

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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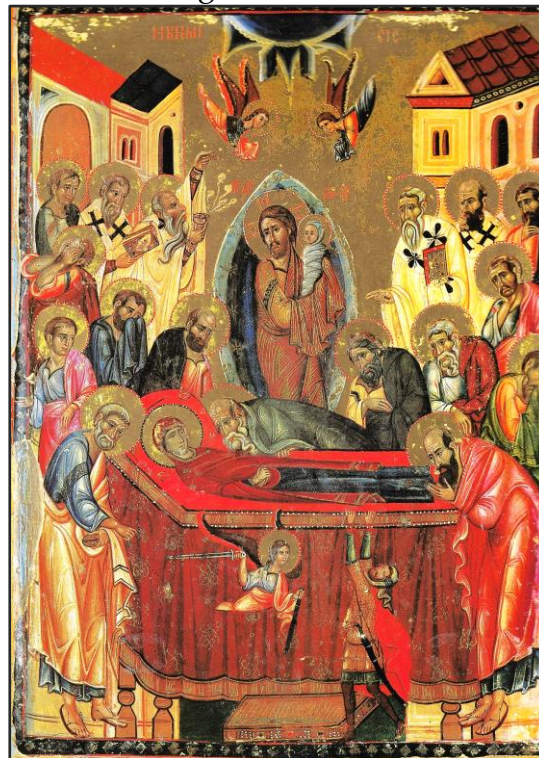
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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29th August 2021, Year B/1



Dormition of the Mother of God, Mount Sinai Monastery, 13th Century

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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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am – 2:00pm and Friday: 9.00am – 1:00pm

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long.
O Lord, You are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to You.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Responsorial Psalm: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Irma Beatriz Gutierrez (Rec. Dec.)
SUNDAY	8:30am		Tomas Belderol Jnr (Deceased Ann.)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	22nd Week Ordinary Time	Colin O'Flynn (Recently Deceased)
Tuesday	8:00am	22nd Week Ordinary Time	For the Intentions of the Donor
Wednesday	8.00am	22nd Week Ordinary Time	Colin O'Flynn (Recently Deceased)
Thursday	8.00am	22nd Week Ordinary Time	Denis Woodward (Deceased Ann.)
Friday	8.00am	St Gregory the Great	For God's Precious Infants
Saturday	8.30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary	Deceased Mems. of St Vincent de Paul

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: Irma Beatriz Gutierrez, Colin O'Flynn, Noel Rice

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY: Tomas Belderol Jnr, Denis Woodward, Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2021

Confirmation: Sunday 7th 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.

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PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$250**
 Loose: \$25
 Tap & Go: \$40
 Donations: \$100

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 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:

2nd Collection and Parish Donations

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

1st Collection (Diocesan Priests Pastoral Revenue)

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

FAREWELL TO PATRICIA REILLY

We would like to inform you that Mrs Patricia Reilly, the Principal of St Joseph's Primary, will be leaving the school to take a new assignment at St Anthony's Girraween at the end of the school year.

Trish, thank you for all you have done as Principal of St Joseph's and in your willingness to be involved and to give your assistance in our Parish. You will be greatly missed by all of us in the Parish who have met you and got to know you. May the Lord bless and keep you as you travel forward in your career.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Mandatory Modules 1, 2 and 3 begin 21st September. Aruna will send an email with details of this training. Once restrictions ease there will be an opportunity for face-to-face training.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE APPEAL FOR HAITI

Donate to Caritas Australia at www.caritas.org.au or ring 1800 024 413.

Donate to Aid to the Church in Need Australia at www.aidtochurch.org/haiti

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 on the Parish website. St Joseph pray for us.

BISHOP'S FATHERS DAY APPEAL

Due to Covid this appeal for retired and unwell clergy will be done via mail and online. Please give generously at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal

'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

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.

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

Galatians: 5. The Propedeutic Value of the Law

Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Saint Paul, who loved Jesus and had clearly understood what salvation was, has taught us that the “children of the promise” (*Gal 4: 28*) – that is all of us, justified by Jesus Christ – are no longer bound by the Law, but are called to the demanding life-style of the freedom of the Gospel. The Law however exists. But there exists another way: the same Law, the Ten Commandments, but with another way, because it could no longer be justified by itself once the Lord had come. And therefore, in today’s catechesis I would like to explain this. And we ask: what, according to the Letter to the Galatians, is the role of the Law? In the passage we have heard, Paul says that the Law was like a *pedagogue*. It is a beautiful image, that of the pedagogue we spoke about during the last audience, an image that deserves to be understood in its correct meaning.

There are two periods: before becoming believers in Christ Jesus and after receiving the faith. At the centre is the event of the death and resurrection of Jesus, which Paul preached in order to inspire faith in the Son of God, the source of salvation, and in Christ Jesus we are justified. Starting from faith in Christ there is a “before” and an “after” with regard to the Law itself, because the Law exists, the Commandments exist, but there is one attitude before the coming of Jesus, and another one afterwards. The previous history is determined by being “under the Law”. And one who followed the path of the Law was saved, justified; the subsequent history, after the coming of Jesus, was to be lived by following the Holy Spirit (cf. *Gal 5:25*). This is the first time that Paul uses this expression: to be “under the Law”. The Apostle makes it explicit by saying that when one is “under the Law” it is as if one is “watched” and “locked up”, a kind of preventive custody. This period, says Saint Paul, has lasted a long time – from Moses, to the coming of Jesus – and is perpetuated as long as one lives in sin.

In summary, the Law leads to the definition of the transgression and to making people aware of their own sin: “You have done this, and so the Law – the Ten Commandments – say thus: you are in sin”. In the Letter to the Romans he writes: “When we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the Law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we are discharged from the law, dead to that which held us captive” (*Rom, 7:5-6*). Why? Because the justification of Jesus Christ has come. Paul succinctly expresses his vision of the Law: “The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law” (*1 Cor 15:56*).

In this context, the reference to the pedagogical role played by the law makes full sense. But the Law is the

pedagogue that leads you where? To Jesus. In the scholastic system of antiquity, the pedagogue did not have the function we attribute to him today, namely that of supporting the education of a child. At the time he was instead a slave whose task was to accompany the master’s son to the teacher and then bring him home again. When the boy became an adult, the pedagogue ceased his duties. The pedagogue to whom Paul refers was the one who accompanied his ward to school, who watched over the boy and brought him back home.

Referring to the Law in these terms enables Saint Paul to clarify the role it played in the history of Israel. The *Torah*, that is, the Law, was an act of magnanimity by God towards His people. The Law: laid down the path to follow. It certainly had restrictive functions, but at the same time it had protected the people, it had educated them, disciplined them and supported them in their weakness, especially by protecting them from the many pagan attitudes in those times. The Torah says: “There is only one God and He has set us on our way”. The Apostle goes on to describe the phase of minor age. And he says: “Heirs, as long as they are minors, are no better than slaves, though they are the owners of all the property; but they remain under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; while we were minors, we were enslaved to the elemental spirits of the world” (*Gal 4: 1-3*). The Law certainly possesses a positive function – like the pedagogue in accompanying his ward – but it is a function that is limited in time. It cannot extend its duration too far, because it is linked to the maturation of individuals and their choice of freedom. Once one has come to faith, the Law exhausts its propedeutic value and must give way to another authority. What does this mean? That after the Law we can say, “We believe in Jesus Christ and do what we want?” No! The Commandments must be observed, but they do not give us justice; there is the encounter with Jesus Christ that freely justifies us. The merit of faith is receiving Jesus. And what do we do with the Commandments? We must observe them, but as an aid to the encounter with Jesus Christ.

Teaching on the value of the law deserves to be considered carefully so we do not give way to misunderstandings. It is good for us to ask ourselves if we still live in the period in which we need the Law, or if instead we are fully aware of having received the grace of becoming children of God so as to live in love. How do I live? In the fear that if I do not do this, I will go to hell? Or do I live with that hope and joy of the gift of salvation in Jesus Christ? It is a good question. And also the second: do I disregard the Commandments? No. I observe them, but not as absolutes, because I know that it is Jesus Christ who justifies me.