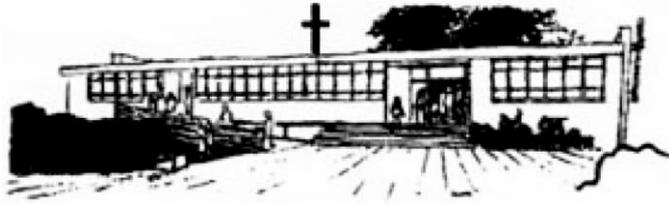


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17th January 2021, Year B/1



Christ flanked by St Peter, St Paul, St Andrew & St Luke, 1220, Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls

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: All the earth shall bow down before You, O God, and shall sing to You. shall sing to Your name, O Most High!

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19

Responsorial Psalm: Here I am, Lord; I come to do Your will.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Birthday Blessings

SUNDAY 8:30am

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am **St Margaret of Hungary** **Elizabeth Cowan (Recently Deceased)**

Tuesday 8:00am **2nd Week Ordinary Time** **Elizabeth Cowan (Recently Deceased)**

Wednesday 8.00am **2nd Week Ordinary Time** **Elizabeth Cowan (Recently Deceased)**

Thursday 8.00am **St Agnes** **Elizabeth Cowan (Recently Deceased)**

Friday 8.00am **2nd Week Ordinary Time** **Walter Ronald Atkins (Dec. Ann.)**

Saturday 8.30am **B1 Henry Suso** **Kurian Kuriakose (Deceased Ann.)**

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Elizabeth Cowan,

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY: Kurian Kuriakose, Walter Ronald Atkins

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There is an opportunity to spend time with the Lord for an hour before our 8.00am weekday Masses and before our 8.30am Masses at the weekend.

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.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Zig Barglik, Joy Cavanagh, Kevin Collins, Margaret Colville, Valerie Davis, Katalin Domotor, Marie Donaldson, Frances Gunn, 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.

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' JANUARY INTENTIONS

Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions; praying for one another, open to all.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$599**
 Loose: \$554.75
 Tap & Go: \$150

First Collection contributions go to the Diocese to support the priests working in the Parish.

Second collection contributions, including Tap and Go, go directly to the Parish to support day to day operation of the Parish.

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.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2021

Reconciliation: Thursday 25th March

Registration & 1st Session: 14th February

First Communion: Sunday 6th June

Registration & 1st Session: 11th April

Confirmation: Sunday 7th November

Registration & 1st Session: 1st August

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.

PARISH CELL GROUP

Will resume 1st February 2021. Please ring Jim on 0478 027 210 with any questions.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

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

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Will recommence shortly. For more information watch this space or type bit.ly/YASJK into your browser.

PRIVATE PRAYER AND MASS BOOKINGS

Following the 4 sq. metres per person, 80 people are allowed in our Church from Monday 21st December. Priest and Essential Workers are not included.

Private Prayer – QR Code is preferable for signing in. Sign-in sheets are also provided prior to entry to provide your contact details for Private Prayer.

Weekend Masses – Bookings are required. To register please ring the Parish by calling 4721 4080 during Office hours or ring 0423 725 148 outside Office hours.

You will need to provide your name and contact details when registering. Your presence will be confirmed as you arrive at the Church. Walk-ins are permitted, subject to available vacancies up to the 80 capacity, in which case we ask you to sign in using the QR Code if possible.

Weekday Masses - There is no registration for weekday Masses.

Please use the QR Code and show the Usher that you have been CHECKED IN. If you do not have a phone with you please sign in on sheets provided at the entrance of the Church.

Social distancing is required so please take notice of the signs on the pews.

When attending Mass, please keep these rules:

- There will be no procession of gifts, no passing of hymn books or collection plates.
- The sign of peace will be given without hand-to-hand contact.
- Holy communion may be received on the hand.
If receiving on the tongue you must approach the Priest and only after everyone else has received by hand.
- No Congregational Singing is allowed.
- **Masks are compulsory for everyone over 12 years old.**

Hand Sanitisers are available in the Church. Door handles, pens and surfaces are sanitised regularly.

For details visit <http://stjosephskingswood.org/>

HOUSE OF WELCOME DONATIONS

If you would like to donate groceries for the refugees please leave them at the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Catechesis on Prayer of Praise

Wednesday 13th January 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Today we will give space to the dimension of praise. We will take as our starting point a critical passage in the life of Jesus. After the first miracles and the involvement of the disciples in the proclamation of the Kingdom of God, the mission of the Messiah goes through a crisis. John the Baptist doubts and makes Him receive this message - John is in jail: "Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?" (Mt 11:3), because he feels this anguish of not knowing whether he is mistaken in his proclamation. There are always dark moments, moments of spiritual nighttime, and John is going through this moment. There is hostility in the villages along the lake, where Jesus had performed so many prodigious signs (see Mt 11:20-24). Now, precisely in this disappointing moment, Matthew relates a truly surprising fact: Jesus does not lift up a lament to the Father, but rather He raises a hymn of jubilation: "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth", says Jesus, "that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes" (Mt 11:25). So, in the midst of a crisis, amid the darkness of the soul of so many people, such as John the Baptist, Jesus blesses the Father, Jesus praises the Father. But why? First and foremost, He praises Him *for who He is*: "Father, Lord of heaven and earth". Jesus rejoices in His spirit because He knows and He feels that His Father is the God of the Universe, and vice versa, the Lord of all that exists is Father "My Father". Praise springs from this experience of feeling that He is "Son of the Most High". Jesus feels he is Son of the Most High. And then Jesus praises the Father for *favouring the little ones*. It is what He Himself experiences, preaching in the villages: the "learned" and the "wise" remain suspicious and closed, who are calculating; while the "little ones" open themselves and welcome His message. This can only be the will of the Father, and Jesus rejoices in this. We too must rejoice and praise God because humble and simple people welcome the Gospel. When I see these simple people, these humble people who go on pilgrimages, who go to pray, who sing, who praise, people who perhaps lack many things but whose humility leads them to praise God... In the future of the world and in the hopes of the Church there are the "little ones": those who do not consider themselves better than others, who are aware of their own limitations and their sins, who do not want to lord it over others, who, in God the Father, recognise that we are all brothers and sisters. Therefore, in that moment of apparent failure, where everything is dark, Jesus prays,

praising the Father. And His prayer also leads us, the readers of the Gospel, to judge our personal defeats in a different way, to judge differently the situations in which we do not see clearly the presence and action of God, when it seems that evil prevails and there is no way to stop it. In those moments Jesus, who highly recommended the prayer of asking questions, at the very moment when He would have had reason to ask the Father for explanations, instead begins to praise Him. It seems to be a contradiction, but it is there, it is the truth. To whom is praise helpful? To us or to God? The prayer of praise serves us. The prayer of praise shares in the blessed happiness of the pure of heart who love God. It must be practised not only when life fills us with happiness, but above all in difficult moments, in moments of darkness when the path becomes an uphill climb. That too is the time for praise. Like Jesus who in the dark moment praises the Father. We learn that, through that ascent, that difficult path, that wearisome path, those demanding passages, we get to see a new panorama, a broader horizon. Giving praise is like breathing pure oxygen: it purifies the soul, it makes you look far ahead so as not to remain imprisoned in the difficult moment, in the darkness of difficulty. There is a great teaching in that prayer that for eight centuries has never lost its beat, that Saint Francis composed at the end of his life: the "Canticle of Brother Sun" or "of the creatures". The *Poverello* did not compose it in a moment of joy, in a moment of wellbeing, but on the contrary, in the midst of hardship. Francis was by then almost blind, and he felt in his soul the weight of a solitude he had never before experienced: the world had not changed since the beginning of his preaching, there were still those who let themselves be torn apart by quarrels, and in addition he was aware that death was approaching ever nearer. It could have been the moment of disillusionment, of that extreme disillusionment and the perception of his own failure. But Francis prayed at that instant of sadness, in that dark instant: "All praise is yours, my Lord". Francis praises God for everything, for all the gifts of creation, and even for death, which he courageously calls "sister". These examples of saints, of Christians, and also of Jesus, of praising God in difficult moments, open to us the gates of a great road towards the Lord, and they purify us. Praise always purifies. The Saints show us that we can always give praise, in good times and bad, because God is the faithful Friend. This is the foundation of praise: God is the faithful friend, and His love never fails. He is always beside us, He always awaits us. It has been said, "He is the sentinel who is close to you and keeps you going with confidence". In difficult and dark moments, let us have the courage to say: "Blessed are you, O Lord". Praising the Lord. This will do us so much good. Thank you.