

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

13 December 2015, Year C



Jan van EYCK, The Ghent Altarpiece:
St John the Baptist, 1425-29

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

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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: Cry out with joy and gladness; for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Entrance Antiphon: Phil 4:4-5. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		No Mass Intention
SUNDAY	8:30am		Mass of Thanksgiving
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday:	8:00am	St. John of the Cross	No Mass Intention
Tuesday:	8:00am	3rd Week of Advent	John Hindar
Wednesday	8:00am	3rd Week of Advent	No Mass Intention
Thursday	8:00am	Mass of 17th December	No Mass Intention
Friday	8:00am	Mass of 18th December	No Mass Intention
Saturday	8:30am	Mass of 19th December	No Mass Intention

ADORATION CHAPEL:

Open during office hours or speak to Father Andrew to arrange another time.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Fr. Andrew will anoint personally if the need arises. Please see Father to arrange an anointing.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

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 DECEMBER:

Universal: That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

Evangelization: That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

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, Mark Fitzgerald, Raymond Waters, Francene Flannery & 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
Please phone the Parish Office at the end of each month to have the names put on the sick list.

PARISH AND DIOCESE

WEEKLY

SECOND COLLECTION: ENVELOPES \$954.00
LOOSE: \$260.50

DONATIONS AND FUND-RAISING:

THIS WEEK DONATIONS: \$

SUNDAY MORNING CUPPA:

After 10:00am Mass.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM:

Registration 14th February 2016

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 2nd April 2016

First Communion: 29th May 2016.

Confirmation: 22nd November 2016.

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.

In these groups we: Pray, Study the Bible, have a Teaching, Reflect & Share our Faith. You are most welcome to join us at any of these groups.

**COLUMBAN CALENDAR \$9.00
AND CHRISTMAS CARD PACKS OF 10 \$6.00.**
Available for purchase after all Masses

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
More information at a later date.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:

Reconciliation Monday 21 December:

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm**

Masses:

Christmas Eve: 8:00 am, 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

**Christmas: 12:00 am (Principal Mass), 9:00 am,
11:00 am (Mass in Polish).**

VISIT OF THE SICK:

In the week of 13 December 2014 Fr. Peter and Fr. Andrew will be available to visit sick homebound Parishioners with the Sacrament of the Sick. If you would like to arrange such a visit for your close ones or your neighbour please contact the Parish Office or put the name of the sick person with the contact details in the sacristy.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

**TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER: BBQ AT 6:00PM
AND CAROLS START AT 7:00PM IN THE MPA.**



KNOW YOUR DOMINICANS!

First from the series of meetings about the Dominican Order and Spirituality. 22 December 2015, 7:00 pm. Parish Hall.



RAFFLE TICKETS:

To help offset the cost of the Pilgrimage for young people going to WYD in Cracow Poland.

Booklet of 10 tickets \$20.00. Please feel free to take a book to sell to your friends.

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CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

PAPAL AUDIENCE

Vatican City, 9 December 2015 (VIS) – Pope Francis dedicated today's general audience, the first of the Holy Year, to explaining why he convoked a Jubilee of Mercy. “The Church needs this extraordinary moment”, he explained. “In our time of profound change, the Church is called upon to offer her special contribution, making visible the signs of God's presence and closeness. And the Jubilee is a propitious time for all, as contemplating Divine Mercy, that exceeds all human limits and shines onto the darkness of sin, we can be surer and more effective witnesses”.

“Celebrating a Jubilee of Mercy means restoring the specifics of Christian faith to the centre of our personal life and of our communities. ... This Holy Year is offered to us so that we are able to experience in our life the sweet and gentle touch of God's forgiveness, His presence next to us and His closeness, especially in our moments of greatest need. ... This Jubilee is therefore a special moment for the Church to learn to choose solely 'what God likes the most'. ... Forgiving His children, having mercy on them, so that they can in turn forgive their brethren, to shine like beacons of God's mercy in the world. ... The Jubilee will be a propitious moment for the Church if we learn to choose what God likes the most, without giving in to the temptation to think that there is something else more important or that takes priority. Nothing is more important than choosing what God likes most, His mercy”.

“The necessary work of renewing institutions and structures of the Church is also a way that can lead us to a more lively and life-giving experience of God's mercy that alone can ensure that the Church is that city on the mount that cannot remain hidden. If we should forget, even for just a moment, that mercy is what God likes the most, all our efforts would be in vain, as we would become slaves to our institutions and our structures, no matter how reformed they may be”.

The Pope emphasised that the Church's aim during this Holy Year is to “strongly feel the joy of being found by Jesus, Who like the Good Shepherd has come in search of us as we were lost. ... In this way we strengthen in ourselves our certainty that mercy can truly contribute to building a more human world. Especially in these times of ours, in which forgiveness is a rare guest in the circles of human life, the call for mercy becomes more urgent, and this is true in all places: in society, in institutions, at work and in the family”.

Before concluding, he commented that while there appear to be many other needs more urgent than that of mercy, at the root of the negation of mercy there is always self-love, “which results in the pursuit of self-interest and the accumulation of honours, riches or worldliness. There are so many manifestations of self-love, “that make mercy foreign to the world” that often we are not even able to recognise them as limitations and sins. He concluded, “we must recognise that we are sinners, so as to strengthen our certainty of divine mercy”.

NEWS

Pope Francis opens the Holy Door: mercy must precede judgement

Vatican City, 8 December 2015 (VIS) – This morning at 9.30, in the presence of 60 thousand faithful in St. Peter's Square, the Holy Father celebrated Holy Mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. The celebration preceded the opening of the Holy Door, the gesture with which the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy began. In his homily the Pope spoke about the fullness of grace as revealed in Mary, which is capable of transforming the heart. He described the Holy Year as a gift of grace that leads us to discover the depth of the Father's mercy and, finally, he recalled the other door opened to the world by the Vatican Council II fifty years ago, allowing the Church to encounter the men and women of our time.

Vatican City, 8 December 2015 (VIS) – Today, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the Holy Father went to Piazza di Spagna where he performed the traditional act of veneration below the statue of Mary Immaculate crowning the Roman marble column commemorating the proclamation of the dogma by Pope Pius IX on 8 December 1854.

Continuing a tradition established by St. John XXIII in 1958, Francis left a floral tribute at the foot of the column and, accompanied by thousands of faithful led by Cardinal Agostino Vallini, vicar of His Holiness for the diocese of Rome.

Vatican City, 10 December 2015 (VIS) – This morning the twelfth meeting of the Holy Father with the Council of Cardinals (“C9”) began in Vatican City. The meeting will continue until Saturday 12 December.