

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

29th November 2020, Year B/1



ANGELICO, Fra, The Annunciation, 1451-52

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

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

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: To You, I lift up my soul, O my God.
 In You I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
 Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in You be put to shame.

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, make us turn to You, let us see Your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		All Souls
SUNDAY	8:30am		All Souls
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	ST ANDREW	All Souls
Tuesday	8:00am	1st Week of Advent	John P.T. & Jeena Johny (Birthdays)
Wednesday	8.00am	1st Week of Advent	Bronislaw & Stanislaw Blazek (Dec. Ann.)
Thursday	8.00am	St Francis Xavier	Rachelle Ellis (Birthday)
Friday	8.00am	1st Week of Advent	Franciszka & Jozef Warda (Dec. Ann.)
Saturday	8.30am	1st Week of Advent	Dec. Mems. of St Vincent de Paul

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

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.

CHRISTMAS TRIDUUM MASSES

6pm for Three evenings: Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th December. No Booking for 22nd & 23rd. The first 80 people will be admitted to the Church.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Thursday 24th 6pm & 8pm
 Friday 25th 12 Midnight, 9am & 11am
 Bookings are Essential for these Masses.

RECONCILIATION FOR CHRISTMAS

Monday 21st December 9am to 12noon and 5-7:30pm

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Bronislaw & Stanislaw Blazek, Franciszka & Jozef Warda, Dec. Mems. of St Vincent de Paul Society

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

POPE FRANCIS' NOVEMBER INTENTIONS

Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

OUR FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN

Congratulations to our children who made their 1st Communion last Sunday afternoon. Please keep them in your prayers.

Peyton Bernacer	Harlum Hooke
Lillian Boncales	Telford Tully
Eileen Cao	Luisa O'Neill
Junran Cao	Evan Park
Matthew Chivinda	Ryan Park
Jonah De Guzman	Alexander Phua
Keira Esteban	Franz Santos
Eva Garcia	Khloe Schwarzer

SECOND COLLECTION:	Envelopes: \$591
	Loose: \$583.50
	Tap & Go: \$120

PARKING NOTICE

We ask that people attending 8.30am Mass would exit via Joseph Street allowing 10am Mass goers access to the Main Gate on Richmond Road.

Please leave Parking near the Church for the Disabled.

TAP AND GO DONATION FACILITY

We have a new "Tap and Go" Donation device at the back of the church. Tap once to donate \$10; tap twice to donate \$20 etc. up to \$150. All contributions go to the 2nd Collection.

PARISH CELL GROUP

Every 1st & 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm in the Parish Centre. All are most welcome.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

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

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Our next Young Adults meeting is Friday 11th December at 6.45pm in the Parish Hall. For more information type bit.ly/YASJK into your browser.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This weekend we have our Catholic Foundation appeal to help support vulnerable families. The Special Collection Box will be at the back of the Church or you can also donate online through the link on our Parish website.

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. Your presence will be confirmed as you arrive at the Church.

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 or you can use the QR Code and show the Usher that you have been CHECKED IN.

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/>

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS FOR 2020

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

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

The prayer of the nascent Church

Wednesday 25th November 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

The Church's first steps in the world were interspersed with prayer. The apostolic writings and the great narration of the *Acts of the Apostles* give us the image of an active Church, a Church on the move, yet which, gathered in prayer, finds the basis and impulse for missionary action. The image of the early Community of Jerusalem is the point of reference for every other Christian experience. Luke writes in the Book of Acts: "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (2:42). The community persevered in prayer.

We find here four essential characteristics of ecclesial life: listening to the apostles' teaching, first; second, the safeguarding of mutual communion; third, the breaking of the bread; and fourth, prayer. They remind us that the Church's existence has meaning if it remains firmly united to Christ, that is, in community, in His Word, in the Eucharist and in prayer – the way we unite ourselves to Christ. He will never be absent – particularly in the Eucharist, He is there. He lives and walks with us. And lastly, prayer, which is the space of dialogue with the Father, through Christ in the Holy Spirit.

To discern a situation, we need to ask ourselves about these four coordinates: how in this situation these four coordinates are present – the preaching, the constant search for fraternal communion, charity, the breaking of the bread (that is, the Eucharistic life), and prayer. Whatever is not part of these coordinates is not ecclesial. It is God who creates the Church, not the clamour of works. The Church is the work of the Holy Spirit whom Jesus sent to us to gather us together. The Church is precisely the work of the Spirit in the Christian community, in the life of the community, in the Eucharist, in prayer... always. And everything that grows outside of these coordinates lacks a foundation, is like a house built upon sand (see *Mt 7:24-27*). It is God who creates the Church, not the clamour of works. It is Jesus' word that fills our efforts with meaning. It is in humility that we build the future of the world. Where is prayer? Where is communitarian love? Where is the Eucharist?" Without these four coordinates, the Church becomes a human society, a political party – majority, minority – changes are made as if it were a company, according to majority or minority... But the Holy Spirit is not there. And the presence of the Holy Spirit is precisely guaranteed by these four coordinates. To evaluate whether a situation is ecclesial or not ecclesial, let us ask ourselves about these four coordinates: life in community, prayer, the Eucharist...how is life

developing along these four coordinates. If this is lacking, the Holy Spirit is lacking, and if the Holy Spirit is lacking, we are a beautiful organization, humanitarian, doing good things, good, good...even an ecclesial party, let's put it that way. But it is not the Church. If the Holy Spirit is lacking, who is the one who attracts [people] to Jesus, the Church is not there.

In reading the Acts of the Apostles we then discover what a powerful driving force of evangelization the *prayer gatherings* can be, where those who participate actually experience Jesus' presence and are touched by the Spirit. The members of the first community sensed that the narrative of the encounter with Jesus did not stop at the moment of the Ascension but continued in their life. In recounting what the Lord said and did – listening to the Word – in praying to enter into communion with Him, everything became alive. Prayer infuses light and warmth: the gift of the Spirit endowed them with fervour.

The *Catechism* says this: "The Holy Spirit... keeps the memory of Christ alive in his Church at prayer, also leads her toward the fullness of truth, to the whole truth, and inspires new formulations expressing the unfathomable mystery of Christ at work in his Church's life, sacraments, and mission" (n. 2625). This is the Spirit's work in the Church: *making us remember Jesus*. And Jesus Himself said it: He will teach you and remind you. Christians, walking on the paths of mission, remember Jesus while they make Him present once more; and from Him, from His Spirit, they receive the "push" to go, to proclaim, to serve. In prayer, Christians immerse themselves in the mystery of God, that mystery who loves each person, that God who desires that the Gospel to be preached to everyone. God is God for everyone, and in Jesus every wall of separation has definitively crumbled: as Saint Paul says, He is our peace, that is, "He who has made us both one" (*Eph 2:14*). Jesus created unity, unity.

God gives love, God asks for love. This is the mystical root of the believer's entire life. The Spirit inspires everything. And every Christian who is not afraid to devote time to prayer can make his or her own the words of the Apostle Paul, who says this: "the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (*Gal 2:20*). Prayer makes you aware of this. Only in the silence of adoration do we experience the whole truth of these words. And we must recapture this sense of adoration. To adore, to adore God, to adore Jesus, to adore the Spirit. The Father, the Son and the Spirit: to adore. In silence. The prayer of adoration is that prayer that makes us recognize God as the beginning and the end of all of History. And prayers are the living flame of the Spirit that give strength to witness and to mission. Thank you.