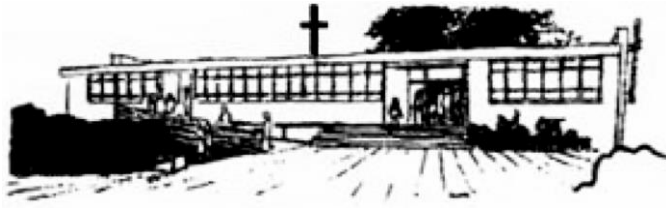


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021, Year B/1



Legend of St Francis: 5. Renunciation of Worldly Goods, 1297-99

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

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:** Within Your will, O Lord, all things are established,  
and there is none that can resist Your will.  
For You have made all things, the heaven and the earth,  
and all that is held within the circle of heaven; You are the Lord of all.

**First Reading:** Genesis 2:18-24

**Responsorial Psalm:** May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 2:9-11

**Gospel:** Mark 10:2-16

### VIGIL SATURDAY

	<b>6:00pm</b>		<b>Jennifer McLaurin (Deceased Ann.)</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:30am</b>		<b>Colin O'Flynn (Recently Dec.)</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>		<b>For the Parish</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI</b>	<b>For the Intention of the Donor</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>St Faustina Kowalska</b>	<b>Colin O'Flynn (Recently Dec.)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Anita Sequeira, Mary &amp; Michael Menezes, the Sequeira, Menezes &amp; D'Souza Families (Dec. Ann.)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY</b>	<b>Colin O'Flynn (Recently Dec.)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time</b>	<b>For the Intention of the Donor</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>St Louis Bertran</b>	<b>Thanksgiving</b>

### LIVE STREAM OF MASSES

All Masses are being livestreamed at present, while we experience lockdown.  
Please visit us at: <http://stjosephskingswood.org/>

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2021

**Confirmation:** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November  
**Sessions:** Sundays at 11.30am via Zoom

### NOVEMBER MASSES

We are now taking names for November Masses, celebrated for our deceased loved ones. You can email us the names and forward your donations online or drop your envelope to the Office.

### 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.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Colin O'Flynn, Noel Rice  
**DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:** Jennifer McLaurin,  
Dec. Mems of Sequeira, Menezes & D'Souza Families

**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

### 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.

**SECOND COLLECTION:**    **Envelopes: \$620**  
   **Loose:     \$20**  
   **Tap & Go: \$60**  
   **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 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>

Electronic bank deposit (EFT) 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 (To Support the Priests of the Diocese)**

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

### ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY ENROLMENTS 2022

Please contact the School Office on 4726 4200 for information on enrolments for next year.

### SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

New dates for Zoom Sessions:

Module 1 – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am or 2pm  
Module 2 – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am or 2pm  
Module 3 – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 9.30am or 2pm  
Email Maria at [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org) with any questions or for information.

### OCTOBER IS WORLD MISSION MONTH

In three weeks Catholic Mission will explain the essential mission work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok. You will have an opportunity to share in this work. Visit [catholicmission.org.au/thailand](http://catholicmission.org.au/thailand) for more information.

### 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.

### PLENARY COUNCIL RESOURCE WEBSITE

A new website provides resources for Parishioners in Parramatta Diocese to stay involved in the Plenary Council, which is exploring the future of our Church. The first assembly starts in October. Visit [parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/](http://parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/) for information.

### Plenary Council Opening Mass

Mass will be broadcast from Perth at 2pm Sydney time this Sunday. The link for the livestream is <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/>

### CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Catholic Engaged Encounter provides deeper insights into each other and into married life. For information see [www.engagedencounter.org.au](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au)

### PARISH CHURCHES TO REOPEN

**Bishop Vincent has announced that our Church will reopen when we reach 80% vaccination rate.**

**The four square metre rule will apply, which means that we can have 80 people in the Church, plus Essential Workers. Masks are compulsory for everyone over 12 years old.**

**All attending Mass or Private Prayer will be required to use the QR Code before entering the Church. This will also apply to those entering the Office, Hall or Parish Centre 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. You can also apply for a QR Card from Services NSW.**

**Registered Bookings will be taken for weekend Masses when we have an official date for opening. The first 80 to register will be admitted into the Church, 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.**

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS GENERAL AUDIENCE

**Galatians 9: Life of Faith**

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

To better understand Saint Paul's teaching, today we will encounter an important topic: justification. What is justification? We, who were sinners, have become just. Who justified us? We, before God, are just. It is true, we have our personal sins. But fundamentally, we are just. This is justification. There has been a lot of discussion on this topic, to find the interpretation that best corresponds to the Apostle's thought and, as often happens, these discussions even ended up in contradicting positions. In the *Letter to the Galatians*, just as in the *Letter to the Romans*, Paul insists on the fact that justification comes through faith in Christ. "But, Father, I am just because I keep all the commandments!" Justification does not come from that. It comes before that. Someone made you just before God. You are justified, but a sinner. Who justified you? Jesus Christ. This is justification.

What is hidden behind the word "justification" that is so decisive for the faith? Taking Paul's thought as a whole, it can be simply said that justification is the consequence of "God's merciful initiative of offering forgiveness" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, n. 1990). And this is our God, so very good, merciful, patient, full of mercy, who continually grants pardon. Justification is God who forgives everyone first in Christ. God's mercy grants forgiveness. God, through Jesus's destroyed sin and definitively granted us his pardon and salvation. Thus justified, sinners are welcomed by God and reconciled with Him. It is as though the original relationship between the Creator and the creature before the disobedience of sin intervened has been restored.

The justification wrought by God allows us to recuperate the innocence lost through sin. How does justification happen? Only through grace: we are justified because of pure grace. And from Christ, who died for us, comes that grace that the Father gives to everyone: Justification comes through grace.

The Apostle is always mindful of the experience that changed his life: his meeting with the Risen Jesus on the way to Damascus. Paul had been a proud, religious and zealous man, convinced that justification consisted in the scrupulous observance of the precepts of the law. Now, however, he has been conquered by Christ, and faith in Him has completely transformed him, allowing him to discover a truth that had been hidden: we do not become just through our own effort, no, it is not us, but it is Christ, with his grace, who makes us just. So, Paul was willing to renounce everything that before had made him rich, in order to be fully aware of the mystery of Jesus (cf. *Ph* 3:7), because he had discovered that only God's grace had saved him. We have been justified, we

saved, through pure grace, not because of our own merits. And this gives us great trust. We are sinners, yes; but we live our lives with this grace of God that justifies us each time that we ask forgiveness. But not in that moment are we justified: we have been justified, but he comes to forgive us again.

For the Apostle, faith has an all-encompassing value. It touches every moment and every aspect of a believer's life: from baptism to our departure from this world, everything is informed by faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus who gives salvation. Justification through faith underlines the priority of the grace that God offers without distinction to those who believe in his Son.

Even for our own spiritual life, observing the commandments is essential. But even here, we cannot count on our efforts: the grace of God that we receive in Christ is fundamental. That grace that comes from being the justification given us by Christ who already paid for us. From Him, we receive that gratuitous love that allows us, in our turn, to love in concrete ways.

Justification, if it does not bear fruit with our works, is only that, buried, dead. It is there, but we must activate it with our works. This is how James' words complement Paul's teaching (*Jas* 2:24, 26). For both, therefore, the response of faith demands that we be active in our love for God and in our love of neighbour. Why "active in that love?" Because that love saved all of us, it freely justified us, gratis!

Justification incorporates us into the long history of salvation that demonstrates God's justice: before our continual falls and inadequacies, he has not given up, but he wanted to make us just and he did so through grace, through the gift of Jesus Christ, of his death and resurrection. God always draws near to us with compassion and tenderness. And justification is precisely God's greatest nearness to us, God's greatest compassion for us, the greatest tenderness of the Father. Justification is this gift of Christ, of the death and resurrection of Christ that makes us free.

Allow Christ to effect that justification. We are not *condemned* no, we are *just*. Allow me to say, we are *saints*. But then, by our actions, we become sinners. Fundamentally, we are saints: let us allow Christ's grace to come and this justice, this justification will give us the strength to progress. Thus, the light of faith allows us to recognize how infinite God's mercy is, his grace that works for our good. The power of grace needs to be coupled with our works of mercy which we are called to live to bear witness to how tremendous is God's love. Let us move ahead with this trust: we have all been justified, we are just in Christ. We must effect that justice with our works. Thank you.