

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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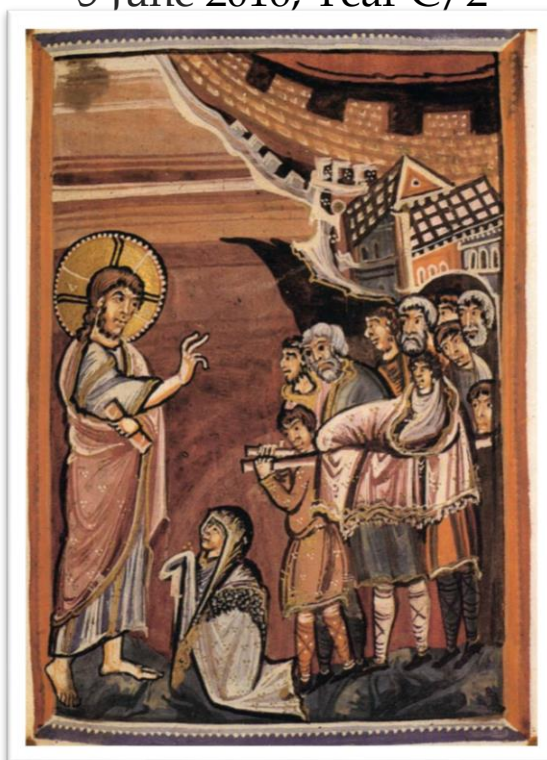
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## TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 June 2016, Year C/2



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### Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm (Mass in Polish)  
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. Franziska Jackson - Principal

### School Office Times

8:30 am - 4:00 pm - Monday to Friday

### Address

94 Joseph Street  
Kingswood, NSW 2747

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday 9:00am - 2:00pm and Friday: 8:30am - 1:30pm

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## LITURGY

### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will praise you Lord, for you have rescued me.

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil near, they stumble and fall.

#### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Jack Liston

**SUNDAY** 8:30am

**Antonia & Karel Ziolkowski &  
Joseph & Peter Burdzy**

10:00am

**For the Parish**

**Monday:** 8:00am Ordinary Time

**Special Intention**

**Tuesday:** 8:00am Ordinary Time

**Special Intention**

**Wednesday** 8:00am Ordinary Time

**No Mass Intention**

**Thursday** 8:00pm Ordinary Time

**No Mass Intention**

**Friday** 8:00am Ordinary Time

**No Mass Intention**

**Saturday** 8:30am St. Barnabas

**No Mass Intention**

#### ADORATION CHAPEL:

Open during office hours or speak to Father Andrew to arrange another time.

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please contact the Parish Office or one of the priests. In the case of Emergency please call the emergency number at the front of this bulletin.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Jack Liston

#### DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

**Antonia & Karel Ziolkowski,  
Joseph & Peter Burdzy**

#### PRAYER FOR FAITH IN OUR FUTURE:

Gracious God, source of all life, you call us together in faith and love as the Diocese of Parramatta.

As one body in Christ, may we respond to your Word, attend to the signs of the times, and live as your disciples in word and deed.

Renew our hearts in your Holy Spirit to grow and share our faith with the world; give us courage and grace to live faith in our future. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE:

**Universal:** That the aged, marginalized, and those who have no one may find—even within the huge cities of the world—opportunities for encounter and solidarity..

**Evangelization:** That seminarians and men and women entering religious life may have mentors who live the joy of the Gospel and prepare them wisely for their mission.

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: :** Kevin Collins, Alistair McArthur, Dianne Devitt, John McCahon, Kathryn Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Debbie O'Connor, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, Gisela Drobiszewski, Charles Timmins, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Mavis Murphy, Valerie Davies, Janet Boreham, Anne Tucker, Raymond Waters, Francene Flannery, Jason Isbitski, Rosslyn Talbot & Noeline Cruzado.

**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.

PARISH AND DIOCESE

**SECOND COLLECTION: ENVELOPES \$ 686.10**

**LOOSE: \$ 495.55**

First collection contributions go to the Diocese to support the priests working in the Parish.

Second collection contributions go directly to the Parish to support day to day operation of the Parish.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM:**

**Confirmation: 22 November 2016**

**Registration: 28 August 2016**

**SKY YOUTH GROUP:**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm.**

**LEGION OF MARY:**

Newly formed Presidium of *"Mary Seat of Wisdom"* in our Parish would like to invite you to join them. Meetings are held on every Tuesday from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the old office building. All persons interested in meeting and participating in Legion's activities are welcome.



**YEAR OF MERCY**

Pope Francis has called on the whole Church to celebrate an extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. The Jubilee commenced on 8th December 2015 and will close on the Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe 20

November 2016.



**JUBILEE 800** 1216 - 2016  
**ORDER OF PREACHERS**

[www.stjoseph800.org](http://www.stjoseph800.org)

**GIFT OF THE PLENARY INDULGENCE**

Pope Francis has granted a special Jubilee Plenary Indulgence, on usual conditions, for the faithful praying in a Dominican church. That is why every days' morning adoration we finish with special prayers.



**ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:**

**1st & 3rd Tuesdays** 1:30pm at 1/23 Walter Street, Kingswood. Dianne – 4731 3685.

**2nd & 4th Wednesdays** after morning Mass – 9am to 10am in Parish Hall. Aloma 4731 8102 Teresa – 4731 4222

**2nd & 4th Thursday** 7:00pm at 2/40 Single Road, South Penrith. Elaine – 4736 8162.

**DIOCESAN WORKS FUND :**

A collection will be held at all Masses this weekend. Our quota is \$2709. \$1549.90 has been raised so far. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. If you require a receipt, please print your name and address clearly on the front of the envelope and tick the box.

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

**MASS OF INSTALLATION OF BISHOP VINCENT LONG:**

The Liturgical Reception and Solemn Mass of Installation of Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD as the fourth Bishop of Parramatta will take place at 7:30pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June in St. Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta. Please keep Bishop Vincent and his future ministry among us in your prayers.

**ENABLING AND EMPOWERING US IN THE WORD OF GOD AND IN RECOGNISING OUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS:**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June from 10:30am to 2:00pm in the St George Precca Centre. 198 Old Prospect Rd., Greystanes. All welcome.

**WORKING BEE:**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June. 9:30am – 12:30pm Please bring garden tools, ( hedgers etc.,) if you have them.

*Following proclamation of the Privacy Act 1988 at the end of 2001, a privacy policy has been developed in accordance with Diocesan norms and has been approved by the Parish Priest. A copy is available from the Parish Office.*

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

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**GENERAL AUDIENCE:**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Last Wednesday we heard the parable of the judge and the widow, on the need to pray with perseverance. Today, with another parable, Jesus wishes to teach us the right attitude with which to pray and to invoke the Father's mercy; how one must pray, the right attitude to pray. It is the parable of the Pharisee and the Publican (cf. Luke 18:9-14).

Both the protagonists go to the Temple to pray, but they act in very different ways, obtaining opposite results. The Pharisee "stood" (v. 11) to pray, and used many words. His prayer was one of thanksgiving addressed to God, but in reality it was a display of his merits, with a sense of superiority vis-a-vis "other men," described as "extortioners, unjust, adulterers," as, for example — and he points to the other who was there — "this tax collector" (v. 11). But the problem is precisely here: the Pharisee prays to God, but in truth he looks at himself. He prays to himself! Instead of having the Lord before his eyes, he has a mirror. Although being in the Temple, he does not feel the need to be prostrate before God's majesty; he is standing, he feels sure of himself, as if he were the owner of the Temple! He lists the good works he has done: he is irreproachable, observant of the Law beyond what is due, he fasts "twice a week" and pays "tithes" of all that he gets. In sum, more than praying, the Pharisee is pleased with his observance of the precepts. Yet his attitude and his words are far from the way of acting and of speaking of God, who loves all men and does not scorn sinners. On the contrary, that Pharisee scorns sinners, also when he points out the other who is there. In sum, the Pharisee, who considers himself just, neglects the most important Commandment: love of God and of one's neighbor.

Therefore, it is not enough to ask ourselves how much we pray; we must also ask ourselves how we pray, or better, how our heart is: it is important to examine it to evaluate our thoughts, our feelings, and to extirpate arrogance and hypocrisy. But, I ask: can one pray with arrogance? No. Can one pray with hypocrisy? No. We must only pray by putting ourselves before God as we are, not like the Pharisee who prayed with arrogance and hypocrisy. We are all prey of a frenetic daily rhythm, often at the mercy of sensations, bewildered, confused. It is necessary to learn to rediscover the way to our heart, to recover the value of intimacy and silence, because it is there that God meets us and speaks to us. Only beginning from there can we in turn encounter others and speak with them. The Pharisee went to the Temple, he is sure of himself, but he does not realize that he has lost the way of his heart.

The other, instead, the tax collector presents himself in the Temple with a humble and repentant spirit: "Standing far off, he would not even lift up his eyes to Heaven, but beat his breast" (v. 13). His prayer was very brief, it was not so long as that of the Pharisee: "God, be merciful to me a sinner!" — nothing more, a beautiful prayer! In fact, the tax collectors, called precisely "Publicans," were considered impure persons, subject to foreign dominators, they were not regarded well by the people and in general were associated with "sinners." The parable teaches that one is just or a sinner not because of one's social belonging, but by the way of relating to God and by the way of relating to one's brothers. The Publican's gestures of penance and his few and simple words attest to his awareness of his miserable condition. His prayer is essential. He acts humbly, certain only of being a sinner in need of mercy. If the Pharisee did not ask for anything because he already had everything, the Publican could only beg for God's mercy. And this is beautiful: to beg for God's mercy! Presenting himself with "empty hands," with a naked heart and acknowledging himself a sinner, the Publican shows all of us the necessary condition to receive the Lord's forgiveness. In the end, he who in fact was so scorned becomes an icon of the true believer.

Jesus ends the parable with a sentence: "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted" (v. 14). Of these two, who is the one who is corrupt? The Pharisee. The Pharisee is in fact the icon of the corrupt one that feigns to pray, but only succeeds in strutting in front of a mirror. He is corrupt and feigns to pray. So, in life, one who believes himself just and judges others and scorns them, is corrupt and hypocritical. Arrogance compromises every good action, empties prayer, distances one from God and from others. If God favors humility, it is not to humiliate us: rather humility is the necessary condition to be raised by Him, so as to experience the mercy that comes to fill our emptiness. If the prayer of the arrogant does not reach God's heart, the humility of the miserable one opens it wide. God has a weakness: a weakness for the humble. Before a humble heart, God opens His heart totally. It is this humility that the Virgin Mary expressed in the canticle of the Magnificat: "He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden. [...] His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation" (Luke 1:48.50). May she, our Mother, help us to pray with a humble heart, and let us repeat three times that beautiful prayer: "O God, have mercy on me a sinner."

Translation: ZENIT