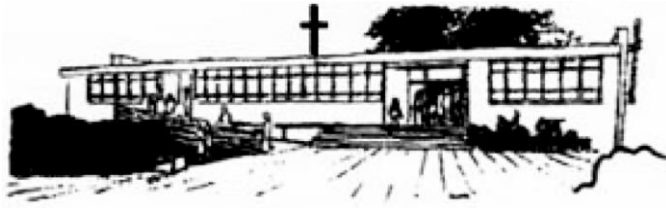


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Please leave a detailed Message

## EASTER SUNDAY

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



ANGELICO, Fra, Noli Me Tangere, 1440-1442

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: 9:00am - 1:00pm

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# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Entrance Antiphon:** I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
You have laid Your hand upon me, alleluia.  
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

**First Reading:** Acts 10:34, 37-43

**Responsorial Psalm:** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:1-4

**Gospel:** John 20:1-9

### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:30pm Easter Vigil

SUNDAY 8:30am

10:00am For the Parish

Monday 8:00am Octave of Easter

Tuesday 8:00am Octave of Easter

Wednesday 8.00am Octave of Easter

Thursday 8.00am Octave of Easter

Friday 8.00am Octave of Easter

Saturday 8.30am Octave of Easter

### LIVE STREAM OF DAILY MASS AND ADORATION

Please visit our website

<http://stjosephskingswood.org/> or type in your browser: [bit.ly/stjoe](http://bit.ly/stjoe)

Click the link [Live stream of the Masses, Rosary and Adoration](#) and Reload the Page each day.

For direct link to livestream masses type in your browser: [bit.ly/stjosephlive](http://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, 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

*A HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU.  
MAY YOU EXPERIENCE THE PEACE AND HOPE OF JESUS CHRIST.  
FROM THE DOMINICAN FATHERS*

Dear Parishioners,  
Christ is Risen!

This is a time for the Church and all of us to rejoice, to celebrate, to be united in a different way as a Parish. This time of physical separation is very difficult. Yes, we cannot meet at the Eucharist and joyously sing Alleluia and share our joy with one another. But let us share this Paschal Joy in a special way when we are closer to Our Lord in prayer.

I want to assure you, that you are very close to my Dominican brothers and myself especially during this Easter Season when we celebrate the Eucharist. Have a blessed Easter and we hope to meet soon at St. Joseph's.

God bless,  
Father Andrew Fornal

#### **POPE FRANCIS' APRIL INTENTIONS**

##### **Freedom from Addiction**

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

#### **COUNSELLING**

For counselling, or just to have a chat or to make an appointment please call us on our new mobile number 0423 725 148.

#### **NEW MOBILE NUMBER FOR PARISH**

Our new mobile number for any appointments 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.

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Parish Office is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00am to 2:00pm and on Friday from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

#### **REGULAR UPDATES**

For regular updates please visit us on our website <http://stjosephskingswood.org/> or type in your browser: [bit.ly/stJoe](http://bit.ly/stJoe) or visit our Facebook page [stjosephskingswood](https://www.facebook.com/stjosephskingswood)

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Envelopes: \$240  
Loose: \$10  
Online Donations: \$1,000

#### **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.

If you would like to contribute through online banking, please use the following details for EFT deposits:

BSB: 067 950  
Account Number: 00000396  
Account Name: Kingswood Catholic Church

Please send us an email with details of your donation including name, contact number and envelope number (if you have one) on our parish email. Thank you for your generosity.

#### **CATHOLICCARE**

CatholicCare – Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains services remain open and operational during the current COVID-19 outbreak. Individual offices have been closed to clients, but the service continues to operate with care and support offered via phone, video conferencing / telehealth and online. Some programs are continuing to run groups via video conference. Please visit their web site <https://ccss.org.au> or ring 8843 2500.

#### **DIOCESE LITURGY HELP**

The URL for Parramatta is:  
[www.liturgyhelp.com/aus/parra/pray](http://www.liturgyhelp.com/aus/parra/pray)



#### **CELEBRATIONS FOR 2020**

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

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

**POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS**

Focus on Christ during Pandemic

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

In these weeks of apprehension due to the pandemic that is making the world suffer so much, among the many questions we ask ourselves, there may also be questions about God: What does He do in the face of our pain? Where He is when all goes wrong? Why doesn't He resolve the problems speedily for us? They are questions we ask about God.

Of help to us is the account of the Passion of Jesus, who accompanies us in these holy days. There too, in fact, many questions come together. After welcoming Jesus triumphantly to Jerusalem, the people wondered if He had finally liberated <them> from their enemies (Cf. *Luke 24:21*). They were expecting a powerful, triumphant Messiah with a sword. Instead, one arrives who is meek and humble of heart, who calls to conversion and mercy. And it is in fact the crowd, that had earlier acclaimed Him, that cries out: "Let Him be crucified!" (*Matthew 27:23*). Those that were following Him, confused and scared, abandon Him. They thought: if this is Jesus' fate, He isn't the Messiah, because God is strong, God is invincible.

However, if we read further on in the account of the Passion, we find a surprising fact. When Jesus dies, the Roman centurion who wasn't a believer, he wasn't a Jew, but a pagan, who had seen Him suffer on the cross and heard Him forgive all, who had touched His boundless love, confessed: "Truly this man was the Son of God" (*Mark 15:39*). In fact, he says the opposite of the others. He says that God is there, that it is truly God. We can ask ourselves today: which is God's true face? Usually, we project on Him what we are, to the greatest degree: our success, our sense of justice, and also our anger. However, the Gospel tells us that God isn't like this. He is different and we cannot know Him with our own strength. Therefore, He made Himself closer; He came to meet us and precisely at Easter He revealed Himself completely. And where did He reveal Himself completely? On the cross. There we learn the features of God's face. Let us not forget, brothers and sisters, that the cross is God's Chair. It will do us good to stay to look at the Crucifix in silence and to see who Our Lord is: it is He who does not point the finger against anyone, not even against those that are crucifying Him, but opens wide His arms to all; who doesn't crush us with His glory, but lets Himself be despoiled for us; who doesn't love us with words but gives His life in silence; who doesn't constrain us, but frees us; who doesn't treat us as strangers, but takes our evil upon Himself; He takes our sins upon Himself. And He does this, to free us from

prejudices about God, so we look at the Crucifix. And then we open the Gospel. In these days, all of us in quarantine and at home, shut-in, we take these two things in hand: the Crucifix and we look at it; and we open the Gospel. This will be for us — let's say so — as a great domestic liturgy because these days we cannot go to church. Crucifix and Gospel!

In the Gospel we read that, when the people go to Jesus to make him King, for instance, after the multiplication of the loaves, He goes away (Cf. *John 6:15*). And when the devils want to reveal His divine majesty, He silences them (Cf. *Mark 1:24-25*). Why? Because Jesus doesn't want to be misunderstood, He doesn't want the people to confuse the true God, who is humble love, with a false god, a worldly god that makes a show and imposes himself with force. He is God who became man, like each one of us, and He expresses Himself as man but with the force of His divinity. Instead, when in the Gospel is Jesus' identity proclaimed solemnly? When the centurion says: "Truly, He was the Son of God." It's said there, when He has just given His life on the cross because we can no longer be mistaken: it's seen that God is omnipotent in love, and in no other way. It's His nature because He is made so. He is Love. You can object: "What do I do with a God that is so weak, that He dies? I would prefer a strong God, a powerful God!" But do you know, the power of this world passes, whereas love remains. Love alone protects the life we have because it embraces our fragilities and transforms them. It's God's love that at Easter cured our sin with His forgiveness, who made of death a passage of life, who changed our fear into trust, our anguish into hope. Easter tells us that God can turn everything into good, that with Him we can truly trust that all will be well. And this isn't an illusion, because Jesus' Death and Resurrection isn't an illusion: it was a truth! Behold why on Easter morning we are told: "Do not be afraid!" (*Matthew 28:5*). And the anguishing questions about evil don't disappear suddenly but find in the Risen One.

Dear brothers and sisters, Jesus has changed history, making Himself close to us, and has rendered it, although still marked by evil, the history of salvation. By offering His life on the cross, Jesus also defeated death. God's love reaches all of us from the open heart of the Crucified. We can change our stories by coming close to Him, accepting the salvation He offers us. Brothers and sisters, let us open our whole heart to Him in prayer, this week, these days. This will be the domestic liturgy. Let us open our whole heart to Him in prayer, letting His gaze rest on us, and we will understand that we are not alone, but loved because the Lord doesn't abandon us and doesn't forget us — ever. And, with these thoughts, I wish you a Holy Week and a Holy Easter.