

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

24 April 2016, Year C/2



PYNAS, Jacob Symonsz., Paul and Barabas at Lystra, 1627-29

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

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 your name for ever, my king and my God.

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

No Mass Intention

SUNDAY 8:30am

Ardashes Keshishian & Alice Zorenkelian

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday: 8:00am Anzac Day

No Mass Intention

Tuesday: 8:00am St. Mark

No Mass Intention

Wednesday 8:00am 5th Week of Easter

No Mass Intention

Thursday 8:00pm St. Peter Chanel

No Mass Intention

Friday 8:00am St. Catherine of Siena

No Mass Intention

Saturday 8:30am St. Pius V

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: Johnson Talia; Ardashes Keshishian, Alice Zorenkelian

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

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 APRIL:

Universal: That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.

Evangelization: That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church.

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, 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 \$ 1092.00

LOOSE: \$ 308.10

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:

First Communion: 29 May 2016

Confirmation: 22 November 2016

Registration: 28 August 2016

SKY YOUTH GROUP:

Will resume Wednesday 4th May 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm.



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.

LEGION OF MARY:

Newly formed Presidium of "Mary Seat 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.

ST. MARY MACKILLOP PRIMARY SCHOOL - 2016 FETE:

Sunday 1st May from 10:00am - 4:00pm.

150 Fragar Road, South Penrith

Rides, Magic Show, Chocolate Wheel, Raffles and much more!!

THE WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA:

(Sydney Archdiocese Committee) invite you to join us for the May Celebration in honour of Our Lady of Fatima to intercede for World Peace & the welfare of Australia. 14th May at St. Mary's Cathedral, further enq., Ph. 9984 8988



Money collected from the sale of the raffle tickets now transferred to the WYD accounts of Sesi Devine and Dylan Nelson. Thank you for your generosity. We collected \$2037.00



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GIFT OF THE PLENARY INDULGENCE

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

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.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST:

If you would like to volunteer to help with our Parish Youth Group on Wednesdays of the school weeks please contact Fr. Andrew or the Parish Office. Help would include: opening Parish Hall 2:30 pm, Supervising signing in and out of young people attending the meetings, preparing afternoon tea, organizing cleaning after the meetings and locking up the Hall approx. 5:30pm.

ACOLYTES MEETING:

Saturday 30th April at 10:00am with Fr. Andrew. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

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

GENERAL AUDIENCE

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Today, we wish to reflect on an aspect of mercy well represented by the passage of Luke's Gospel, which we heard. It is an event that happened to Jesus while He was the guest of a Pharisee called Simon. The latter wished to invite Jesus to his home because he had heard <people> speak well of him as a great prophet. While they were sitting at lunch, a woman came in, known by all in the city as a sinner. Without saying a word, she fell down at Jesus' feet, weeping. Her tears bathed Jesus' feet and she dried them with her hair, then she kissed them and anointed them with perfumed ointment, which she had brought with her.

Striking is the contrast between the two figures: that of Simon, the zealous servant of the Law, and that of the anonymous sinful woman. While the former judged others on the basis of their appearance, with her gestures the latter expressed her heart sincerely. Although having invited Jesus, Simon does not want to commit himself or involve his life with the Master. The woman, on the contrary, entrusts herself fully to Him with love and veneration. The Pharisee cannot conceive that Jesus lets Himself be "contaminated" by sinners, that is how they thought. He thought that if <Jesus> was really a prophet, He should recognize them and keep them at a distance, so as not to be stained, as if they were lepers.

This attitude is typical of a certain way of understanding religion, and it is motivated by the fact that God and sin are radically opposed. However, the Word of God teaches how to distinguish between sin and the sinner: one must not descend to compromises with sin, while sinners – that is, all of us! – are like the sick that are cured, and to cure them the doctor must come close to them, visit and touch them. And, of course, to be cured, the sick person must admit that he is in need of a doctor!

Between the Pharisee and the sinful woman, Jesus aligns Himself with the latter. Free of prejudices that impede mercy from being expressed, the Master lets her be. He, the Holy One of God, lets Himself be touched by her without fear of being contaminated. Jesus is free because He is close to God who is a Merciful Father. Therefore, by entering in relation with the sinful woman, Jesus puts an end to that condition of isolation to which the merciless

judgment of the Pharisee and of his fellow citizens, who insulted her, condemned her: "Your sins are forgiven" (v. 48). So the woman can now go "in peace." The Lord saw the sincerity of her faith and of her conversion, therefore, He proclaimed before everyone: "Your faith has saved you" (v. 50). On one hand, the hypocrisy of the Doctors of the Law, on the other, the humility and sincerity of the woman. All of us are sinners, but we often fall into the temptation of hypocrisy, of believing ourselves better than others and we say: "Look at your sin ..." Instead, we should all look at our sin, our falls, our mistakes and look at the Lord. This is the line of salvation: the relationship between "I" a sinner and the Lord. If I consider myself just, this relationship of salvation does not happen.

At this point, even greater astonishment assails all the table companions: "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" (v. 49). Jesus does not give an explicit answer, but the sinful woman's conversion is before the eyes of all and demonstrates that in Him shines the power of God's mercy, capable of transforming hearts.

The sinful woman shows us the bond between faith, love and gratitude. "Many sins" were forgiven her, therefore, she loves much; "instead, he who is forgiven little, loves little" (v. 47). Simon himself must admit that he loves more to whom more has been condoned. God has enclosed all in the same mystery of mercy and, from this love, which always precedes us, we all learn to love. As Saint Paul recalls: "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished upon us" (*Ephesians* 1:7-8). In this text, the term "grace" is practically a synonym of mercy, and is said to be "lavish," that is, beyond our expectation, because God's salvific plan acts for each one of us.

Dear brothers, let us be grateful for the gift of faith; we thank the Lord for His very great and unmerited love! Let us allow the love of Christ to be poured into us: the disciple draws from this love and is founded on it; everyone can be nourished and fed by this love. Thus, in the grateful love that we in turn pour on our brothers, in our homes, in the family, in the society, the Lord's mercy is communicated to all.

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