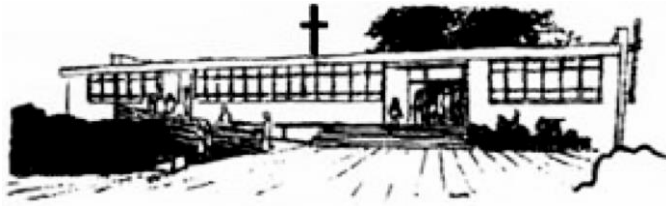


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4th July 2021, Year B/1



ANGELICO, Fra, Annalena Altarpiece, 1435

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm Live Stream

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

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

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple.
Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth;
Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

Responsorial Psalm: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for His mercy.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

SUNDAY 8:30am

Paul Mbaluka (Rec. Dec.)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 14th Week Ordinary Time

Tuesday 8:00am St Maria Goretti

Wednesday 8.00am Bl Peter To Rot

Thursday 8.00am 14th Week Ordinary Time

For a Successful Operation

Friday 8.00am St John of Cologne & Companions

Saturday 8.30am Mass of the Virgin Mary

LIVE STREAM OF WEEKEND MASSES

All Masses are being livestreamed at present, while we experience lockdown.

Please visit our website:

<http://stjosephskingswood.org/> or type in your browser: bit.ly/stjoe

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Paul Mbaluka

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2021

Confirmation: Sunday 7th November

Registration & 1st Session: 1st August

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.

POPE FRANCIS' JULY INTENTIONS

Social Friendship

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Zig Barglik, Joseph Brady, Joy Cavanagh, Brian Colbert, Kevin Collins, Margaret Colville, Valerie Davis, Katalin Domotor, Marie Donaldson, Frances Gunn, Nora Hehir, Andrew Isbitski, Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Shayla, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Margaretha Sultana, Barbara Thompson, Kelly Tonna, Kathryn Tuckwell.

SICK LIST: Due to privacy laws, if you have anyone for the sick list, please 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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$785**
 Loose: \$200
 Tap & Go: \$10
Total Donations for Chalice & Paten: \$1696.95

TAP AND GO DONATION FACILITY

Tap once to donate \$10; tap twice to donate \$20 etc. up to \$150. All contributions go to the 2nd Collection.

PARISH MOVIE

Movie postponed to 1st August, **pending lifting of restrictions.**

PARISH CELL GROUP

Every 1st & 3rd Monday of the month in the Parish Centre at 7pm. Please ring Jim on 0478 027 210 with any questions. **5th July cancelled.**

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is cancelled for Wednesday 7th July and will resume 14th July **pending lifting of restrictions.**

YOUTH GROUP

Will resume after the school holidays on Wednesday 14th July from 3pm to 5pm, **pending lifting of restrictions.** Young People from Year 6 to 18 years old are most welcome.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Young Adults Group, from 18 to 35 years old, have resumed meetings. For any information concerning meeting dates type bit.ly/YASJK into your browser.

PARISH LUNCH

2nd Wednesday of the month. Our next lunch is Wednesday 14th July at 12noon at the Colonial Hotel at Werrington, **pending lifting of restrictions.**

PETER'S PENCE APPEAL

Our Peter's Pence Appeal is postponed until further notice.

ADULT CONFIRMATION AT ST PATRICK'S

Thursday 2nd September at 7.30pm at the Cathedral for those over 16 if they have received their First Holy Communion. Catechesis and Formation Day at IFM, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown on Saturday 21st August from 9.30am to 2pm. Please let the Parish Office know by 25th July if you are interested.

BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

We have collected \$3166.50 so far. Our quota is \$4834. Thank you to those who have given so generously.

A NEW CHURCH FOR ST JOSEPH'S

In this, the Year of St Joseph, our Patron Saint, and having celebrated the 50th Anniversary of our Parish, let's communicate and consider the advantages of having a new Church here at St Joseph's and how we can make it possible.

Please feel free to give your thoughts and opinions on the Survey, which is available this weekend on the Parish website. St Joseph pray for us.

INSTALLATION OF ACOLYTES

Pending lifting of restrictions, on Saturday 31st July at 6pm Mass here at St Joseph's two of our Seminarians, Tom Green and David Sebastian, will be installed as Acolytes by Bishop Vincent.

NO PRIVATE PRAYER OR MASS BOOKINGS

From Friday 25th June no public Masses have been permitted and this will continue until lockdown is lifted.

When the Lockdown has been Lifted, everyone coming to St Joseph's will be required to use the QR Code before entering the Church, Office, Hall or Parish Centre. This will include those attending Masses or Private Prayer in the Church and any Volunteers working in the Parish.

For those who do not have the NSW App, you can use the Check in Code for a Webform.

If you do not have a phone please contact the Usher or the Office if applicable to enter your details electronically.

Registered Bookings will continue to be taken, but to be assured of a place in the Church please be on time, as your place is only valid until Mass starts, at which time others who arrive early and have not registered will be entitled to your place in the Church.

NOTICE FROM PARRAMATTA DIOCESE

**DUE TO COVID-19, PUBLIC MASSES
AND CHURCH BUILDINGS ARE
CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
CHURCHES ARE NOT BEING CLOSED.
BUILDINGS ARE BEING CLOSED.
YOU ARE THE CHURCH!
YOU ARE TO REMAIN OPEN.**

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Paul, the True Apostle

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Let us enter into the *Letter to the Galatians* a little at a time. We have seen that these Christians find themselves in conflict on how to live the faith. The apostle Paul begins to write his Letter reminding them of their past relationship, his unease at being far from them, and the unchanging love he retains for each one of them. However, he does not fail to point out his concern that the Galatians should follow the correct path: it is the concern of a father, who has generated the communities in the faith. His intention is very clear: it is necessary to reiterate the novelty of the Gospel, which the Galatians have received through his preaching, to build the true identity on which to base their existence. And this is the principle: to reaffirm the newness of the Gospel, of that which the Galatians received from him.

Paul has a profound knowledge of the mystery of Christ. From the beginning of his Letter he does not follow the low arguments used by his detractors. The Apostle "flies high" and shows us how to behave when conflicts arise within the community. Only towards the end of the Letter is it made explicit that at the heart of the diatribe is the question of circumcision, hence of the main Jewish tradition. Paul chooses to go deeper, because what is at stake is the truth of the Gospel and the freedom of Christians, which is an integral part of it. He does not stop at the surface of the problems, of conflicts, as we are often tempted to do in order to find an immediate solution that deludes us into thinking that we can all agree with a compromise. Paul loves Jesus and knows that Jesus is not a man, a God of compromises. The Apostle chose to take the more challenging route. He writes: "Am I now seeking human approval, or God's approval?" He does not try to make peace with everyone. And he continues: "Or am I trying to please people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ" (*Gal 1:10*).

Firstly, Paul feels his duty to remind the Galatians that he is a true apostle not by his own merit, but by God's calling. He recounts the story of his vocation and conversion, which coincided with the apparition of the Risen Christ during the journey to Damascus (cf. *Acts 9:1-9*). It is interesting to observe what he affirms of his life prior to that event. And this is what he says, about his "former" life: "I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors" (*Gal 1:13-14*). Paul dared to affirm that in Judaism he surpassed all others, he was a truly zealous

pharisee, "as for righteousness based on the law, faultless" (*Phil 3:6*). Twice he emphasises that he was a defender of the "traditions of the fathers" and a "staunch upholder of the law". This is the story of Paul.

On the one hand, he insists in underlining that he had fiercely persecuted the Church and that he had been a "blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence" (*1 Tim 1:13*). On the other hand, he highlights God's mercy towards him, which led him to experience a radical transformation, well known to all. He writes: "I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; they only heard it said, 'The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy'" (*Gal 1, 22-23*). He converted, he changed, he changed his heart. Paul thus highlights the truth of his vocation through the striking contrast that had been created in his life: from being a persecutor of Christians for not observing the traditions and the law, he was called to become an apostle to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. But we see that Paul is free: he is free to proclaim the Gospel and he is also free to confess his sins. "I was like that": it is the truth that gives freedom to the heart, and it is the freedom of God.

Paul is full of wonder and gratitude. It is as if he wanted to tell the Galatians that he could have been anything but an apostle. He had been brought up as a boy to be a blameless observer of the Mosaic Law, and circumstances had led him to fight the disciples of Christ. God, by His grace, had revealed to him His Son who had died and rose again, so that he could become a herald among the Gentiles (cf. *Gal 1:15-6*).

How inscrutable are the ways of the Lord! We experience this every day, but especially if we think back to the times when the Lord called us. Let us keep fixed in our hearts and minds that encounter with grace, when God changed our existence. How often, in the face of the Lord's great works, does the question arise: but how is it possible that God uses a sinner, a frail and weak person, to do His will? And yet, none of this happens by chance, because everything has been prepared in God's plan. He weaves our history, the story of each one of us: He weaves our history and, if we correspond with trust to His plan of salvation, we realise it. The calling always implies a mission to which we are destined; that is why we are asked to prepare ourselves seriously, knowing that it is God Himself who sends us, it is God Himself who supports us with His grace. Brothers and sisters, let us allow ourselves to be led by this awareness: the primacy of grace transforms existence and makes it worthy of being placed at the service of the Gospel; it covers all sins, changes hearts, changes lives and makes us see new paths. Let us not forget this. Thank you.