

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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ASCENSION OF THE LORD

24th May 2020, Year A/2



ANGELICO, Fra, The Ascension of Christ, The Last Judgment, Pentecost (Corsini Triptych), 1447-48

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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94 Joseph Street
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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw Him go, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: God mounts His throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Reginald McAleenan (Rec. Dec.)

SUNDAY 8:30am

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Reginald McAleenan (Rec. Dec.)

Tuesday 8:00am St Philip Neri

Wednesday 8.00am 7th Week of Easter

Thursday 8.00am 7th Week of Easter Zbigniew Blazek (Dec. Ann.)

Friday 8.00am 7th Week of Easter

Saturday 8.30am 7th 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

Please apply for your Mass Intentions on the Parish Website or see one of the Priests.

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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday morning after Mass or speak to one of the Priests.

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

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2020

Postponed till further notice.

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: \$1088
Loose: \$320.75
Donations: \$293
Visitors' Contribution: \$50

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

Envelopes are now ready to be picked up from the Office during office hours (see front page) or in the Church. 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 or in the Black Boxes, marked 1st and 2nd Collection, and the Donation box at the back of the Church.

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.

MASS BOOKINGS

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

At present 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 for Private Prayer.

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

Parishioners have priority for Sunday Masses and can only book for one weekend Mass per fortnight.

Only one Mass is available for registration per call per family. This is to provide a chance for everybody to attend Mass.

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

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 confirm your presence on a pre-printed sheet with your name on it. Please make sure your details are correct when you sign in.

After 4.30pm you can register for the Mass for the next day on 0423 725 148, subject to availability, no matter what Mass you have attended previously.

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. Door handles, pens and surfaces are sanitised regularly.

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!

We continue with the catechesis on prayer, meditating on the mystery of Creation. Life, the simple fact that we exist, opens man's heart to prayer.

The first page of the Bible is like a great hymn of thanksgiving. The account of Creation is punctuated by refrains, where the goodness and beauty of everything that exists is continually confirmed. God calls to life with His word, and everything accesses existence. With the word, He separates light from darkness, alternates day and night, the cycle of seasons, opens a palette of colours with the variety of plants and animals. In this overflowing forest that quickly wards off the chaos, man finally appears. And this appearance sparks an excess of exultation that magnifies the satisfaction and joy: "And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good" (*Genesis 1:31*).

The beauty and mystery of Creation generates in man's heart the first movement that arouses prayer (Cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2566). So says the eighth Psalm that we heard at the beginning: "When I look at Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars which Thou hast established; what is man that Thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that Thou dost care for him?" (vv. 3-4). The praying person contemplates the mystery of existence around him, he sees the starry sky that hangs over him — and that astrophysics shows us today in all its immensity — and he wonders what design of love there must be behind such a powerful work! And what is man in this unbounded vastness?" "Almost a nothing," says another Psalm (Cf. 89:48): a being that is born, a being that dies, a very fragile creature. In the whole universe, the human being is the only creature aware of such a profusion of beauty. A small being that is born, dies, is today and tomorrow is not, is the only one aware of this beauty. We are aware of this beauty!

Man's prayer is closely linked with the sentiment of wonder. Man's greatness is infinitesimal if compared to the universe's dimensions. His greatest conquests seem but very little, but man isn't nothing. In prayer a sentiment of mercy is affirmed overpoweringly. Nothing exists by chance: the secret of the universe lies in Someone's benevolent gaze, which crosses our eyes. The Psalm affirms that we are made little less than God, crowned with glory and honour (Cf. 8:5). Man's greatness is his relationship with God. By nature, we are almost nothing, small but by vocation, by calling we are children of the great King!

It's an experience that many of us have had. If the story of life, with all its bitterness, sometimes risks suffocating in us the gift of prayer, suffice it to contemplate a starry sky, a sunset, a flower . . . to rekindle the spark of thanksgiving. This experience is perhaps at the base of the Bible's first page.

When the biblical account of Creation is drawn up, the people of Israel are not going through happy days. An enemy power had occupied the land; many were deported, and now found themselves slaves in Mesopotamia. There was no longer a homeland, a Temple, or social and religious life — nothing. Yet, precisely from the great account of Creation, some begin to find reasons for thanksgiving, to praise God for their existence. Prayer is the first strength of hope. You pray and hope grows, it goes forward. I would say that prayer opens the door to hope. Hope exists, but with my prayer I open the door to it. Because men of prayer protect the basic truths; they are those that repeat, first of all to themselves and then to all others, that this life, despite all its toils and trials, despite its difficult days, is full of a grace to marvel at, and, as such, is always defended and protected.

Men and women who pray know that hope is stronger than discouragement. They believe that love is more powerful than death and that one day it will certainly triumph, even if in times and ways that we don't know. Men and women of prayer bear reflections on their face of flashes of light: because even in the darkest days, the sun doesn't cease to illuminate them. Prayer illumines you: it illumines your soul, it illumines your heart and it illumines your face, even in the darkest times, even in times of great sorrow.

We are all bearers of joy. Have you thought of this? That you are a bearer of Joy? Or do you prefer to bring bad news, things that sadden? We are all capable of bringing joy. This life is the gift that God has given us, and it is too short to consume it in sadness, in bitterness. We praise God, happy simply to exist. We look at the universe, we look at the beauties and we also look at our crosses and we say: "But You exist; You have made us so, for Yourself."

It is necessary to feel that restlessness of heart that leads to thanking and praising God. We are the children of the great King, of the Creator, able to read His signature in all of Creation, that Creation that we do not protect today; however, in that Creation is God's signature, who made it out of love. May the Lord make us understand this ever more profoundly and lead us to say "thank you," and that "thank you" is a beautiful prayer. My blessings to all of you.