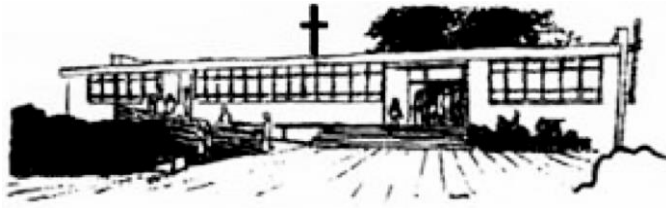


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

12<sup>th</sup> January 2020, Year A/2



BACCHIACCA, Baptism of Christ, c. 1520

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

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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:** After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened,  
and the Spirit descended upon Him like a dove,  
and the voice of the Father thundered:  
This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord will bless His people with peace.

**Second Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

**Gospel:** Matthew 3:13-17

### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

**SUNDAY** 8:30am

10:00am

**For the Parish**

**Monday** 8:00am 1<sup>st</sup> Week Ordinary Time

**Tuesday** 8:00am 1<sup>st</sup> Week Ordinary Time

**Wednesday** 8.00am St Francis Fernandez de Capillas, Benny & Sajamma (19<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)  
Peter Sanz & Companions

**Thursday** 8.00am 1<sup>st</sup> Week Ordinary Time For the Souls in Purgatory

**Friday** 8.00am St Anthony

**Saturday** 8.30am St Margaret of Hungary

### 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:

### DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

### BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

### YOUTH MASS

Next Youth Mass will be Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020 at 6pm.

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2020

**Reconciliation:** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session: 1<sup>st</sup> March

**First Communion:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June  
Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session: 26<sup>th</sup> April

**Confirmation:** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November  
Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session: 28<sup>th</sup> June

### POPE FRANCIS' JANUARY INTENTIONS

#### Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

**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

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## PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

**SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$655**  
**Loose: \$391.15**  
**Visitor Contribution: \$6**

### **ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP:**

Next Group is Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 7pm in the Parish Office. All are welcome.

Any questions please ring Jim on 0411 280 950.

### **CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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. All are welcome. Please bring your Bible with you.

### **YOUTH GROUP**

Our next Group is Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

### **PARISH LUNCH:**

Held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

### **NO EXIT VIA JOSEPH STREET**

Please take care when entering or leaving via Richmond Road.

### **PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 – STAGE 2**

Please return your Forms to the Pink Box at the back of the Church by next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

### **GIRLS' FAITH & FUN DAY**

For girls aged 9 to 14 from 10.30am to 3.30pm on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January at "Home of Light" 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa 2745. Cost \$15. RSVP by 21<sup>st</sup> January. Registration Forms are at the back of the Church.

### **LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSES**

Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses for Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar begin Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February at Blacktown and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February at Penrith. Please see Office for Form.

### **BUSHFIRE RESPONSE**

Australia is currently facing an unprecedented bushfire crisis in many parts of the country. The Australian Bishops have announced that special collections will be taken at Masses on Australia Day weekend to support affected communities. They have also urged Catholics to pray constantly for those affected, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the bushfires. For information or to access prayer resources visit [www.catholic.org.au/bushfires](http://www.catholic.org.au/bushfires)

### **ANNUAL RED MASS**

Bishop Vincent Long and Fr Bob Bossini warmly invite members of the judiciary and legal community, public service officials, law students and their families to the annual Red Mass on 28 January at St Patrick's Cathedral at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be served after Mass. Confirm attendance and any dietary requirements by 20 January to (02) 8839 8411 or [events@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:events@stpatscathedral.com.au).

### **INSTITUTE OF MISSION**

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

**Reflective Ministry Part 1** – Tuesday evenings from 10<sup>th</sup> 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

### **MT CARMEL 2020 RETREAT PROGRAM**

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre is at 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville. Phone 8795 3400.

See the Program at the back of the Church or visit the web site [mtcarmel.com.au](http://mtcarmel.com.au).

### **NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR RAIN**

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place from November. 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](http://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.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

Acts of the Apostles 27:15, 21-24

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

In the final part, the Book of the Acts of the Apostles recounts that the Gospel continues its course not only by land but by sea, on a ship taking Paul prisoner from Caesarea to Rome (Cf. *Acts* 27:1-28, 16), in the heart of the Empire, so that the word of the Risen One is realized: "You shall be my witnesses [. . .] to the end of the earth" (*Acts* 1:8). Read the Book of the Acts of the Apostles and you will see how the Gospel, with the strength of the Holy Spirit, reaches all peoples, is made universal. Take it. Read it.

From the beginning the sailing met with unfavourable conditions. The journey became dangerous and they were forced to disembark at Mira, board another ship and coast along the southern side of the Island of Crete. Paul advised not to continue the sailing, but the centurion didn't give him credit and entrusted himself to the pilot and the ship-owner. The journey continues but such a tempestuous wind was unleashed that the crew lost control and let the ship drift.

When death now seemed close and despair pervaded all, Paul intervened. He is the man of faith and knows that that "danger of death" (2 *Corinthians* 11:23) can't separate him from the love of Christ (Cf. *Romans* 8:35) and from the task he has received. Therefore, he reassures his companions saying: "This very night there stood by me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, and he said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar; and lo, God has granted you all those who sail with you'" (*Acts* 27:23-24). Even in trial, Paul doesn't cease to be custodian of others' life and animator of their hope.

Luke thus shows us that the plan that guides Paul to Rome saves not only the Apostle but also his travel companions, and the shipwreck, from a situation of tragedy is changed into a providential opportunity to proclaim the Gospel. The shipwreck is followed by the landing on the Island of Malta, whose inhabitants demonstrate a caring reception. The Maltese are good, they are meek, they are welcoming already from that time. It is raining and it's cold, and they light a bonfire to ensure a bit of warmth and relief to the shipwrecked. Here too, as true disciple of Christ, Paul

gets to work to fuel the fire with some branches. During these operations he was bitten by a viper but suffered no harm. Seeing this, the people said: "No doubt this man is a murderer. Though he has escaped from the sea, he ends up being bitten by a viper!" They were waiting for the moment he would fall dead, but he didn't suffer any harm and is even changed – from being taken as a murderer to a divinity. In reality, that benefit came from the Risen Lord who assisted him, according to the promise made before ascending to Heaven and addressed to believers: "They will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover" (*Mark* 16:18). History says that from that moment there are no serpents in Malta: this is God's blessing for the welcome of these very good people.

In fact, the sojourn in Malta becomes for Paul the propitious occasion to give "flesh" to the word that he proclaims and thus exercise a ministry of compassion in the healing of the sick. And this is a law of the Gospel: when a believer has the experience of salvation, he doesn't keep it to himself but circulates it. "The good always tends to communicate itself. Every experience of truth and beauty seeks its expansion, and every person that lives a profound liberation acquires greater sensitivity in face of others' needs" (Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, 9). A "tried" Christian can certainly make himself close to one who suffers, because he knows what suffering is, and renders his heart open and sensitive to solidarity towards others. Paul teaches us to live trials by staying close to Christ, to mature the "conviction that God can act in any circumstance, even in the midst of apparent failures" and the "certainty that one who offers himself and gives himself to God out of love, will surely be fruitful" (*Ibid.*, 279). Love is always fruitful, the love of God is always fruitful, and if you let the Lord take you and you receive the Lord's gifts, this will enable you to give them to others. God's love always goes beyond.

Let us ask the Lord today to help us to live every trial sustained by the energy of faith; and to be sensitive to the many shipwrecked of history that land exhausted on our coasts, because we also are able to receive them with that fraternal love that comes from the encounter with Jesus. This is what saves from the ice of indifference and of inhumanity.