of prayer with all men and women. However, the horizon can be widened still more: Paul affirms that the whole of creation "groans in travail" (*Romans* 8:22). Artists often make themselves interpreters of this silent cry of creation, which weighs on every creature and emerges especially in man's heart, because man is a "beggar before God" (Cf. CCC, 2559). A Beautiful description of man: "beggar before God." Thank you.