

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11<sup>th</sup> September 2016, Year C/2



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

**Telephone:** 4732 3999; **Fax:** 4731 1432

[www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au)

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

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# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGY

### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

#### Entrance Antiphon:

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for You, that Your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of Your servant, and of Your people Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: I will rise and go to my father.

#### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Kim Nelson (Deceased Ann.)

SUNDAY 8:30am

Karen & Linda (Pilgrimage)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am Most Holy Name of Mary

Kylie Pearce (Deceased Ann.)

Tuesday: 8:00am St John Chrysostom

Fay Tuckwell (Healing)

Wednesday 8:00am TRIUMPH OF THE HOLY CROSS James Jordan (Recently Dec.)

Thursday 8:00am Our Lady of Sorrows Patrick Phelan (Recently Dec.)

Friday 8:00am St Cornelius & St Cyprian Ariel Castro (Deceased Ann.)

Saturday 8:30am Mass of the Virgin Mary Odile St Lambert (Deceased Ann.)

#### 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: 588      Offertory: 290  
Communion: 293      Reflection: 555  
Recessional: 561

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** James Jordan, Patrick Phelan, Michael Croft, Jim Dempsey

#### DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

Kim Nelson, Kylie Pearce, Odile St Lambert, Ariel Castro

#### 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' SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Universal:** That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the centre.

**Evangelization:** That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelise.

**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: \$1044.00**

**Loose: \$ 332.75**

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**

### **SKY YOUTH GROUP:**

**No Youth Group this week. It will resume after the school holidays.**

### **LEGION OF MARY – 'Mary Seat of Wisdom'**

Meetings are held 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 most 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<sup>th</sup> 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:**

**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.

### **FATHERS' DAY COLLECTION**

We collected \$916.50 for our Retired and Sick Clergy. Thank you for your generosity.

### **PARISHIONERS AT 8.30AM MASS**

**Please leave the Church/School Grounds by the Joseph Street Gate to enable the People coming to 10am Mass to enter from Richmond Road. Thank you.**

### **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.

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT ST JOSEPH'S**

If you are planning to baptize your child at St. Joseph's here is some useful information. First of all congratulations on your decision to share your faith with your child. We will be happy to have your child baptized at our Parish. If you are a regular Parishioner, please contact Parish Office. If you live outside of the Parish and are not a regular Parishioner, please contact your local Parish and obtain a Letter of Permission to have your child baptized at St. Joseph's. Then please contact our Parish office to schedule the Sacrament.

In choosing Godparents there are Church regulations which need to be taken into consideration. Godparents must be: minimum 16 years of age, a practising Catholic and Confirmed. If married they have to be validly married in the Catholic Church.

### **CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY:**

Child Protection Sunday provides a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the steps we have taken to make children safer in our communities, at home, in our churches, schools and Catholic agencies.

### **FAREWELL TO FRAN JACKSON:**

The Parish Community would like to convey our sincere gratitude to Fran Jackson for her wonderful years of service at St. Joseph's Primary School. We wish her all the best in her retirement.

*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.*

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

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Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Dear Brother and Sisters, good morning! We heard a passage of Matthew's Gospel (11:2-6). The evangelist's intention is to make us enter the mystery of Jesus more profoundly, to receive His goodness and mercy. The episode is the following: John the Baptist sends his disciples to Jesus – John was in prison – to ask Him a very straightforward question: Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?" (v. 3). It was precisely in the moment of darkness ... The Baptist anxiously awaited the Messiah, and in his preaching he had described Him with strong language, as a judge that would finally establish the Kingdom of God and purify His people, rewarding the good and punishing the evil. He preached thus: "Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire" (*Matthew* 3:10). Now that Jesus has begun His public mission with a different style, John suffers because he finds himself in twofold darkness: in the darkness of the prison and of a cell, and in the darkness of the heart. He does not understand Jesus' style and wants to know if He is in fact the Messiah, or if he must wait for another.

And Jesus' answer seems at first sight not to correspond with the Baptist's request. In fact, Jesus says: "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear. And the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is he who takes no offense at me" (vv. 4-6). The Lord Jesus' intent becomes clear here: He answers that He is the concrete instrument of the mercy of the Father, who goes out to all bringing consolation and salvation, and in this way manifests the judgment of God. The blind, the lame, the lepers, the deaf recover their dignity and are no longer excluded because of their illness, the dead live again while the Good News is proclaimed to the poor. And this becomes the synthesis of Jesus' action, who in this way makes visible and tangible the action of God Himself.

The message the Church receives from this account of Christ's life is very clear. God did not send His Son into the world to punish sinners or to annihilate

evildoers. Instead, He addressed to them an invitation to conversion so that, seeing the signs of divine goodness, they could rediscover the way of return. As the Psalm says: "If thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared" (130:3-4).

The justice that the Baptist put at the center of his preaching, in Jesus is manifested in the first place as mercy. And the doubts of the Precursor only anticipate the disconcert that Jesus would arouse afterwards with His actions and His words. Understood, then, is the conclusion of Jesus' answer. He says: "Blessed is he who takes no offense at me" (v. 6). "Offense" means "obstacle." Therefore Jesus warned about a particular danger: if the obstacles to believe are above all His actions of mercy, this means that there is a false image of the Messiah. Blessed, instead, are those that, in face of Jesus' gestures and words, give glory to the Father who is in Heaven.

Jesus' admonition is always timely: today also man constructs images of God that impede him from enjoying His real presence. Some cut out for themselves a "do it yourself" faith that reduces God to the limited space of their desires and convictions. But this faith is not a conversion to the Lord who reveals Himself, rather it impedes Him from challenging our life and our conscience. Others reduce God to a false idol; they use His holy name to justify their own interests or even hatred and violence. Still for others God is only a psychological refuge in which to be reassured in difficult moments: it is a faith that is inward-looking, impermeable to the force of the merciful love of Jesus that drives one to our brothers. Others, again, consider Christ only as a good master of ethical teachings, one among the many of history. Finally, there are those that suffocate the faith in a purely intimist relation with Jesus, annulling His missionary impetus capable of transforming the world and history. We, Christians, believe in the God of Jesus Christ, and our desire is that of growing in the vivid experience of the mystery of love.

Therefore, let us commit ourselves not to put an obstacle to the Father's merciful action, but let us ask for the gift of a great faith so that we too become signs and instruments of mercy.