

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

7th June 2020, Year A/2



SEMITECOLO, Niccolo, Holy Trinity, c. 1370

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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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for He has shown us His merciful love.

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

Responsorial Psalm: Glory and praise for ever!

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: John 3:16-18

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Lynette Eades (Dec. Ann.)

SUNDAY 8:30am

Franciszka & Jozes Warda (Dec. A.)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 9th Week Ordinary Time

Annamma Antony (Dec. Ann.)

Tuesday 8:00am St Ephraem

Margaret Mary Sullivan (Rec. Dec.)

Wednesday 8.00am 9th Week Ordinary Time

Margaret Mary Sullivan (Rec. Dec.)

Thursday 8.00am St Barnabas

Margaret Mary Sullivan (Rec. Dec.)

Friday 8.00am 9th Week Ordinary Time

Milos Prazak (Dec. Ann.)

Saturday 8.30am St Anthony of Padua

Francois & Rosa Arik

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: Milos Prazak, Annamma Antony

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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

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.

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$890
Loose: \$80
Donations: \$110
Visitor Contributions: \$Nil

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/

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!

There is a voice that resounds suddenly in Abraham's life. A voice that invites him to undertake a journey that seems absurd: a voice that spurs him to uproot himself from his homeland, from the roots of his family, to go towards a new future, a different future. And all on the basis of a promise, which he has only to trust. And to trust in a promise isn't easy; one needs courage. And Abraham trusted.

The Bible is silent about the first Patriarch's past. The logic of things lets one assume that he adored other divinities; perhaps he was a wise man, accustomed to scrutinizing the sky and the stars. In fact, the Lord promises him that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars that dot the skies.

Abraham listens to God's voice and trusts His word. And with his departure a new way is born of conceiving the relationship with God; it's for this reason that Patriarch Abraham is present in the great Jewish, Christian and Islamic spiritual traditions as the perfect man of God, capable of submitting to Him, even when His Will is revealed arduous, if not downright incomprehensible."

Therefore, Abraham is the man of the Word. When God speaks, man becomes receptor of that Word and his life the place in which it asks to be incarnated. This is a great novelty in man's religious journey: the life of the believer begins to be conceived as vocation, namely, as a call, as the place where a promise is realized; and he moves in the world not so much under the weight of an enigma, but with the strength of that promise, which will be realized one day. And Abraham believed in God's promise. He believed and went, without knowing where he was going.

On reading the Book of Genesis, we discover how Abraham lived prayer in continual fidelity to that Word, which periodically appeared along his journey. In sum, we can say that in Abraham's life faith became history; faith became history. In fact, with his life, with his example, Abraham teaches us this way, this path, on which faith becomes history. God is no longer seen only in cosmic phenomena, as a distant God, who can strike terror. The God of Abraham becomes "my God," the God of my personal story, who guides my steps, who doesn't abandon me, the God of my days, the companion of my adventures — the God-Providence. I ask myself and I ask you: do we have this experience of God? Of "my God," the God that accompanies me, the God of my personal story, the God that guides my steps, who

doesn't abandon me, the God of my days? Do we have this experience? Let's think about it a bit.

This experience of Abraham is testified also by one of the most original texts of the history of spirituality: Blaise Pascal's Memorial. It begins thus: "God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, not of philosophers and of wise men. Certainty. Sentiment. Joy. Peace. God of Jesus Christ." This Memorial, written on a small parchment, and found after his death, sewn inside a garment of the philosopher, doesn't express an intellectual reflection, which a wise man can conceive about God, but the vivid sense experienced from His presence. Pascal even notes the precise moment in which he felt that reality, having finally found it: the evening of November 23, 1654. He is not an abstract God or a cosmic God — no. He is the God of a person, of a call, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, of Jacob, the God that is certainty, that is sentiment, that is joy.

Abraham's prayer is expressed first by deeds: a man of silence, he constructs an altar to the Lord at each stage of his journey. Abraham doesn't build a temple but scatters the path of stones that recall God's transit. A surprising God, as when He visit him in the figure of three guests, which he and Sarah receive with care and that announce to them the birth of their son Isaac (Cf. *Genesis* 18:1-15). Abraham was one hundred years old, and his wife ninety, more or less. And they believed, they trusted God and Sarah, his wife, conceived — at that age! This is the God of Abraham, our God, who accompanies us.

So, Abraham became familiar with God, capable also of arguing with Him, but always faithful. Up to the supreme test when God asks him to sacrifice his son Isaac, son of his old age, sole heir. Here Abraham lives faith as a drama, as walking gropingly in the night, under a sky deprived this time of stars. And many times, it happens also to us, to walk in darkness, but with faith. God Himself held back Abraham's hand already ready to strike, because He saw his truly total availability (Cf. *Genesis* 22:1-19).

We learn from Abraham, we learn to pray with faith: to listen to the Lord, to walk, dialogue up to arguing. We aren't afraid to argue with God! Many times, I've heard people say to me: "You know, this happened to me and I got angry with God." "You had the courage to get angry with God? "Yes, I got angry." "But this is a form of prayer," because only a child is capable of getting angry with his father. We learn from Abraham to pray with faith, to dialogue, to argue, but always ready to receive the word of God and to put it into practice. We learn to talk with God as a child with his father: to listen to him, respond, argue, but transparent, as a child with his father. Abraham teaches us to pray thus. Thank you.