ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

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Please leave a detailed Message

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7 February 2016, Year C/2



DUCCIO di Buoninsegna, Calling of Peter and Andrew (scene 4)

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

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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: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is

the Lord our God.

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY 8:30am No Mass Intention

10:00am For the Parish

Monday: 8:00am Ordinary Time No Mass Intention

Tuesday: 8:00am Ordinary Time No Mass Intention

Wednesday 8:00am Ash Wednesday Syd D'Arcy

Thursday 8:00am Our Lady of Lourdes Sick of the Parish

Friday 8:00am Friday after Ash Wednesday No Mass Intention

Saturday 8:30am Bl Jordan of Saxony 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:

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY: Syd D'Arcy

ROSARY AND BENEDICTION:

Saturday at 5:15pm

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 FEBRUARY:

Universal: That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.

Evangelization: That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.

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, Bus Maybaum, Valerie Davies, Jack Kane, Janet Boreham, Anne Tucker, Raymond Waters, Francene Flannery Jason Isbitski & 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

PARISH AND DIOCESE

WEEKLY

SECOND COLLECTION: ENVELOPES \$1078.00

LOOSE: \$ 370.00

DONATIONS AND FUND-RAISING:

THIS WEEK DONATIONS: \$

SUNDAY MORNING CUPPA:

After 10:00am Mass.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM:

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 19 March 2016 Registration: 14 February 2016 and first session

First Communion: 29 May 2016 Registration: 3 April 2016

Confirmation: 22 November 2016 Registration: 28 August 2016

SKY YOUTH GROUP: FIRST MEETING 17 FEBRUARY.

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE:

8:00AM, 9:00AM Liturgy of the Word, School in Attendance, 7:00PM.

PALMS:

On Tuesday 9 February we will be preparing ashes for Ash Wednesday. If you have palms from last Palm Sunday please bring them to the church to be burned. Basket for old palms will be in position near the Sacristy.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED:

For visitation to Kingswood Nursing Home. Enquiries to Nadia Ph: 4731 3819 from 4:00pm. Leave message if necessary.

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND:

A Collection will be taken up on the weekend of 20/21 February. Our quota is \$2709.00 Thank you for your generosity.

MASS FOR THE SICK:

On 11 February Church celebrates Memorial of blessed Mother Our Lady of Lourdes. On this day in a special way we remember our sick brothers and sisters. On Thursday 11 February 10:00am. Special Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. After the Mass refreshments will be available in the Parish Hall



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.



GIFT OF THE PLENARY INDULGENCE

Pope Francis has granted a special jubilee indulgence for the faithful praying in a Dominican church. That is why everydays' morning adoration we finish with special prayers to gain a plenary indulgence.

WYD RAFFLE TICKETS - Please return tickets and money by Sunday 21 February.

ALL SRE teachers, helpers and interested people: We will be having an SRE meeting for 2016 planning on the 8th February 2016 at 8:30am in the Parish Office. All SRE teachers, helpers, new members and drivers are required to attend.

RSVP 0413 686 270 Antoinette.

PLEASE NOTE:

Please be careful when driving out from Church after morning Mass.
Speed limit is 5-10kph.

PRAYER GROUPS RESUME IN FEBRUARY.

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

PAPAL ADDRESS

Vatican City, 3 February 2016 (VIS) – The relationship between mercy and justice, in the light of the Sacred Scriptures, was the theme of Pope Francis' catechesis in this Wednesday's general audience, which took place in St. Peter's Square and was attended by more than ten thousand people.

"The Sacred Scripture presents God as infinite mercy, but also as perfect justice", he said. "How can the two be reconciled? They may appear to be contradictory, but this is not the case, as it is precisely God's mercy that leads us to achieve true justice. In the legal administration of justice, we see that those who consider themselves to have been victims of abuse consult a judge in court and ask that justice be done. It is a retributive justice, inflicting punishment on the guilty, according to the principle that each person receives what he deserves. ... But this route does not lead to true justice, as in reality it does not conquer evil, it simply limits it. Instead, only by responding with good can evil truly be conquered".

The Bible, he explained, proposes a different form of justice, in which the victim invites the guilty party to convert, helping him to understand the harm he has done and appealing to his conscience. "In this way, recognising his blame, he can open up to the forgiveness that the injured party offers. ... This is the way of resolving conflicts within families, in relations between spouses and between parents and children, in which the injured party loves the guilty and does not wish to lose the bond between them. It is certainly a difficult path: it demands that the victim be disposed to forgive and wishes for the salvation and the good of the perpetrator of the damage. But only in this way can justice triumph, as if the guilty party acknowledges the harm he has done and ceases to do so, the evil no longer exists and the unjust becomes just, as he has been forgiven and helped to find the way of good".

"God treats us sinners, in the same way. He continually offers us His forgiveness, He helps us to welcome Him and to be aware of our evil so as to free ourselves of it. God does not seek our condemnation, only our salvation. God does not wish to condemn anyone! ... The Lord of Mercy wishes to save everyone. ... The problem is letting Him enter into our heart. All the words of the prophets are an impassioned and love-filled plea for our conversion".

God's heart is "the heart of a Father Who loves all His children and wants them to live in goodness and justice,

and therefore to live in fullness and happiness. A Father's heart that goes beyond our meagre concept of justice so as to open up to us the immense horizons of His mercy. A Father's heart that does not treat us or repay us according to our sins, as the Psalm says".

"It is precisely a Father's heart that we encounter when we go to the confessional", Francis emphasised. "Perhaps it will tell us something to better understand our evil, but at the confessional we all go in search of a father who will help us change our life; a father who gives us the strength to go on; a father who forgives us in God's name. Therefore, to be a confessor is a great responsibility, as the son or daughter who comes to you seeks only to encounter a father. And you, the priest there in the confessional, are the place where the Father does justice with His mercy", he concluded.

NEWS

Vatican City, 3 February 2016 (VIS) – Yesterday, the feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple and the Day of Consecrated Life, Pope Francis presided at the Holy Mass for the Jubilee of Consecrated Life, held in the Vatican Basilica at 5.30 p.m. Members of the Institutes of Consecrated Life and the Societies of Apostolic Life concelebrated with the Holy Father.

During the rite, which opened with the blessing of the candles and the procession, the Pope pronounced a homily, extensive extracts of which are published below. He emphasised that gratitude, for the gift of the Holy Spirit that always inspires the Church through different charisms is the word that best summarises the Year of Consecrated Life.

"Before our eyes there is a simple, humble and great fact: Jesus was taken by Mary and Joseph to the temple of Jerusalem. He is a child like any other ... but He is unique: He is the only begotten Son Who came for all of us. This Child brought us God's mercy and tenderness. Jesus is the face of the Father's mercy. This is the icon that the Gospel offers us at the end of the Year of Consecrated Life, a year lived with great enthusiasm. Like a river, it now flows into the sea of mercy, in this immense mystery of love that we are experiencing with the extraordinary Jubilee".