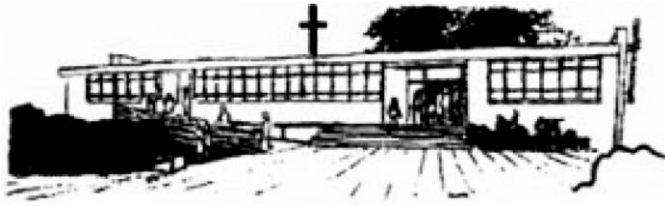


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

22nd November 2020, Year A/2



Christ Pantokrator, Righteous Judge & Lover of Mankind,
Icon in Cathedral of Cefalu, Sicily

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm Live Stream

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

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour.
To Him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm All Souls

SUNDAY 8:30am All Souls

10:00am For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 34th Week Ordinary Time All Souls

Tuesday 8:00am Sts Ignatius Delgado, Vincent Liem & Companions All Souls

Wednesday 8.00am 34th Week Ordinary Time All Souls

Thursday 8.00am 34th Week Ordinary Time All Souls

Friday 8.00am 34th Week Ordinary Time All Souls

Saturday 8.30am Mass of the Virgin Mary All Souls

LIVE STREAM OF WEEKEND MASS AT 6PM

The 6pm Vigil on Saturday evening will continue to be livestreamed every Weekend and will be available online through to Sunday.

Please visit our website:

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

NOVEMBER MASSES

During November, one Mass per day as announced will be celebrated for our deceased loved ones whose names are recorded in the Remembrance Book or on the Envelopes.

FIRST COMMUNION

Our children are making their First Communion this weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

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' NOVEMBER INTENTIONS

Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Zig Barglik, Joy Cavanagh, Kevin Collins, Margaret Colville, Valerie Davis, Katalin Domotor, Marie Donaldson, Nora Hehir, Andrew Isbitski, Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Shayla, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Barbara Thompson, Kelly Tonna, Kathryn Tuckwell, Geoffrey Waltis, Robert Waltisbuhl, Raymond Waters.

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: \$707**
 Loose: \$326.80
 Tap & Go: \$180

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.

TAP AND GO DONATION FACILITY

We have a new "Tap and Go" Donation device at the back of the church. Tap once to donate \$10; tap twice to donate \$20 etc. up to \$150. All contributions go to the 2nd Collection.

PARISH CELL GROUP

Every 1st & 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm in the Parish Centre. All are most welcome. Any questions please ring Jim on 0478 027 210.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is every Wednesday at 9.15am. Please bring your Sunday Missal with you. All welcome.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Our next Young Adults meeting is this Friday 27th November at 6.45pm in the Parish Hall. For more information please type bit.ly/YASJK into your browser.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Available after all Masses at \$9 each.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Next weekend 28th/29th November will be our collection to help CatholicCare's Project Elizabeth to support vulnerable families to build strong, loving relationships. The Special Collection Box will be at the back of the Church or you can also donate through yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal. Please be generous.

VISIT THE WELL

You are invited to partake of inspirational Sessions for your families at www.thewell.org.au

COVID-19 FOOD & TOILETRIES DRIVE

Jesuit Refugee Service and House of Welcome are running a food and toiletries drive to feed over 1,000 people facing destitution each week. Please leave your contribution at the Parish Office.

PRIVATE PRAYER AND MASS BOOKINGS

Following the 4 sq. metres per person, 80 people are allowed in our Church from Wednesday 1st July. Priest and Essential Workers are not included.

Private Prayer - Sign-in sheets are provided prior to entry to provide your contact details 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 early in the week, we cannot guarantee that you will be able to attend the Mass of your choice, as we will have to limit the number of attendants to 80 (including children) for each Mass.

You will need to provide your name and contact details when registering. Your presence will be confirmed as you arrive at the Church.

Weekday Masses - There is no registration for weekday Masses; the first 80 people will be admitted to the Church.

Please provide your name and contact details on the sheet provided or you can use the QR Code and show the Usher that you have been CHECKED IN.

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 the hand.
- **There is no Congregational Singing at present and it is highly recommended that Masks be worn at Church and in the Grounds.**

Hand Sanitisers are available in the Church. Door handles, pens and surfaces are sanitised regularly. Further details are available on the parish website <http://stjosephskingswood.org/>

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS FOR 2020

When the restrictions are lifted, we will celebrate and extend our celebration into next year.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Prayer – The Virgin Mary, Prayerful Woman

Wednesday 18th November 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

On our course of catechesis on prayer, today we meet *the Virgin Mary as the prayerful woman*. The Madonna prayed. When the world still knew nothing of her, when she was a simple girl engaged to a man of the house of David, Mary prayed. We can imagine the young girl of Nazareth wrapped in silence, in continual dialogue with God who would soon entrust her with a mission. She is already full of grace and immaculate from the moment she was conceived; but she knows nothing yet of her surprising and extraordinary vocation and the stormy sea she will have to cross. One thing is certain: Mary belongs to a great host of the humble of heart whom the official historians never include in their books, but with whom God prepared the coming of His Son.

Mary did not autonomously conduct her life: she waits for God to take the reins of her path and guide her where He wants. She is docile, and with her availability she prepares the grand events in which God takes part in the world.

Mary was praying when the Archangel Gabriel came to bring his message to her in Nazareth. Her small yet immense “Here I am”, which makes all of creation jump for joy at that moment, was preceded throughout salvation history by many other “Here I am”, by many who were open to God’s will. There is no better way to pray than to place oneself in an attitude of openness, of a heart open to God. That is, with a heart open to God’s will. And God always responds. How many believers live their prayer like this! Those who are the most humble of heart pray like this: with essential humility, let’s put it that way; with simple humility: “Lord, what You want, when You want, and how You want”. They pray like this and do not get upset when problems fill their days, but they go about facing reality and knowing that in humble love, in love offered in each situation, we become instruments of God’s grace. “Lord, what You want, when You want, and how You want”. A simple prayer, but one in which we place ourselves in the Lord’s hands so that He might guide us. All of us can pray like this, almost without words.

Prayer knows how to calm restlessness. We are restless, we always want things before asking for them, and we want them right away. Prayer knows how to calm restlessness, knows how to transform it into availability. When I am restless, I pray and prayer opens my heart and makes me open to God’s will. In those few moments of the Annunciation, the Virgin Mary knew how to reject fear, even while sensing that her “yes” would bring her tremendously difficult trials. If in prayer we understand

that each day given by God is a call, our hearts will then widen and we will accept everything. We will learn how to say: “What You want, Lord. Promise me only that You will be present every step of my way”. This is important: to ask the Lord to be present on every step of our way: that He not leave us alone, that He not abandon us in temptation, that He not abandon us in the bad moments. The Our Father end this way: the grace that Jesus Himself taught us to ask of the Lord.

Mary accompanied Jesus’s entire life in prayer, right up to His death and resurrection; and she accompanied the first steps of the nascent Church. Mary prayed with the disciples who had witnessed the scandal of the cross. She was there with the disciples, whom her Son had called to form His Community. Mary prayed with them and prayed for them. Her prayer preceded into the future that was about to be fulfilled: by the work of the Holy Spirit she became the Mother of God and the Mother of the Church. Mary’s prayer is silent. The Gospels recount only one of Mary’s prayers at Cana, when she asks her Son for those poor people who are about to make a horrible impression during the banquet. So, let us imagine: there is a wedding banquet and it will end up with milk because there is no wine! What an impression! And she prays and asks her Son to resolve that problem. Mary’s presence is prayer, and her presence among the disciples in the Upper Room, awaiting the Holy Spirit, is in prayer. Thus Mary gives birth to the Church, she is the Mother of the Church.

Mary was open to God’s voice that guided her heart, that guided her steps where her presence was needed. Mary is present because she is Mother, but she is also present because she is the first disciple, the one who best learned Jesus’s ways. Mary never says: “Come, I will take care of things”. Instead she says: “Do whatever He will tell you”, always pointing her finger at Jesus. This behaviour is typical of the disciple, and she is the first disciple: she prays as Mother and she prays as a disciple.

“Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart” (*Lk 2:19*). Everything that happens around her ends up being reflected on in the depths of her heart: the days filled with joy, as well as the darkest moments when even she struggles to understand by which roads the Redemption must pass. Everything ends up in her heart so that it might pass through the sieve of prayer and be transfigured by it: whether it be the gifts of the Magi, or the flight into Egypt, until that terrible passion Friday. The Mother keeps everything and brings it to her dialogue with God. How beautiful it would be if we too could be a bit like our Mother! With a heart open to God’s Word, with a silent heart, with an obedient heart, with a heart that knows how to receive God’s Word and that allows itself to grow with the seed of good for the Church.