

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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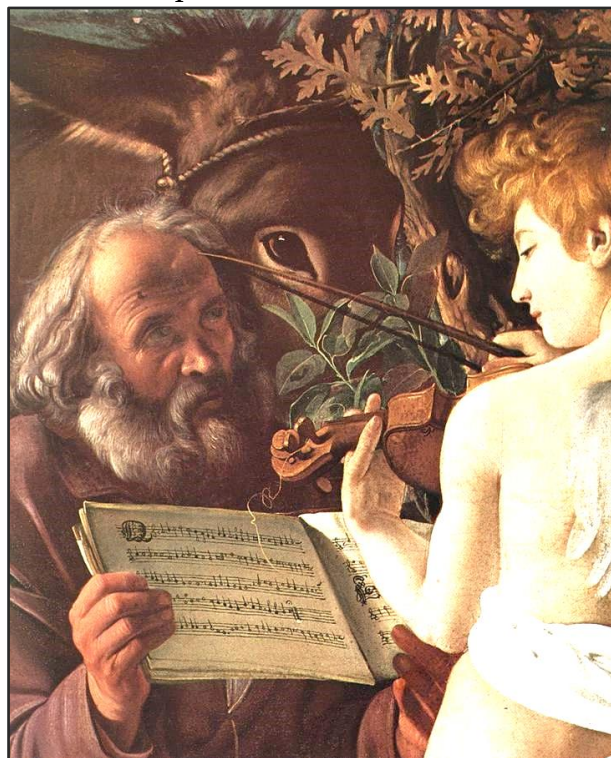
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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5th September 2021, Year B/1



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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: You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right;
treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Colin O'Flynn (Recently Deceased)
SUNDAY	8:30am		Colin O'Flynn (Recently Deceased)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	Bl Michael Czartorysky & Julia Syanislava Rodzininska	Sr Louisa Maria (Special Blessings)
Tuesday	8:00am	23rd Week Ordinary Time	Kim Nelson & Odile St Lambert (D.A.)
Wednesday	8.00am	BIRTHDAY OF BL VIRGIN MARY	Angele Ghougassian (Dec. Ann.)
Thursday	8.00am	23rd Week Ordinary Time	Colin O'Flynn (Recently Deceased)
Friday	8.00am	23rd Week Ordinary Time	Jolly Fabre (Recently Deceased)
Saturday	8.30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary	For the Intentions of the Donor

LIVE STREAM OF MASSES

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

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Colin O'Flynn, Jolly Fabre, Noel Rice

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY: Odile St Lambert, Kim Nelson, Angele Ghougassian

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' SEPTEMBER INTENTION

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

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: \$620**
 Loose: \$85
 Tap & Go: \$20

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 (To support the Priests)

BSB: 067 950
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 00004265
ACCOUNT NAME: PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN CLERGY
REFERENCE: 6019 St Joseph (Your name)

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

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

BISHOP'S FATHERS DAY APPEAL

This appeal raises much needed funds to support retired clergy and those in ill health.

Due to Covid this appeal will be done via mail and online. Please give generously via Father's Day Appeal at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal

AFGHANISTAN REFUGEES

Major Australian church denominations and Christian organisations have come together to urge the Prime Minister to provide a special intake of an additional 20,000 refugees fleeing Afghanistan and support the ongoing wellbeing of all Afghan refugees and their families. To sign the petition go to www.unitedforafghanistan.com/?partner=diocesepararamatta

*Happy Fathers' Day to all our Fathers. May the Lord bless you and keep you always in His care.
Fr Andrew, Fr Pawel & Fr Piotr*

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.

'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 or the Parish Office 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: 6. The Dangers of the Law

Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

The Letter to the Galatians reports a rather surprising fact. As we have heard, Paul says that he reproached Peter, in front of the community at Antioch, since his behaviour was not that good. What had happened that was so serious that Paul felt obliged to address Peter in such harsh terms? What was at stake was the relationship between the Law and freedom.

Writing to the Galatians, Paul deliberately mentions this episode that had taken place the year before in Antioch. He wanted to remind the Christians of that community that they were not to listen to those who were preaching that it was necessary to be circumcised, and therefore be “under the Law” with all of its prescriptions. We recall that preachers had gone there and were creating confusion and had even robbed that community of their peace. The object of criticism regarding Peter was his behaviour when sitting down to table. For a Jew, the Law prohibited eating with non-Jews. But Peter himself, in another circumstance, had gone to the house of Cornelius the centurion in Caesarea, knowing that he was transgressing the Law. He thus affirmed: “God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean” (*Acts* 10:28). Once he returned to Jerusalem, the circumcised Christians, who were faithful to the Mosaic Law, reproached Peter for his behaviour. He, however, justified himself saying: “And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?” (*Acts* 11:16-17). We remember that the Holy Spirit had come at that time into Cornelius’ house when Peter went there.

Something similar had also taken place in Antioch in Paul’s presence. First, Peter had been eating with the Christians of pagan origin without any difficulty; however, when some circumcised Christians from Jerusalem arrived in the city – those who were originally Jews – he then no longer did so, because he did not want to incur their criticism. And this – be careful – his error was that of paying more attention to criticism, of making a good impression. This was serious in Paul’s eyes, because other disciples imitated Peter, especially Barnabas, who had even evangelised the Galatians (cf. *Gal* 2:13). In so doing, without wanting to, Peter was not clear or transparent and was creating division within the community: “I am pure...I am following this line...I have to do this...this cannot be done...”

In his reproach Paul uses a term that allows us to enter into the merit of his reaction: *hypocrisy* (cf. *Gal* 2:13). The

observance of the Law on the part of Christians led to this hypocritical behaviour that the apostle wanted to counter. Paul was upright, he had his defects – many of them – but he was upright. What is hypocrisy? When we say, “Be careful, that person is a hypocrite”, what are we trying to say? It can be called the *fear of the truth*. A hypocrite is afraid of the truth. It is better to pretend rather than be yourself. Pretending leads to half-truths. And half-truths are a sham because the truth is the truth. We prefer to pretend rather than to be ourselves, and this pretence suffocates the courage to openly say the truth. The commandment is to always speak the truth: to speak the truth everywhere. And in an environment where interpersonal relations are lived under the banner of formalism, the virus of hypocrisy easily spreads. That smile that does not come from the heart. To seem to be on good terms with everyone, but with no one.

A beautiful testimony to counter hypocrisy is that of the elderly Eleazar who was asked to pretend to eat meat sacrificed to the pagan deities in order to save his own life. Or to pretend he was eating pork but his friends would have prepared something else. But that God-fearing man replied: “Such pretence is not worthy of our time of life, lest many of the young should suppose that Eleazar in his ninetieth year has gone over to an alien religion, and through my pretence for the sake of living a brief moment longer, they should be led astray because of me, while I defile and disgrace my old age” (*2 Mac* 6:24-25). He did not choose the path of hypocrisy! The Gospels report several situations in which Jesus strongly reproaches those who appear just externally, but who internally are filled with falsity (cf. *Mt* 23:13-29).

Hypocrites are people who pretend, flatter and deceive because they live with a mask over their faces and do not have the courage to face the truth. A hypocrite does not know how to love. They limit themselves to living out of egoism and do not have the strength to show their hearts transparently. Hypocrisy is often hidden in the work place where someone appears to be friends with their colleagues while, at the same time, stabbing them in the back due to competition. In politics, hypocrites live one way in public and another way in private. Unfortunately, in the Church there are many hypocritical Christians and ministers. We should never forget the Lord’s words: “Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil” (*Mt* 5:37). Let us think about the hypocrisy that Paul and Jesus condemn, and not be afraid to be truthful, to speak the truth, to hear the truth, to conform ourselves to the truth, so we can love. A hypocrite does not know how to love. To act other than truthfully means jeopardising the unity of the Church, that unity for which the Lord Himself prayed. Thank you.