

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

17th May 2020, Year A/2



Fra Angelico, Annalena Altarpiece 1430

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

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed His people, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Responsorial Psalm: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21

VIGIL SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY 8:30am

10:00am **For the Parish**

Monday 8:00am **6th Week of Easter** **Mary Kezik (Recently Deceased)**

Tuesday 8:00am **6th Week of Easter**

Wednesday 8.00am **6th Week of Easter**

Thursday 8.00am **6th Week of Easter**

Friday 8.00am **St Rita of Cascia** **Bronislaw Pikula, Elzbieta Krac & Zbigniew Blazek**

Saturday 8.30am **6th 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

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

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH
PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

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: \$165
Loose: \$Nil
Donations: \$162**

PROJECT COMPASSION: Total: \$804.85

Thank you for your generosity.

HOLY LAND (GOOD FRIDAY): Total: \$185

Thank you for your generosity.

PAYMENT LINK ON WEBSITE

There is now a means to give a donation, contribute to the 2nd Collection or a payment for the Sacramental program using your visa/master card on our website. There is a minimum of \$10 donation.

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.

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.



CELEBRATIONS FOR 2020

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

COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE

We are pleased to inform you that the Church is opened for Private Prayer and Sacraments.

Only 10 people are allowed in the church at any given time. Sign-in sheets are provided prior to entry to provide your name, contact number and address.

All who wish to attend Mass are required to register with the Parish by calling 4721 4080 or 0423 725 148.

You will need to provide your name, contact number and address during registration.

Only one Mass is available for registration per call (Up to 2 persons per family). This is to provide a chance to everybody to attend Mass.

You need to receive verbal confirmation that you are registered to attend the Mass on a particular day.

When you come to the church you will be asked to sign a pre-printed sign in sheet with your name on it. Please make sure your details are correct when you sign it.

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 hand.

Hand sanitisers are available in the church.

We will continue to livestream the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Masses until all the restrictions are over.

Further details are available on the parish website <http://stjosephskingswood.org/>

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

On Prayer (continued)

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Today we take the second step in the course of catecheses on prayer, initiated last week.

Prayer belongs to all: to men of all religions, and probably also to those that don't profess any. Prayer is born in the secret of ourselves, in that interior place that spiritual authors often call "heart" (Cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2562-2563). Therefore, to pray is not something peripheral in us; it's not something secondary and marginal in us, but it is the most intimate mystery in us. It is this mystery that prays. The emotions pray, but it can't be said that prayer is only emotion. The intelligence prays, but to pray isn't only an intellectual act. The body prays, but one can speak with God even in the gravest disability. Therefore, it's the whole man that prays, if his "heart" prays.

Prayer is a surge, it's an invocation that goes beyond us, something that is born in the intimacy of our person and reaches out because it feels the nostalgia of an encounter. That nostalgia that is more than a need, more than a necessity: it is a way. Prayer is the voice of an "I" that is groping, which proceeds tentatively, in search of a "You." The encounter between "me" and "You" can't be done with calculators: it's a human encounter and it often proceeds tentatively to find the "You" that my "I" is seeking.

Instead, a Christian's prayer is born of a revelation: the "You" did not remain enveloped in mystery but entered into relationship with us. Christianity is the religion that celebrates continually God's "manifestation," namely His epiphany. The first feasts of the Liturgical Year are the celebration of this God who doesn't remain hidden, but who offers His friendship to men. God reveals His glory in the poverty of Bethlehem, in the contemplation of the Magi, in the Baptism at the Jordan, in the miracle of the wedding of Cana. John's Gospel ends the great hymn of the Prologue with a synthetic affirmation: "No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has made Him known" (1:18). It was Jesus who revealed God to us.

A Christian's prayer enters in relationship with the God of the most tender face, who doesn't want to strike fear in men. This is the first characteristic of Christian prayer. If men were always accustomed to approaching God somewhat intimidated, somewhat scared by this fascinating and tremendous mystery, if they were used to venerate Him with a servile attitude, similar to that of a subject who doesn't want to lack respect for his lord,

Christians, instead, turn to Him, daring to call Him confidently with the name of "Father." In fact, Jesus uses the other word: "Papa."

Christianity has banished from the bond with God every "feudal" relationship. In our faith's patrimony expressions such as "subjection," "slavery" of "vassalage" are not present, but rather words such as "covenant," "friendship," "promise," "communion," "closeness." In his long farewell discourse to His disciples, Jesus said this: "No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, He may give it to you" (*John* 15:15-16). But this is a blank check: "All that you ask the Father in my name, I'll give you everything!"

God is the friend, the ally, the spouse. One can establish in prayer a relationship of confidence with Him, so true is this that in the "Our Father" Jesus has taught us to address a series of questions to Him. We can ask God for everything, everything: to explain everything, to recount everything. It doesn't matter if we feel at fault in the relationship with God: we aren't good friends, we aren't grateful children; we aren't faithful spouses. He continues to love us. It's what Jesus demonstrates definitively in the Last Supper when He says: "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant of my blood" (*Luke* 22:20). In that gesture, Jesus anticipates in the Cenacle the mystery of the Cross. God is a faithful ally: if men stop loving, He, however, continues to love, even if love leads Him to Calvary. God is always close to the door of our heart and He waits for us to open to Him. And sometimes He knocks at our heart, but He is not invasive: He waits. God's patience with us is the patience of a Papa, of one who loves us so much. I would say, it's the patience of both a father and a mother — always close to our heart. When He knocks, He does so with tenderness and much love.

Let us all try to pray like this, entering in the mystery of the Covenant. To put ourselves in prayer in the merciful arms of God, to feel ourselves enveloped in that mystery of happiness that the Trinitarian life is, to feel ourselves as guests that do not merit so much honour. And to respect God, in the wonder of prayer: is it possible that You only know love? He doesn't know hatred. He is hated but He doesn't know hatred. He only knows love. This is the God to whom we pray. This is the incandescent nucleus of all Christian prayer, the God of love, our Father, who waits for us and accompanies us.