

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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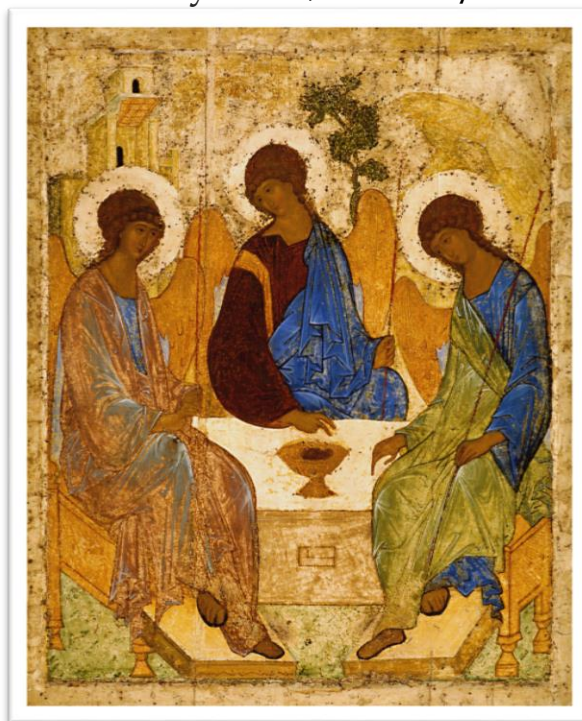
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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

22 May 2016, Year C/2



Andrey Rublev, Св. Троица, Google Art Project

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

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: O Lord our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

Entrance Antiphon: Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Sahag Sahagian
SUNDAY	8:30am		Elizabeth Colville
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday:	8:00am	Ordinary Time	No Mass Intention
Tuesday:	8:00am	Our Lady, Help of Christians	Peter Strah
Wednesday	8:00am	Ordinary Time	Peter Strah
Thursday	8:00pam	St Philip Neri	Peter Strah
Friday	8:00am	Ordinary Time	Peter Strah
Saturday	8:30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary	Peter Strah

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:**

Elizabeth Colville

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 MAY:

Universal: That, rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our neighbours who suffer, especially the sick and the poor.

Evangelization: That Mary's intercession may help Christians in secularized cultures be ready to proclaim Jesus.

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, 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 \$ 827.00

LOOSE: \$ 409.00

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:

Wednesday 25th May 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm.

LEGION OF MARY:

Newly formed Presidium of *"Mary Seat of 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.



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 on 20th November 2016.



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ORDER OF PREACHERS

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.



Sesi Devine and Dylan Nelson have thanked everyone for their prayers and contribution towards the costs of their pilgrimage to Poland for World Youth Day.

Total collected was AUD 1,154.50 and USD 10.

Thank you for your generosity.

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.

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND:

Collection will be held at all Masses this weekend. Our quota is \$2709. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. If you require a receipt, please print your name and address clearly on the front of the envelope and tick the box.

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

St Joseph's School is hosting Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday 26th May from 8:15 am to 10:00 am outside the kindy rooms. You are invited to join them for a cuppa and bring along something to share. Raffle tickets are also available for sale.

DEALING WITH THE LEGAL SYSTEM

Each year CCSS Solo Parent Services offers an Information night on how to choose the best lawyer, deal with Lawyers and how to protect your rights regarding family assets. This night is being held on Tuesday 7th June from 7.30pm - 9.30pm at CCSS, 38 Prince St, Blacktown. Guest Speaker: Mr Richard Brading, (Solicitor - Wesley Legal Service, Castlereagh St.) **Cost \$7**
Registration Essential: Rita Ph. 88222222 or email soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

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 I wish to reflect with you on the parable of the rich man and of poor Lazarus. The lives of these two persons seems to run on parallel lines: their conditions of life are opposite and altogether cut off one from the other. The front door of the rich man's house is always closed to the poor man, who lies outside there, looking for something to eat from the table of the rich man. The rich man wears luxurious garments, whereas Lazarus is covered with sores. Every day the rich man banquets lavishly, while Lazarus is dying of hunger. Only the dogs look after him and come to lick his sores.

This scene reminds us of the harsh reproach of the Son of Man in the Last Judgment: "I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was [...] naked and you did not clothe me" (*Matthew* 25:42-43). Lazarus well represents the silent cry of the poor of all times and the contradiction of a world in which immense riches and resources are in the hands of a few.

Jesus says that one day that rich man will die: the poor and the rich die, they have the same destiny, as do all of us; there are no exceptions to this. And then that man turns to Abraham, begging him with the appellation of "father" (vv. 24.27). He claims, therefore, to be his son, belonging to the People of God. Yet in life he showed no consideration to God; instead, he made himself the center of everything, shut-in in his world of luxury and waste. Excluding Lazarus, he did not take into account either the Lord or His Law. To ignore the poor is to scorn God! We must learn this well: to ignore the poor is to scorn God.

There is a particular point in the parable to be noted: the rich man does not have a name, but only the adjective "rich"; whereas the name of the poor man is repeated five times, and "Lazarus" means "God helps." Lazarus, who lies in front of the door, is a living call to the rich man to remember God, but the rich man does not receive that call. Therefore, he will be condemned, not because of his riches, but for having been incapable of feeling compassion for Lazarus and helping him.

In the second part of the parable, we find again Lazarus and the rich man after their death (vv. 22-31). In the beyond, the situation is reversed: poor Lazarus is carried by the Angels in Heaven to Abraham; the rich man, instead, is plunged among torments. Then the rich man "lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom." He seems to see Lazarus for the first time, but his words betray him: "Father Abraham – he says – have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to

dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame." Now the rich man recognizes Lazarus and asks him for help, whereas in life he pretended not to see him. How many times many people pretend not to see the poor! The poor do not exist for them. Before, he went so far as to deny him the leftovers from his table, and now he wants him to bring him something to drink! He still believes that he can assert his rights because of his previous social condition. Saying that it is impossible to grant his request, Abraham in person gives the key to the whole story: he explains that goods and evils were distributed to compensate for the earthly injustice, and the door that in life separated the rich man from the poor, has been transformed into "a great chasm." As long as Lazarus was at his house, the rich man had the possibility of salvation, by opening wide the door, helping Lazarus, but now that they are both dead, the situation has become irreparable. God is never summoned directly, but the parable puts one clearly on guard: God's mercy to us is linked to our mercy to our neighbor; when the latter is lacking then the former does not find space in our closed heart, it cannot enter. If I do not open wide the door of my heart to the poor, that door remains closed, also for God. And this is terrible.

At this point, the rich man thinks of his brothers, who risk having the same end, and he asks if Lazarus can return to the world to warn them. But Abraham replies: "They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them." We must not wait for prodigious events to be converted, but we must open our heart to the Word of God, which calls us to love God and our neighbor. The Word of God can make an arid heart revive and heal it of its blindness. The rich man knew the Word of God, but he did not let it enter his heart, he did not listen to it, therefore, he was incapable of opening his eyes and having compassion for the poor man. No messenger and no message can substitute the poor we meet on the way, because in them Jesus Himself comes to encounter us: "Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (*Matthew* 25:40), says Jesus. Thus, hidden in the reversal of fortunes that the parable describes is the mystery of our salvation, in which Christ joins poverty to mercy.

Dear brothers and sisters, listening to this Gospel, all of us, together with the poor of the earth, can sing with Mary: "He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree; He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away" (*Luke* 1:52-53).

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