# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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# TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21st August 2016, Year C/2



CHARONTON, Enguerrand, The Coronation of the Virgin, 1453-54

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 and Thursday 9:00am - 2:00pm and Friday: 8:30am - 1:30pm

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# LITURGY

### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Turn Your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in You,

my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long.

Responsorial Psalm: Go out to all the world; and tell the Good News.

**VIGIL SATURDAY** 

6:00pm Deceased Priests & Religious

SUNDAY 8:30am Antonia Santiago (Dec. Ann.)

10:00am For the Parish

Monday 8:00am Queenship of Bl Virgin Mary Patricia & Cliff Bullen (Dec. Ann.)

Tuesday: 8:00am St Rose Flores of Lima Mojimyr Kushnir (Dec. Ann.)

Wednesday 8:00am ST BARTHOLOMEW Intentions of the Rusnak Family

Thursday 8:00am Ordinary Time Fr V Doyle (Repose of Soul)

Friday 8:00am Ordinary Time Deceased Members of Stipl Family

Saturday 8:30am St Monica Blessings for the Finianos Family

#### **ADORATION CHAPEL:**

Open during office hours.

## **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.

#### HYMNS FOR WEEKEND MASSES:

Entrance: 490 Offertory: Screen Communion: Screen Reflection: Screen

Recessional: Screen

#### **RECENTLY DECEASED: Rick Amaya**

#### **DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:**

Antonia Santiago, Patricia & Cliff Bullen, Mojimyr Kushnir, Fr V. Doyle, Deceased

Members of Stipl Family

#### 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' AUGUST PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Universal:** That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and contribute to peace in the world.

**Evangelization:** That Christians may live the Gospel, giving witness to faith, honesty, and love of neighbour.

**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, Valerie Davies, Janet Boreham, Raymond Waters, Francene Flannery, Jason Isbitski, Rosslyn Talbot, David Jenkins & 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 THE DIOCESE

# SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$1011.00

Loose: \$536.40

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 3pm to 5pm in the Parish Hall

#### LEGION OF MARY - 'Mary Seat of Wisdom':

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 20th November 2016.



### 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.

#### DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples who are married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and any year over are invited to celebrate their journey with other couples and family members at 11 am mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Sunday, 18th September 2016. Please contact the office to register your names by 8th September 2016 or call CatholicCare on 8822 2222 or email marriage@ccss.org.au

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

**2nd & 4th Wednesdays** after 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.

#### CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

This weekend we are holding our annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are supporting the work of the Catholic Church in Cambodia. May the Lord bless you for your generosity.

#### **EXPLORING OUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS:**

What spiritual gifts has the Holy Spirit given to you? What is God's plan for your life? We may have a 'Called and Gifted' Workshop at St. Joseph's to explore these concepts if enough people are interested. Please ring Teresa – Phone: 02 4731 4222 AFTER 4:00pm any day.

#### SRE ORIENTATION MORNING TEA

Thank you parishioners for your prayers and support to the ministry of scripture teaching. Now known as Special Religious Education (SRE). Last weekend a small team was commissioned to go into the state schools and teach the Catholic faith to children of Catholic families. We also invited you to come along and see for yourselves what we do in the classroom and perhaps answer God's call to "Go and spread the word of God." Thank you to those who showed an interest in either, driving, helping or teaching. If you are one of these people, we are organising an Information/Orientation morning on Thursday 1st September at 10am in the hall under the church. This will take up to 2 hours so morning tea will be provided. This is an open invitation to anyone who may be interested. RSVP by Monday 29th August on 0413 686 270-Antoinette Mifsud, God Bless,

#### NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH COUNCIL

Forms are at the back of the Church. If you nominate someone please make sure you have their signature on the form before you hand it in to the Office.

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.

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

#### **BEFORE THE ANGELUS**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning! Happy Feast of the Assumption!

The reading from (Luke 1:39-56) today's feast day describes the meeting between Mary and her cousin Elizabeth, stressing that, "during those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah." (v. 39). In those days, Mary ran to a small city on the outskirts of Jerusalem to meet Elizabeth. Today, we contemplate her on her journey to the heavenly Jerusalem, to finally see the Father's face and to see again the face of her Son Jesus. Many times during her earthly life, she had gone to hilly areas, up to the last sorrowful stage of Calvary, associated with the mystery of Christ's Passion. Now, we see her reaching God's mountain, "clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars" (Revelation 12:1) - as the Book of Revelation says — and we see her crossing the threshold of the celestial homeland.

She was the first to believe in the Son of God, and she is the first to be assumed into Heaven in soul and body. First, she received Jesus and took Him in her arms when He was still a baby, and she is the first to be received by His arms to be introduced into the Eternal Kingdom of the Father. Mary, a humble and simple girl of a lost village on the fringes of the empire, precisely because she received and lived the Gospel, is admitted by God to be for eternity beside the Son's throne. It is thus, that the Lord puts down the mighty from their thrones and exalts those of low degree (cf. Luke 1:52).

Mary's Assumption is a great mystery that concerns each one of us; it concerns our future. Mary, in fact, precedes us on the way on which all those go that, through Baptism, have bound their life to Jesus, as Mary bound her life to Him. Today's feast preannounces the "new heavens and the new earth," with the risen Christ's victory over death and the definitive defeat of the Evil One. Therefore, the exultance of the humble girl of Galilee, expressed in the canticle of the Magnificat, becomes the song of the whole of humanity, which is pleased to see the Lord bend over all men and all women, humble creatures, and assume them with Himself into Heaven.

The Lord bends over the humble, to raise them, as the canticle of the Magnificat proclaims. The song of Mary also leads us to think about many actual sad situations, in particular those women overwhelmed by the weight of life and the drama of violence; of women who are slaves to the arrogance of the powerful; the girls

forced into inhumane work; the women forced to surrender in both body and spirit to the avarice of men. May the beginning of a life of peace, of justice and of love reach them as soon as possible, in expectation of the day in which they finally feel gripped by hands that do not humiliate them, but assuage them with tenderness and lead them to Heaven. Mary, a girl, a woman who suffered so much in her life, makes us think of these women who suffer so much. Let us ask the Lord that He Himself may lead them by the hand on the way of life, freeing them from these slaveries.

And now we turn with trust to Mary, sweet Queen of Heaven, and we ask her: "Give us days of peace, watch over our path, let us see your Son, full of the joy of Heaven" (Hymn of the Second Vespers).

#### **AFTER THE ANGELUS**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Once again, I would like to entrust to the Queen of Peace, whom we contemplate today in heavenly glory, the anxieties and sorrows of the populations that in so many places of the world are innocent victims of persistent conflicts. My thought goes to the inhabitants of North Kivu, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, recently stricken by new massacres, which for some time have been perpetrated in shameful silence, without even drawing our attention. Unfortunately, these victims are part of the many innocents that have no weight on world opinion. May Mary obtain for all sentiments of understanding and the desire for concord!

I greet you all, Romans and pilgrims from different countries! In particular, I greet the young people of Villadose, the faithful of Credaro and those of Crosara.

I wish a happy feast of the Assumption to all of you here present and to those who are in various holiday places, as well as to all those who have not been able to go on vacation, especially the sick, persons who are alone, and those that ensure indispensable services to the community during these days of celebration.

I thank you for having come and, please, do not forget to pray for me. Have a good lunch and see you soon! [Translation by ZENIT.ORG]