# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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# THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30th October 2016, Year C/2



Fra Angelico, Madonna of the Star ca. 1424

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

Mr John Laffan - Acting 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:** Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me!

Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will praise Your name for ever, my king and my God.

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm Dec. Mem. of Kacerovsky Family

SUNDAY 8:30am Deceased Members of Stipl Family

10:00am For the Parish

Monday 8:00am Ordinary Time Dec. Members of Rusnak Family

Tuesday: 8:00am ALL SAINTS Dec. Members of the Green Family

Wednesday 8:00am ALL SOULS All Souls

Thursday 8:00am ST MARTIN DE PORRES All Souls

Friday 8:00am St Charles Borromeo All Souls

Saturday 8:30am Mass of the Virgin Mary All Souls

#### **ADORATION CHAPEL:**

Open during office hours or speak to Fr 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.

#### **HYMNS FOR WEEKEND MASSES:**

Processional: 588 Offertory: 570 Communion: 509 Reflection: 580

Recessional: Screen

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Anna Blazek

#### **DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:**

Milada Vanickoca, Bruno Mahns

Deceased Members of the Sheedy Family

# **ROSARY IN OUR HOMES**

Please fill in the form at the back of the Church if you are interested in having Our Lady's Statue and the Rosary in your home for a week at a time, beginning in November. Our Priests will also be able to visit your home to bless it during this time.

#### **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November from 4.00pm to 10.00pm. All are most welcome.

# POPE FRANCIS' NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Universal:** That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

**Evangelization:** That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

**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 & Les Smith.

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: \$861**

Loose: \$353-55

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: 7pm Tuesday 22 November 2016

#### **SKY YOUTH GROUP:**

Every Wednesday from 3.00pm to 5.00pm.

### 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 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.

## 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.

#### **COLUMBAN CALENDARS**

Available for purchase after all Masses at \$9 each.

#### **NOVEMBER MASSES:**

When you fill out your November Mass Envelope place it in the basket at the back of the Church, and please be sure to fill in the Remembrance Book with the names of your friends and relatives.

#### **DWF APPEAL**

There will be a DWF collection next weekend the  $5^{th}/6^{th}$  November. Our Quota is \$2709. Please be generous.

# ST JOSEPH'S FINANCES

There will be a presentation next weekend  $5^{th}/6^{th}$  November regarding the past financial year at St Joseph's

#### WAY OF MERCY CELEBRATION

This will be a Community Celebration at St Nicholas of Myra at Penrith.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October from 11.30am to 1.15pm includes Procession of the Cross and Relics of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and St Teresa of Kolkata, Liturgy of the Word and Veneration of the Cross and Relics. Please come and be Community.

#### HOLY SPIRIT PILGRIMAGE OF EXODUS

Following the footsteps of Moses to Egypt, Jordan and the Holy Land for 16 days at \$4,999 from 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Spiritual Director: Fr Emmanueltv Dimobi. For information ring 0417 999 553 or email fremmanuelty@hotmail.com.

## **SOLO PARENT SERVICES**

"Stepping Beyond" Support Group for those navigating their way through separation or divorce is held on the last Tuesday of each month at the CCSS Centre, 38 Prince Street, Blacktown from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Cost \$5. For registration ring Rita 8822 2222.

#### **PARISH LUNCH:**

All Parishioners are invited to our lunch every  $2^{nd}$  Wednesday of the Month at midday. For information on the venue, please ring Denis & Anne on 4731 4618.

All are most welcome.

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

We continue with the reflection on the works of corporal mercy, which the Lord Jesus has given us to keep our faith always alive and dynamic. These works, in fact, make evident that Christians are not tired and lazy in awaiting the final encounter with the Lord, but they go to encounter Him every day, recognizing His face in that of the many individuals who ask for help. Today we reflect on this word of Jesus: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me" (Matthew 25:35-36). How much more timely in our time is the work regarding strangers. The economic crisis, armed conflicts and climate changes drive many people to emigrate. However, migrations are not a new phenomenon, but belong to humanity's history. It is a lack of historical memory to think that they are in fact only of our years.

The Bible gives us so many concrete examples of migration. Suffice it to think of Abraham. God's call drives him to leave his country and go to another: "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you" (*Genesis* 12:1). It was so also for the people of Israel, who from Egypt, where they were slaves, went marching for forty years in the desert until they reached God's Promised Land. The Holy Family itself – Mary, Joseph and the little Jesus – was constrained to emigrate to flee from Herod's threat: "Joseph rose and took the child and His Mother by night, and departed to Egypt, where he remained until Herod's death" (*Matthew* 2:14-15). The history of humanity is the history of migrations: in all latitudes there are no people that have not known the migratory phenomenon.

In this connection, in the course of the centuries we witnessed great expressions of solidarity, even though social tensions were not lacking. Today, unfortunately, the context of economic crisis fosters the emergence of closed and unwelcome attitudes. Walls and barriers rise in some parts of the world. It seems sometimes that the silent work of many men and women, who spend themselves in different ways to help and assist refugees and migrants, is overshadowed by the noise of others who give voice to an instinctive egoism. But closure is not a solution; rather it ends by fostering criminal trafficking. The only way of solution is that of solidarity — solidarity with the migrant, solidarity with the stranger.

Christians' commitment in this field is as urgent today as it was in the past. To look only at the last century, we recall the stupendous figure of Saint Frances Cabrini, who dedicated her life, together with her companions, to immigrants in the United States of America. Today we are also in need of these testimonies so that mercy can reach the

many who are in need. It is a commitment that involves everyone; no one is excluded. The dioceses, the parishes, the Institutes of Consecrated Life, the Associations and Movements, as well as individual Christians, we are all called to receive brothers and sister fleeing from war, from hunger, from violence and from inhuman conditions of life. All of us together are a great force of support for all those who have lost their homeland, family, work and dignity. A little story happened a few days ago in the city. A refugee was looking for a street and a lady approached him and said to him: "But are you looking for something?" That refugee was without shoes. And he said: "I would like to go to Saint Peter's to enter the Holy Door." And the lady thought: "But he doesn't have shoes, how can he walk?" And she called a taxi. But that migrant, that refugee stank and the driver of the taxi almost did not want him to get in, but in the end he let him get into the taxi. And, in the course of the trip, the lady, who was beside him, asked him about his story as a refugee and migrant: <it took> ten minutes to arrive here. The man told his story of grief, of war, of hunger and why he fled from his country to migrate here. When they arrived, the lady opened her purse to pay the taxi driver and the driver, who at first did not want the migrant to get in because he stank, said to the lady: "No, lady, I should pay you because you made me hear a story that has changed my heart." This lady knew the pain of a migrant because she had Armenian blood and knew the suffering of her people. When we do something of this sort; initially we refuse because it gives us some bother, "but ... he stinks ..." But in the end, the story perfumes our soul and makes us change. Think of this story and let us think what we can do for the refugees.

And the other thing is to clothe the naked: what does it mean if not to restore dignity to one who has lost it? Certainly, to give garments to those deprived of them, but we think also of the women victims of trafficking thrown out on the streets, or of the others, too many ways of using the human body as merchandise, even of minors. And so, also, to not have work, a home, a just salary is a form of nakedness, or to be discriminated because of race or because of faith – they are all forms of 'nakedness," in face of which as Christians we are called to be attentive, vigilant and ready to act.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us not fall into the trap of withdrawing into ourselves, indifferent to the needs of brothers and concerned only about our interests. It is precisely in the measure in which we open to others that life becomes fecund, societies re-acquire peace and individuals recover their full dignity. And do not forget that lady, do not forget that migrant who stank and do not forget the driver whose soul was changed by the migrant.