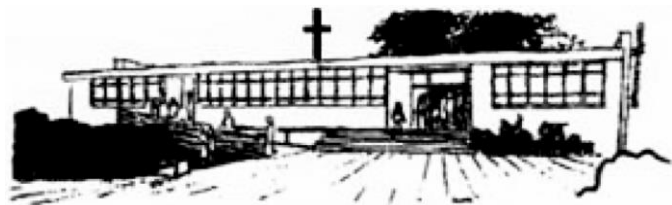


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## PENTECOST SUNDAY

15 May 2016, Year C/2



DUCCIO di Buoninsegna, Pentecost (panel 8)  
1308-11

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](http://www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au)

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday 9:00am - 2:00pm and Friday: 8:30am - 1:30pm

Address: 12-22 Richmond Rd, PO Box 39, Kingswood, NSW 27 Telephone: 02 4721 4080; Fax: 02 4721 0089

Email: [parish@stjosephskingswood.org](mailto:parish@stjosephskingswood.org); Web: [www.stjosephskingswood.org](http://www.stjosephskingswood.org); Facebook: [stjosephkingswood](https://www.facebook.com/stjosephkingswood)

LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

**VIGIL SATURDAY**

	6:00pm		No Mass Intention
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:30am		Marie Arik
	10:00am		For the Parish
<b>Monday:</b>	8:00am	Ordinary Time	No Mass Intention
<b>Tuesday:</b>	8:00am	Ordinary Time	No Mass Intention
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00am	Ordinary Time	No Mass Intention
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00am	Ordinary Time	No Mass Intention
<b>Friday</b>	8:00am	Ordinary Time	No Mass Intention
<b>Saturday</b>	8:30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary	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:**

Marie Arik

**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 \$ 802.00**

**LOOSE: \$ 321.10**

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:**

**Wednesday 18th 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 20

November 2016.



**JUBILEE 800** 1216 - 2016  
**ORDER OF PREACHERS**

[www.stjoseph800.org](http://www.stjoseph800.org)

**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.



This Weekend 15/16 May Sesi Devine and Dylan Nelson will be asking for your support to cover the costs of their pilgrimage to Poland for World Youth Day. There will be an exit collection at all Masses on this weekend. Please support them. The final payment has to be made by 17 May.

**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:**

Will be held at all Masses next 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.

**PENTECOST VIGIL:**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May after 6:00pm Mass until 9:00pm. All are most welcome.

**INTERNATIONAL DAY:**

**PARISH AND SCHOOL COMBINED:**

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May after 10:00am Mass. Please bring a national dish to share.

**YOUNGER WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP:**

Next Gathering for Solo Parent Services' Younger Widowed Support Group is on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May. **Please note change of venue.** Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. Time: 7pm - 9pm. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: Rita Ph 8822 2222 or Email [soloparntservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparntservices@ccss.org.au)

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CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

GENERAL AUDIENCE:

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Today, we wish to reflect on the parable of the merciful Father. It speaks of a Father and his two sons, and it makes us know the infinite mercy of God.

We begin from the end, that is, from the joy of the Father's heart, who says: 'Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found' (Luke 15: vv. 23-24). With these words the Father interrupted his younger son at the moment he was confessing his fault: "I no longer deserve to be called your son ..." (v. 19). However, this expression is unbearable for the heart of the Father, who instead hastens to restore to his son the signs of his dignity: the best robe, the ring and the shoes. Jesus does not describe a Father who is offended and resentful, a Father that, for instance, says to his son: "you'll pay for this." No, the Father embraces him, awaits him with love. On the contrary, the only thing that the Father has at heart is that this son is before him safe and sound, and this makes him happy and he celebrates. The welcome of the son that returns is described in a moving way. "While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." (v. 20). How much tenderness; he saw him from afar: what does this mean? That the Father went out continually on the terrace to look at the road and see if his son was returning; that son who had done just about everything, but the Father awaited him. How beautiful is the Father's tenderness! The Father's mercy is overflowing, unconditional, and it is manifested before the son speaks. The son certainly knows he has erred and he acknowledges it: "I have sinned ... treat me as one of your hired servants"(v. 19). But these words dissolve in face of the Father's forgiveness. His Father's embrace and kiss make him understand that he was always considered son, despite everything. This teaching of Jesus is important: our condition of children of God is fruit of the love of the Father's heart; it does not depend on our merits or our actions and, therefore, no one can take it away, not even the devil! No one can take away this dignity.

This word of Jesus encourages us never to despair. I think of mothers and fathers in apprehension when they see their children distancing themselves, entering dangerous ways. I think of parish priests and catechists who sometimes wonder if their work was in vain. But I also think of those who are in prison, and who think that their life has ended; of all those who have made mistaken choices and are unable to look at the future; of all those who hunger for mercy and forgiveness and believe that they do not merit it ... In whatever situation of life, I must not forget that I will never cease to be a child of God, of a Father who loves me and awaits my return. Even in the

most awful situation of life, God awaits me, God wants to embrace me, God awaits me.

There is another son in the parable, the elder; he is also in need of discovering the Father's mercy. He has always remained at home, but he is so different from the Father! His words lack tenderness: 'Look, All These Years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders ... But When Your son returns ... ' (vv. 29-30). We see the contempt: he never says: "Father," he never says "brother," he only thinks of himself; he boasts of having remained always beside the Father and of having served him; yet he never lived this closeness with joy. And now he accuses the Father of never having given him a kid to make merry. Poor Father! One son went away, and the other was never truly close to him! The Father's suffering is like the suffering of god, the suffering of Jesus when we distance ourselves, or because we go far away or because we are close without being close.

The elder son is also in need of mercy. The just, those who believe themselves just, are also in need of mercy. This son represents us when we wonder if it is worthwhile to toil so much if then we receive nothing in return. Jesus reminds us that one does not remain in the Father's house to have a compensation, but because one has the dignity of co-responsible children. It is not about "bartering" with God, but about following Jesus who gave Himself on the cross without measure.

"My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice" (v. 31). So says the Father to the elder son. His is the logic of mercy! The younger son thought he merited a punishment because of his sins; the elder son expected a recompense for his services. The two brothers do not speak to one another; they live different stories, but both reason according to a logic that is foreign to Jesus: if you do good you receive a prize, if you do evil you get punished. And this is not Jesus' logic, it isn't! This logic is subverted by the Father's words: "It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found" (v. 31). The Father recovered his lost son, and now he can also restore him to his brother! Without the younger, the elder son ceases to be a "brother." The Father's greatest joy is to see that his sons acknowledge each other as brothers.

The sons can decide whether to unite themselves to the Father's joy or to refuse. They must question themselves about their desires and about the vision they have of life. The parable ends leaving the end in suspense: we do not know what the elder son decided to do. And this is a stimulus for us. This Gospel teaches us that they were all need of entering the Father's house and taking part in His joy, in His celebration of mercy and of fraternity. Brothers and sisters, let us open our heart to be "merciful like the Father!"

Translation by ZENIT