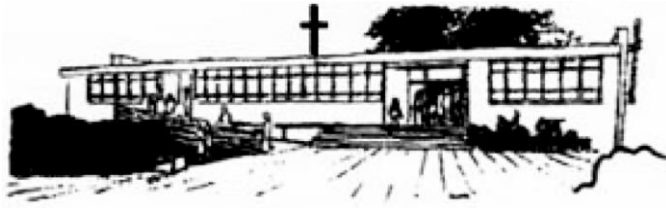


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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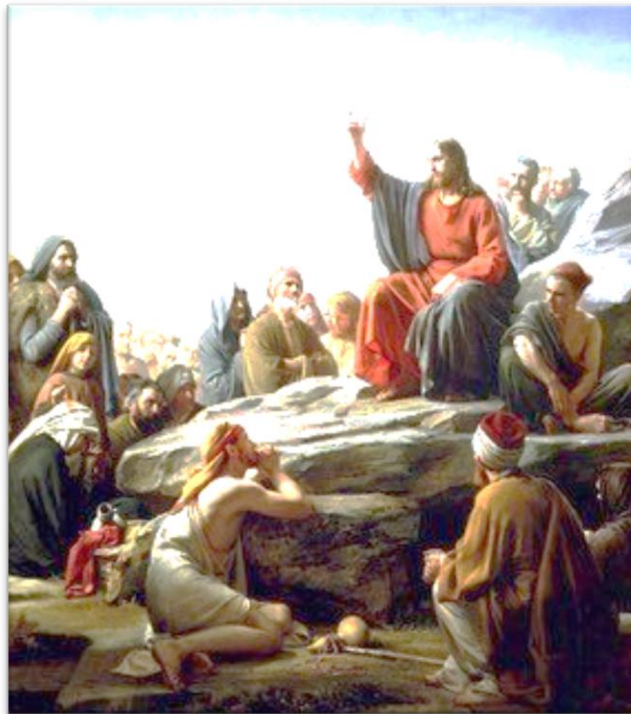
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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16th February 2020, Year A/2



BLOCH, Carl Heinrich, The Sermon on the Mount, 1877

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: 8:30am - 1:30pm

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.
For You are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of Your name.

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-27

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Dec. Mems. of the Stern Family
SUNDAY	8:30am		For the Nation
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	6 th Week Ordinary Time	Dec. Mems. of the Gosper Family
Tuesday	8:00am	B1 John of Fiesole	Dec. Mems. of the Martin Family
Wednesday	8.00am	6 th Week Ordinary Time	Reg Whitla (Recently Deceased)
Thursday	8.00am	6 th Week Ordinary Time	Anish (Deceased Anniversary)
Friday	8.00am	6 th Week Ordinary Time	
Saturday	8.30am	CHAIR OF ST PETER	P.K. Devasia

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Patricia Thornton, Reg Whitla

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Anish, Deceased Members of the Stern, Gosper and Martin Families, P.K. Devasia

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be on Saturday 7th 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2020

Reconciliation: Thursday 2nd April

Registration & 1st Session: 1st March

First Communion: Sunday 14th June

Registration & 1st Session: 26th April

Confirmation: Sunday 15th November

Registration & 1st Session: 28th June

ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses on 26th February – 8am, 12noon (School Mass) and 7pm.

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.

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

POPE FRANCIS' FEBRUARY INTENTIONS

Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$759
Loose: \$268.15
Visitor Contribution: \$Nil

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

Bible Study every Wednesday at 9.15am. **From Thursday 27th February there will also be Bible Study at 7pm each Thursday night.** All are welcome. Please bring your Sunday Missal with you.

YOUTH GROUP

Our next 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 this Wednesday 11th March at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

EVELYN'S RETIREMENT

Evelyn Graham, who has served our Parish for nearly 18 years as Administration Assistant, is retiring this Friday 21st February. We are having a Morning Tea to honour her on Friday after morning Mass in the Parish Hall. Please join us to thank Evelyn for all she has done. Any enquiries please speak to Aruna or Clare.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

At 2pm on this Sunday 16th February at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, St Marys. Celebrant is Fr Adam Crouch MGL. All are welcome.

LENTEN RETREAT FOR WOMEN

From 6pm 28th February to 4pm 1st March at Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Cost \$170 twin share, \$210 single room or \$60 for Day Participation (9am to 5pm). For Bookings info@schoenstatt.org.au or phone 4773 8338 by 14th February.

LENTEN CONCERT – "ASHES TO EASTER"

Peter Kearney Concert Saturday 29th February from 7-8pm at Holy Family Church, Willowdene Avenue, Luddenham. Entry fee is by donation.

SCHOOL OPEN DAYS/NIGHTS

Xavier College – Tuesday 3rd March 4-6pm

St Dominic's – Sunday 8th March 10am and 12.30pm

Penola (Emu Plains) – Tuesday 10th March 5-8pm

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION NIGHT

Tuesday 10th March at 6.45pm at Institute of Mission, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. Speakers are Sr Patty Andrew & Dr Laurie Woods.

INSTITUTE OF MISSION

Themes of Faith – 10 Monday evening sessions from 9th March. A guided exploration of key Catholic themes for our life, faith and action in the World.

Reflective Ministry Part 1 – Tuesday evenings from 10th March. A program to enrich and enthuse those involved in the Ministries of Catholic Communities. See information for both of these courses on the Notice Board or at the back of the Church.

NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR RAIN

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place from November 2019 until the drought breaks. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The impact of the drought is national – and so the response should be national. See www.catholic.org.au/drought

HOUSE OF WELCOME DONATIONS

If you would like to donate groceries for the refugees please leave them at the Parish Office. They need olive oil, tinned tomatoes, Basmati rice, flour, UHT milk, washing and dishwashing liquid, cleaning products, chick peas, tea and coffee.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

On the Beatitudes (continued)

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

We have undertaken the journey in the Beatitudes and today we pause on the second: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

In the Greek language, in which the Gospel is written, this Beatitude is expressed with a verb that isn't the passive — in fact, the Blessed don't suffer this mourning — but in the active: they are afflicted." They mourn but from within. It's an attitude that became central in Christian spirituality and that the Desert Fathers, the first monks of history, called "*penthos*," an interior sorrow that opens to a relationship with the Lord and with one's neighbour — to a renewed relationship with the Lord and with one's neighbour.

In the Scriptures, this mourning can have two aspects: the first is for the death or the suffering of someone. The other aspect is the tears for sin — for one's own sin, when the heart bleeds for having offended God and one's neighbour. Hence, it's about loving the other in such a way as to bind oneself to him or her to share his pain. There are persons that remain distant, take a step back. Instead, it's important that others break through our hearts.

I have spoken often of the gift of tears, and how precious it is. Can one love coldly? Can one love out of function, out of duty? Certainly not; there are the afflicted to console, but sometimes there are also the consoled to be afflicted, to awaken the people that are unable to be moved by others' pain.

Mourning, for instance, is a bitter path, but it can be useful to open the eyes on life and on the sacred and irreplaceable value of every person, and in that moment one realizes how brief time is.

There is a second meaning of this paradoxical Beatitude: to weep for sin. It's necessary to make a distinction here: there are those that get angry

because they were wrong, but this is pride. Instead, there are those who weep for the harm done, for the good omitted, for the betrayal of the relationship with God. This is the sorrow for not having loved, which flows from having others' life at heart. Here one weeps because one doesn't correspond to the Lord, who loves us so much, and the thought saddens one for the good not done. This is the sense of sin. They say: "I have wounded him that I love," and this pains one to the point of tears. God be blessed if these tears come!

This is the subject of one's errors to be faced — difficult but vital. We think of Saint Peter's tears, which led him to a new and much truer love: it's a crying that purifies, that renews. Peter looked at Jesus and wept: his heart was renewed. As opposed to Judas, who didn't accept his having erred and, poor thing, committed suicide. It's a gift of God to understand sin; it's a work of the Holy Spirit. On our own, we can't understand sin. It's a grace for which we must pray. Lord, that I may understand the evil I've done or that I can do. This is a very great gift and, after having understood this, the weeping of repentance comes.

One of the early monks, Ephrem the Syrian, says that a face bathed by tears is unspeakably beautiful (Cf. Ascetic Address). The beauty of repentance, the beauty of weeping, the beauty of contrition! As ever, Christian life has its best expression in mercy. Wise and blessed is he that accepts the pain linked to love, because he will receive the consolation of the Holy Spirit that is the tenderness of God, who forgives and corrects. God always forgives: let's not forget this. God always forgives, even the most awful sins, always. The problem lies in us, who get tired of asking for pardon. We close ourselves in ourselves and don't ask for forgiveness. This is the problem, but He is there to forgive. If we always keep present that God "does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities" (Psalm 103:10), we live in mercy and in compassion, and love appears in us. May the Lord grant us to love in abundance, to love with a smile, with closeness, with service and also with tears.