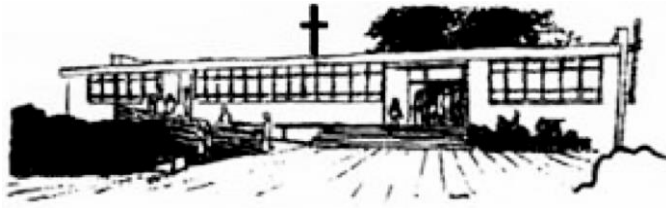


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

Assistant Priest

Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148

Please leave a detailed Message

PALM SUNDAY

5th April 2020, Year A/2



LORENZETTI, Pietro, Entry into Jerusalem, 1320

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
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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: Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: My God, My God, why have You abandoned Me?

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm Intention will be celebrated in a private mass (No live broadcast)

SUNDAY	8:30am		Catalino Baldivia (Rec. Dec.)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	Holy Week	Alois Bogaerts (Rec. Dec.)
Tuesday	8:00am	Holy Week	Odile St Lambert & Kim Nelson (Dec. Ann.)
Wednesday	8.00am	Holy Week	
Thursday	7.00pm	The Lord's Supper	
Friday	3.00pm	Passion of Christ	
Saturday	6.30pm	Holy Saturday	

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, Rosary and Adoration](#) and Reload the Page each day.

For direct link to livestream masses type in your browser bit.ly/stjosephlive

MASS INTENTIONS

Ring Emergency number or apply at Mass Intentions on the Parish Website

SACRAMENT 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.

EASTER LITURGIES

Please refer to the Parish website for the Easter Liturgies.

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

Dear Parishioners,

We are entering the Holy Week. The most sacred week of the whole Liturgical Year, where the Church celebrates the Passion and the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, these celebrations this year will have a very sombre character. We are not able to be together to celebrate the solemn Liturgies of the Holy Week at our church.

My Brothers and I, we want to assure you about our closeness to you in this time, especially when we will celebrate the Liturgies of the Most Sacred Triduum in private. I invite you to join us for these celebrations through the YouTube channel when we will livestream them to you. In the bulletin you will find a link to the Livestream of the Daily Mass and Adoration where the Sacred Triduum Liturgies will be broadcast also. We hope and pray that very soon we can meet at the church for regular activities. May the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph keep you in their care. God Bless and protect you all.

Fr. Andrew

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

Kindly note our new mobile number 0423 725 148 in order to make any appointments and contact the priest on duty.

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 or visit our Facebook page stjosephkingswood

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$490

Loose: \$35

Visitor Contribution: \$Nil

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.

CATHOLIC CARE

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

During this time when we are no longer able to gather to celebrate the Eucharist, Liturgy Help has enabled free access to all parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta.

The URL for Parramatta is:

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

On the Eighth Beatitude

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Today we read together the eighth Beatitude, which promises the vision of God and has, as condition, purity of heart.

A Psalm says: "My heart repeats your invitation: 'Seek ye my face! Thy face, Lord, do I seek.' Hide not thy face from me" (27:8-9).

This language manifests the thirst of a personal relationship with God, not mechanical, not somewhat nebulous, no: personal, which the Book of Job also expresses as sign of a sincere relationship. The Book of Job says thus: "I had heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees Thee" (*Job* 42:5). And I often think that this is the way of life, of our relations with God. We know God by hearsay, but with our experience we go forward, forward, forward and in the end we know Him directly, if we are faithful . . . And this is maturity of the Spirit.

How can one come to this intimacy, to know God with the eyes? We can think of the disciples of Emmaus, for instance, who had the Lord next to them, "but their eyes were kept from recognizing Him" (*Luke* 24:16). The Lord would open their eyes at the end of a journey that culminates with the breaking of the bread and that began with a reproach: "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!" (*Luke* 24:25). That is the reproach of the beginning. Here is the origin of their thirst: their foolish and slow heart. And when the heart is foolish and slow things are not seen. Things are seen as cloudy. Here is the wisdom of this Beatitude: to be able to contemplate, it's necessary to enter within ourselves and make room for God because, as Saint Augustine says, "God is more intimate to me than myself" ("*interior intimo meo*," *Confessions*, III, 6, 11). To see God it's no good to change one's eyeglasses or point of observation, or to change theological authors that teach the way: it's necessary to free the heart from its deceptions! This is the only way. This is a decisive maturation: when we realize that our worst enemy is often hidden in our heart.

The noblest battle is that against the interior deceptions that generate our sins. Because sins change one's interior vision, change the rating of things, make one see things that aren't true, or at least that aren't so true. Therefore, it's important to understand what "purity of heart" is. To do so, one must remember that

for the Bible the heart doesn't consist only of feelings, but is the most intimate place of the human being, the interior space where a person is himself according to the biblical mentality. The same Gospel of Matthew says: "If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!" (6:23). This "light" is the gaze of the heart, the perspective, the synthesis, the point from which the reality is read (Cf. Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, 143).

However, what does a "pure" heart mean? He who is pure of heart lives in the Lord's presence, keeping in the heart what is worthy of the relationship with Him; only thus does he have an intimate, "unified" life — linear, not torturous but simple. Hence, the purified heart is the result of a process that implies liberation and renunciation. The pure of heart is not born as such; he has lived an interior simplification, learning to renounce the evil in himself, something that in the Bible is called circumcision of the heart. This interior purification implies the recognition of that part of the heart that is under the influence of evil. The way of the sick heart, of the sinful heart, of the heart that can't see things well, because it is in sin; at the fullness of the heart's light is the work of the Holy Spirit. It is He who guides this journey to fulfillment. See, through this journey of the heart, we come to "see God."

In this Beatific Vision there is a future, eschatological dimension, as in all the Beatitudes: it's the joy of the Kingdom of Heaven to which we are going. However there is also the other dimension: to see God means to understand the designs of Providence in what happens to us, to recognize His presence in the Sacraments, His presence in brothers, especially the poor and suffering, and to recognize Him where He manifests Himself (Cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2519).

This Beatitude is somewhat the fruit of the preceding ones: if we have felt the thirst of the good that dwells in us and are aware that we live of mercy, a journey of liberation begins, which lasts our whole life and leads us to Heaven. It's a serious work, a work that the Holy Spirit does if we give Him the room to do it, if we are open to the action of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we can say that it's a work of God in us — in the trials and purifications of life — and this work of God and of the Holy Spirit leads to a great joy, to a true peace. We must not be afraid; let us open the doors of our heart to the Holy Spirit, so that He can purify us and lead us forward on this path to full joy.