ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4th October 2020, Year A/2



Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 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. Patricia Reilly - Principal

School Office Times

8:30 am - 4:00 pm - Monday to Friday

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Within Your will, O Lord, all things are established,

and there is none that can resist Your will.

For You have made all things, the heaven and the earth,

and all that is held within the circle of heaven; You are the Lord of all.

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

SUNDAY 8:30am John Curtain (Deceased Ann.)

10:00am For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 27th Week Ordinary Time Benny Antony (Birthday blessings)

Tuesday 8:00am 27th Week Ordinary Time

Wednesday 8.00am OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Thursday 8.00am 27th Week Ordinary Time

Friday 8.00am St Louis Bertran John Burnitt (Deceased Ann.)

Saturday 8.30am Mass of the Virgin Mary

LIVE STREAM OF WEEKEND MASS AT 6PM

The 6pm Vigil on Saturday evening will continue to be livestreamed every Weekend and will be available online through to Sunday.

Please visit our website:

http://stjosephskingswood.org/ or type in your

browser: bit.ly/stJoe

Click the link <u>Live Stream of the Sunday Mass</u> and Reload the Page each time.

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES: John Curtain,

John Burnitt

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENT First Communion: 22nd November

First Session: Sunday 11th October after 10am Mass.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,

I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart

as though You have already come.

I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

NOVEMBER MASSES

Masses during November will be celebrated for our deceased loved ones whose names are recorded in the Remembrance Book or on the Envelopes. Please write their names for Mass to be offered for them.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Zig Barglik, Joy Cavanagh, Kevin Collins, Margaret Colville, Valerie Davis, Katalin Domotor, Marie Donaldson, Nora Hehir, Andrew Isbitski, Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Shayla, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Barbara Thompson, Kelly Tonna, Kathryn Tuckwell, Geoffrey Waltis, Robert Waltisbuhl, Raymond Waters.

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

POPE FRANCIS' OCTOBER INTENTIONS The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$913

Loose: \$305.85 Donations: \$40

PAYMENT LINK ON WEBSITE

There is now a means to give a donation, contribute to the 2nd Collection or a payment for the Sacramental program using your visa/master card on our website.

DONATIONS & WEEKLY PLANNED GIVING

 $1^{\rm st}$ and $2^{\rm nd}$ Collection contributions can be placed in the Black Letterboxes at the back of the Church, and any donations into the Donation box.

PARISH CELL GROUP

Every 1^{st} & 3^{rd} Monday of the month at 7pm in the Office. All are most welcome. Any questions please ring Jim on 0478 027 210.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is every Wednesday at 9.15am. Please bring your Sunday Missal with you. All are most welcome.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Our Young Adults are meeting on Friday 16th October at 6.45pm in the Parish Hall. For more information please type bit.ly/YASJK into your browser.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Available after all Masses at \$9 each. They make a lovely Christmas gift.

PASTORAL PLANNING/PLENARY COUNCIL

Please visit https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au for resources and updates.

VISIT THE WELL

Everyone is invited to "a new online platform that provides free, 'on-demand' inspiration for families, children, young people and faith communities". Visit the Well at www.thewell.org.au

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS FOR 2020

When the restrictions are lifted, we will celebrate and extend our celebration into next year.

PRIVATE PRAYER AND MASS BOOKINGS

Following the 4 sq. metres per person, 80 people are allowed in our Church from Wednesday 1st July. Priest and Essential Workers are not included.

Private Prayer - Sign-in sheets are provided prior to entry to provide your contact details for Private Prayer.

Weekend Masses – Bookings are required to guarantee a place in the Church. To register please ring the Parish by calling 4721 4080 during Office hours or ring 0423 725 148 outside Office hours. If you do not register early in the week, we cannot guarantee that you will be able to attend the Mass of your choice, as we will have to limit the number of attendants to 80 (including children) for each Mass.

You will need to provide your name and contact details when registering.

When you come to the Church you will be asked to confirm your presence on a pre-printed sheet with your name on it. Please make sure your details are correct when you sign in.

Weekday Masses - There is no registration for weekday Masses; the first 80 people will be admitted to the Church.

Please provide your name and contact details on the sheet provided.

Social distancing is still essential, so you will be required to take notice of the signs on the pews.

If you decide to attend Mass, please adhere to these rules:

- There will be no procession of gifts, no passing of hymn books or collection plates.
- The sign of peace will be omitted or given without hand-to-hand contact.
- Holy communion will only be distributed and received on the hand.
- There is no Congregational Singing at present and it is highly recommended that Masks be worn at Church and in the Grounds.

Hand Sanitisers are available in the Church. Door handles, pens and surfaces are sanitised regularly.

Further details are available on the parish website http://stjosephskingswood.org/

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE "Healing the World" Conclusion

Wednesday 30th September

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

In recent weeks we have reflected together, in the light of the Gospel, on how to heal the world that is suffering from a malaise that the pandemic has highlighted and accentuated. We have walked the paths of dignity, solidarity, and subsidiarity, paths that are essential to promote human dignity and the common good. And as disciples of Jesus, we have proposed to follow in His steps, opting for the poor, rethinking the use of material goods, and taking care of our common home. In the midst of the pandemic that afflicts us, we have anchored ourselves to the principles of the social doctrine of the Church, letting ourselves be guided by faith, by hope, and by charity.

I hope this journey will not come to an end with this catechesis of mine, but rather that we may be able to continue to walk together, to "keep our eyes fixed on Jesus" (*Heb* 12: 2), as we heard at the beginning; our eyes fixed on Jesus, who saves and heals the world. When He cured diseases and physical infirmity, He also healed the spirit by forgiving sins, because Jesus always forgives, as well as "social pains" by including the marginalized. Jesus, who renews and reconciles every creature, gives us the gifts necessary to love and heal as He knew how to do, to take care of all without distinction on the basis of race, language or nation.

We need to contemplate and appreciate the beauty of every human being and every creature. We were conceived in the heart of God. "Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary". Furthermore, every creature has something to say to us about God the creator. Acknowledging this truth and giving thanks for the intimate bonds in our universal communion with all people and all creatures activates "generous care, full of tenderness". And it also helps us to recognize Christ present in our poor and suffering brothers and sisters, to encounter them, and to listen to their cry and the cry of the earth that echoes it.

We will be able to regenerate society and not return to so-called "normality", which is an ailing normality, which was ailing before the pandemic: the pandemic highlighted it! "Now we return to normality": no, this will not do, because this normality was sick with injustice, inequality, and environmental degradation. The normality to which we are called is that of the Kingdom of God, where "the blind see again, and the lame walk, those suffering from virulent skin diseases are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life and the good news is proclaimed to the poor" ($Mt\ 11:5$).

And nobody plays dumb by looking the other way. This is what we have to do in order to change. In the normality of the Kingdom of God, there is bread for all and more to spare, social organisation is based on contributing, sharing, and distributing, not on possessing, excluding, and accumulating.

The gesture that enables progress in a society, a family, a neighbourhood, or a city, is to give oneself, which is not giving alms but to give from the heart. A gesture that distances us from selfishness and the eagerness to possess. The Christian way of doing this is not a mechanical way: it is a human way. We will never be able to emerge from the crisis that has been highlighted by the pandemic, mechanically, knowing that even the most sophisticated means are incapable of one thing: tenderness. And tenderness is the very sign of Jesus' presence. Approaching others in order to walk together, to heal, to help, to sacrifice oneself for others.

A small virus continues to cause deep wounds and to expose our physical, social and spiritual vulnerabilities. It has laid bare the great inequality that reigns in the world: inequality of opportunity, of goods, of access to health care, of technology, education: millions of children cannot go to school, and so the list goes on. These injustices are neither natural nor inevitable. They are the work of man, they come from a model of growth detached from the deepest values. And this has made many people lose hope and has increased uncertainty and anguish. That is why, to come out of the pandemic, we must find the cure not only for the coronavirus which is important! - but also for the great human and socio-economic viruses. They must not be concealed or whitewashed so they cannot be seen. We cannot expect the economic model that underlies unfair and unsustainable development to solve our problems.

We need to set to work urgently to generate good policies, to design systems of social organisation that reward participation, care, and generosity, rather than indifference, exploitation and particular interests. A fair and equitable society is a healthier society. A participatory society strengthens communion. A society where diversity is respected is much more resistant to any kind of virus.

Let us place this healing journey under the protection of the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Health. May she, who carried Jesus in her womb, help us. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we can work together for the Kingdom of God that Christ inaugurated in this world by coming among us. It is a Kingdom of light in the midst of darkness, of justice in the midst of so many outrages, of joy in the midst of so much pain, of healing and of salvation in the midst of sickness and death. May God grant us to "viralize" *love* and to "globalize" *hope* in the light of *faith*.