

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

14th June 2020, Year A/2



Juan de Flandes - Last Supper ca. 1490-1500

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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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: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.
First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16
Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17
Gospel: John 3:16-18

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		For the Gwiazda Family
SUNDAY	8:30am		Margaret Mary Sullivan (Rec. Dec.)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	11 th Week Ordinary Time	Margaret Mary Sullivan (Rec. Dec.)
Tuesday	8:00am	11 th Week Ordinary Time	
Wednesday	8.00am	11 th Week Ordinary Time	Margaret Mary Sullivan (Rec. Dec.)
Thursday	8.00am	11 th Week Ordinary Time	Margaret Mary Sullivan (Rec. Dec.)
Friday	8.00am	SACRED HEART OF JESUS	
Saturday	8.30am	Immaculate Heart of Mary	Margaret Mary Sullivan (Rec. Dec.)

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Margaret Mary Sullivan

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES: Elaine D'Arcy

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday morning after Mass as usual, during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament or speak to one of the Priests.

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.

POPE FRANCIS' JUNE INTENTIONS

The Way of the Heart

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

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

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$930
Loose: \$245.40
Donations: \$39.80
Visitor Contributions: \$2

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

Due to COVID-19 restrictions there are no Collections during Masses. Planned giving envelopes and 1st Collection contributions can be placed in the Black Letterboxes at the back of the Church, and any donations into the Donation box.

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.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS FOR 2020

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

ONLINE CATHOLIC PRAYER & TEACHING

Join Bruce Downes the Catholic Guy online each Sunday for a time of prayer and inspirational teaching to build your faith. Call 1300 734 880 for information or go to www.bruce-downes.tv/

HOUSE OF WELCOME DURING COVID-19

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.

PRIVATE PRAYER AND MASS BOOKINGS

50 people are allowed in the church from Monday 1st June.

Private Prayer - Sign-in sheets are provided prior to entry to provide your name, contact number and address for Private Prayer.

Weekend Masses – Bookings are required to guarantee a place in the Church. To register please ring the Parish by calling 4721 4080 during Office hours or ring 0423 725 148 outside Office hours. If you do not register, we cannot guarantee that you will be able to enter the Church, as we will have to limit the number of attendants to 50 (including children).

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

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.

Weekday Masses - There is no registration for weekday Masses; the first 50 people will be admitted to the Church.

Please provide your name, telephone number and address on the sheet provided.

Social distancing is still essential, so you will be required to take notice of the signs on the pews.

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 the Prayer of Abraham

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Let us continue with our catechesis on the subject of prayer. The Book of Genesis, through the occurrences of men and women of a far off time, tells us stories that we can reflect on in our own lives. In the Patriarch Cycle, we also find that of a man who shrewdly developed his best talent: Jacob. The biblical account tells us about the difficult relationship Jacob had with his brother Esau. Ever since childhood, there was a rivalry between them, which was never overcome later on. Jacob is the second-born – they were twins – but through trickery he manages to obtain the blessing and birthright of their father Isaac (cf. *Gen 25:19-34*). It is only the first in a long series of ploys of which this unscrupulous man is capable. Even the name “Jacob” means someone who is cunning in his movements.

Forced to flee far from his brother, he seems to succeed in every undertaking in his life. He is adept at business: he greatly enriches himself, becoming the owner of an enormous flock. With tenacity and patience he manages to marry Laban's most beautiful daughter, with whom he is truly in love. Jacob – as we would say in modern terms – is a “self-made” man; with his ingenuity, his cunning, he manages to obtain everything he wants. But he lacks something. He lacks a living relationship with his own roots.

And one day he hears the call of home, of his ancient homeland, where his brother Esau, with whom he has always had a terrible relationship, still lives. Jacob sets out, undertaking a long journey with a caravan of many people and animals, until he reaches the final step, the Jabbok stream. Here the Book of Genesis offers us a memorable page (cf. *32: 23-33*). It describes that the patriarch, after having all of his people and all the livestock – and they were many – cross the stream, remains alone on the bank of the river on the foreign side. And he ponders: what awaits him the following day? What attitude will his brother Esau, from whom he stole his birthright, assume? Jacob's mind is a whirlwind of thoughts.... And, as it is getting dark, suddenly a stranger grabs him and begins to wrestle with him. The Catechism explains: “the spiritual tradition of the Church has retained the symbol of prayer as a battle of faith and as the triumph of perseverance” (CCC, 2573).

Jacob wrestles the entire night, never letting go of his adversary. In the end he is beaten, his sciatic nerve is struck by his opponent, and thereafter he will walk with a limp for the rest of his life. That mysterious wrestler asks the patriarch for his name and tells him: “Your name shall no more be called Jacob, but Israel, for you

have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed” (*Gen 32:28*). As if to say: you will never be the man who walks this way, straight. He changes his name, he changes his life, he changes his attitude. You will be called Israel. Then Jacob also asks the other: “Tell me, I pray, your name”. The other does not reveal it to him but blesses him instead. Then Jacob understands he has encountered God “face to face” (vv. 29-30).

Wrestling with God: a metaphor for prayer. Other times Jacob has shown himself able to dialogue with God, to sense Him as a friendly and close presence. But that night, through a lengthy struggle that nearly makes him succumb the patriarch emerges changed. A change of name, a change in his way of life and a personality change: he comes out of it a changed man. For once he is no longer master of the situation – his cunning is no use to him – he is no longer a strategic and calculating man. God returns him to his truth as a mortal man who trembles and fears, because in the struggle, Jacob was afraid. For once Jacob has only his frailty and powerlessness, and also his sins, to present to God. And it is *this* Jacob who receives God's blessing, with which he limps into the promised land: vulnerable and wounded, but with a new heart. Once I heard an elderly man – a good man, a good Christian, but a sinner who had great trust in God – who said: “God will help me; He will not leave me alone. I will enter Heaven; limping, but I will enter”. First he was a self-assured man; he trusted in his own shrewdness. He was a man impervious to grace, immune to mercy; he did not know what mercy was. “Here I am, I am in command!”. He did not think he was in need of mercy. But God saved what had been lost. He made him understand that he was limited, that he was a sinner who was in need of mercy, and He saved him.

We all have an appointment during the night with God, in the night of our life, in the many nights of our life: dark moments, moments of sin, moments of disorientation. And there we have an appointment with God, always. He will surprise us at the moment we least expect, when we find ourselves truly alone. That same night, struggling against the unknown, we will realise that we are only poor men and women – “poor things”, I dare say – but right then, in that moment in which we feel we are “poor things”, we need not fear: because God will give us a new name, which contains the meaning of our entire life; He will change our heart and He will offer us the blessing reserved to those who have allowed themselves to be changed by Him. This is a beautiful invitation to let ourselves be changed by God. He knows how to do it, because He knows each one of us. “Lord, You know me”, every one of us might say. “Lord, You know me. Change me”.