

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

22<sup>nd</sup> August 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

#### Address

94 Joseph Street  
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# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Entrance Antiphon:** Turn Your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in You my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long.

**First Reading:** Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

**Responsorial Psalm:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 5:21-32

**Gospel:** John 6:60-69

### VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Bill Eades (Deceased Anniversary)
SUNDAY	8:30am		Adriano & Celerina Reyes (Dec. Ann.)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	St Rose Flores of Lima	Pinky Belderol (Deceased Ann.)
Tuesday	8:00am	ST BARTHOLOMEW	Colin O'Flynn (Recently Dec.)
Wednesday	8.00am	21 <sup>st</sup> Week Ordinary Time	Lila Hulme (Deceased Anniversary)
Thursday	8.00am	21 <sup>st</sup> Week Ordinary Time	Anthony & Tammie Vella (For Family)
Friday	8.00am	St Monica	Leah Gilmore (Freedom from New Age)
Saturday	8.30am	ST AUGUSTINE	Colin O'Flynn (Recently Dec.)

### LIVE STREAM OF WEEKEND MASSES

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

Please visit us at: <http://stjosephskingswood.org/>

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Colin O'Flynn, Irma Beatriz Gutierrez

**DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:** Bill Eades, Adriano & Celerina Reyes, Pinky Belderol, Lila Hulme

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2021

**Confirmation:** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November

**Sessions:** Sundays at 11.30am via Zoom

### 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' AUGUST INTENTION

**The Church:** Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

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

**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: \$935**  
                                  **Loose:     \$65**  
                                  **Tap & Go: \$10**

### **TAP AND GO DONATION FACILITY**

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

### **PARISH DONATIONS**

For online donations using your credit/debit card please visit the payment link on our parish website <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/StJosephsCatholicChurchKingswood>

If you wish to donate by electronic bank deposit (EFT) please note our bank details below:

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection and Parish Donations**

BSB:                               067 950  
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 00000396  
ACCOUNT NAME: KINGSWOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH  
REFERENCE: (Initial & surname/Envelope number)

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Collection (Diocesan Priests Pastoral Revenue)**

BSB:                               067 950  
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 00004265  
ACCOUNT NAME: PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN CLERGY  
REFERENCE:     6019 St Joseph's Parish

### **PARISH MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES**

These are all cancelled until the NSW Government restrictions are lifted.

### **SAFEGUARDING TRAINING**

#### **Why the Safeguarding Training is Important**

We are all driven by the call of the Gospel in our lives, our work and our parish ministry. We are challenged to actively promote the rights and dignity of all people in the commandment to 'love others as God loves us'.

The Diocese of Parramatta, led by Bishop Vincent, is steadfast in its commitment to 'ensure all children and vulnerable adults are safe, protected and enabled to flourish'. Bishop Vincent has also expressed his commitment to us – those involved in the life of a parish – that all volunteers and staff are trained, supported and skilled in their pastoral roles and ministry.

Having skills and support will enable us to ensure the dignity and safety of those we meet in ministry, especially children and adults at risk.

### **A NEW CHURCH FOR ST JOSEPH'S**

In this, the Year of St Joseph, our Patron Saint, and having celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> 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 on the Parish website. St Joseph pray for us.

### **'THE WELL' OFFERS SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT DURING LOCKDOWN**

Need some inspiration and spiritual encouragement during lockdown? Why not check out The Well? The Diocese's 'on demand' streaming site has a ton of video and prayer resources for you to explore and engage with during this difficult time. Check it out on [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au)

### **NO PRIVATE PRAYER OR MASS BOOKINGS**

From Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 using your home phone number.**

**If you do not have a phone, please contact the Usher 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

#### Letter to the Galatians: 4. The Mosaic Law

Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

If the Holy Spirit exists, if Jesus exists who redeemed us, why the law? And this is what we must reflect on today. The Apostle writes: "If you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law" (Gal 5:18). Instead, Paul's detractors sustained that the Galatians had to follow the Law to be saved. They were nostalgic for times before Jesus Christ. The Apostle is not at all in agreement. These were not the terms he had agreed on with the other Apostles in Jerusalem. He remembers very well Peter's words when he said: "Why do you make trial of God by putting a yoke upon the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear?" (Acts 15:10). The dispositions that had emerged in that 'first council' – the first ecumenical council was the one that took place in Jerusalem – and they were very clear. They said: "For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled and from unchastity" (Acts 15:28-29). Some of the things touched on worshiping God, and idolatry, and some regarding the way of understanding life.

When Paul speaks about the Law, he is normally referring to the Mosaic Law, the Ten Commandments given by Moses. According to various Old Testament texts, the Torah (the Hebrew term used to indicate the Law), is the collection of all those prescriptions and norms the Israelites had to observe by virtue of the Covenant with God. An effective synthesis of what the Torah is can be found in this text of Deuteronomy, that says this: "The Lord will again take delight in prospering you, as he took delight in your fathers, if you obey the voice of the Lord your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, if you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul" (30:9-10). The observance of the Law guaranteed to the people the benefits of the Covenant and guaranteed a particular bond with God. In making the Covenant with Israel, God offered them the Torah, the Law, so they could understand his will and live in justice. At that time, a Law like this was necessary, it was a tremendous gift that God gave his people. Why? Because at that time paganism was everywhere, idolatry was everywhere and human behaviour was a result of idolatry. The great gift God gave his people is the law, so they could persevere. Several times, especially in the prophetic books, it is noted that not observing the precepts of the Law constituted a real betrayal of the Covenant, provoking God's wrath as a consequence. The

Law is the way a person, a people express that they are in covenant with God.

It is easy to understand how well those missionaries who had infiltrated the Galatians found such fair game by sustaining that adhering to the Covenant also included observing the Mosaic Law as it was done at that time. We discover Saint Paul's spiritual intelligence and the great insights he expressed, sustained by the grace he received for his evangelizing mission.

The Apostle explains to the Galatians that, in reality, the Covenant and the Mosaic Law are not linked indissolubly. The first element he relies on is that the Covenant established by God with Abraham was based on faith in the fulfillment of the promise and not on the observance of the Law that did not yet exist. Abraham began his journey centuries before the Law. The Apostle writes: "This is what I mean: the law, which came four hundred and thirty years afterward with Moses, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God with Abraham, so as to make the promise void". We Christians journey through life looking towards a promise, which attracts us to move forward to an encounter with the Lord. "For if the inheritance is by the law, it is no longer; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise" (Gal 3:17-18), then the Law came four hundred and thirty years after. With this reasoning, Paul reached his first objective: the Law is not the basis of the Covenant because it came later, it was necessary and just, but prior to that there was the Covenant.

Such an argument disqualifies all those who sustain that the Mosaic Law was a constitutive part of the Covenant. No, the Covenant comes first, and the call came to Abraham. The Torah, the Law, in fact, was not included in the promise made to Abraham. One should not think that Paul was opposed to the Mosaic Law. No, he observed it. Several times in his Letters, he defends its divine origin and says that it possesses a well-defined role in the history of salvation. The Law, however, does not give life, it does not offer the fulfillment of the promise because it is not capable of being able to fulfill it. Paul says the law is the pedagogue toward Christ and faith in Christ (cf. Gal 3:24). Those who seek life need to look to the promise and to its fulfillment in Christ.

This exposition of the Apostle to the Galatians presents the radical newness of the Christian life: all those who have faith in Jesus Christ are called to live in the Holy Spirit, who liberates from the Law and, at the same time, brings it to fulfillment according to the commandment of love. The Law leads us to Jesus.

May the Lord help us to journey along the path of the commandments but looking toward the love of Christ, knowing that the encounter with Jesus is more important than all of the commandments.