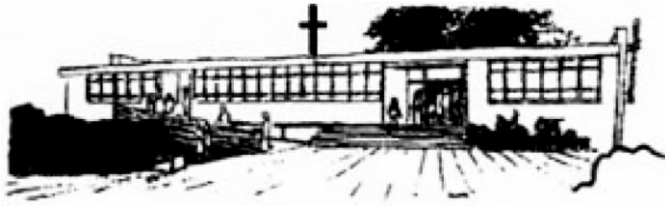


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

Assistant Priest

Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

7<sup>th</sup> March 2021, Year B/1



BASSANO, Jacopo, The Purification of the Temple, C. 1580

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

#### Address

94 Joseph Street  
Kingswood, NSW 2747

Telephone: 4726 4200; Fax: 4731 1432

[www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au)

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

Address: 12 Richmond Rd, PO Box 39, Kingswood, NSW 2747 Telephone: 02 4721 4080; Fax: 02 4721 0089

Email: [parish@stjosephskingswood.org](mailto:parish@stjosephskingswood.org) Web: [www.stjosephskingswood.org](http://www.stjosephskingswood.org) Facebook: [stjosephkingswood](https://www.facebook.com/stjosephkingswood)

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Entrance Antiphon:** My eyes are always on the Lord, for He rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

**First Reading:** Exodus 20:1-17

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, You have the words of everlasting life.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

**Gospel:** John 2:13-25

### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

**Thanksgiving**

**SUNDAY** 8:30am

**Holy Souls in Purgatory**

10:00am

**For the Parish**

**Monday** 8:00am 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent

**Thanksgiving**

**Tuesday** 8:00am 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent

**Jose Descalzo & Johnes Aycardo (Dec. Ann)**

**Wednesday** 8.00am 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent

**Thanksgiving**

**Thursday** 8.00am 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent

**Emiliano Belderol (Deceased Ann.)**

**Friday** 8.00am 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent

**Grace Panozzo (For God's Blessings)**

**Saturday** 8.30am 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent

**Thanksgiving**

### 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

### MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Glen Leathers

**DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:** Emiliano Belderol, Jose Loreta Vidal Descalzo & Johnes Aycardo

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Every Friday through Lent at 6pm**

### 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.

### NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH

Begins Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March after 8am Mass during the week and after 8.30am Mass at the weekend.

**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:** 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' MARCH INTENTIONS

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

### ST JOSEPHS' DAY JUBILEE

Our 50 Year Jubilee will conclude on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March with Mass at 6.30pm, followed by Dinner. Bishop Vincent will be here to celebrate with us. Register your name, contact number and address by 14<sup>th</sup> March by email or phone to the Parish Office. Registrations available after the Masses.

**SECOND COLLECTION:**      **Envelopes: \$1223**  
   **Loose:      \$158.70**  
   **Tap & Go: \$250**

### 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.

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2021

**Reconciliation:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March

**First Communion:** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June

**Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session:** 11<sup>th</sup> April

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

**Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session:** 1<sup>st</sup> August

### PARISH MOVIE

Today at 2pm in the Parish Hall for the movie Fireproof. All are most welcome.

### PARISH CELL GROUP

Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month in the Parish Centre at 7pm. 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.

### YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group is held every Wednesday during the School Term from 3pm to 5pm. Young People from Year 6 to 18 years old are most welcome.

### YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Young Adults Group, from 18 to 35 years old, has recommenced. For more information about dates and times type [bit.ly/YASJK](http://bit.ly/YASJK) into your browser.

### CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month at 12pm. Ring Delfin for details on 0478 784 885.

### BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

Next week we will have our appeal to help CatholicCare chaplains bring comfort, faith and hope to the sick, the isolated and the elderly, as they walk in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan. Please give generously.

### PRIVATE PRAYER AND MASS BOOKINGS

Following the 2 sq. metres per person, 150 people are allowed in our Church from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Priest and Essential Workers excluded.

**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 150 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 after everyone has received by hand.**
- No Congregational Singing is allowed due to our Parish following the 2 sq metre rule.
- Masks are recommended but not compulsory.

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

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

### ST JOSEPH'S OPEN DAYS

9<sup>th</sup> March – 9.30am-10.15am & 3.30pm-4.30pm

12<sup>th</sup> March – 11.30am-12.30pm & 3.30pm-4.30pm

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' LENTEN MESSAGE 2021

Lent: A Time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love  
Part 2

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Saint Paul urges us to place our hope in reconciliation: "Be reconciled to God" (2 Cor 5:20). By receiving forgiveness in the sacrament that lies at the heart of our process of conversion, we in turn can spread forgiveness to others. Having received forgiveness ourselves, we can offer it through our willingness to enter into attentive dialogue with others and to give comfort to those experiencing sorrow and pain. God's forgiveness, offered also through our words and actions, enables us to experience an Easter of fraternity.

In Lent, may we be increasingly concerned with "speaking words of comfort, strength, consolation and encouragement, and not words that demean, sadden, anger or show scorn" (*Fratelli Tutti*, 223). In order to give hope to others, it is sometimes enough simply to be kind, to be "willing to set everything else aside in order to show interest, to give the gift of a smile, to speak a word of encouragement, to listen amid general indifference" (*ibid.*, 224).

Through recollection and silent prayer, hope is given to us as inspiration and interior light, illuminating the challenges and choices we face in our mission. Hence the need to pray (cf. Mt 6:6) and, in secret, to encounter the Father of tender love.

To experience Lent in hope entails growing in the realization that, in Jesus Christ, we are witnesses of new times, in which God is "making all things new" (cf. Rev 21:1-6). It means receiving the hope of Christ, who gave his life on the cross and was raised by God on the third day, and always being "prepared to make a defence to anyone who calls [us] to account for the hope that is in [us]" (1 Pet 3:15).

3. Love, following in the footsteps of Christ, in concern and compassion for all, is the highest expression of our faith and hope.

Love rejoices in seeing others grow. Hence it suffers when others are anguished, lonely, sick, homeless, despised or in need. Love is a leap of the heart; it brings us out of ourselves and creates bonds of sharing and communion.

"Social love' makes it possible to advance towards a civilization of love, to which all of us can feel called. With its impulse to universality, love is capable of building a new world. No mere sentiment, it is the best means of discovering effective paths of development for everyone" (*Fratelli Tutti*, 183).

Love is a gift that gives meaning to our lives. It enables us to view those in need as members of our own family, as friends, brothers or sisters. A small amount, if given with love, never ends, but becomes a source of life and happiness. Such was the case with the jar of meal and jug of oil of the widow of Zarephath, who offered a cake of bread to the prophet Elijah (cf. 1 Kings 17:7-16); it was also the case with the loaves blessed, broken and given by Jesus to the disciples to distribute to the crowd (cf. Mk 6:30-44). Such is the case too with our almsgiving, whether small or large, when offered with joy and simplicity.

To experience Lent with love means caring for those who suffer or feel abandoned and fearful because of the Covid-19 pandemic. In these days of deep uncertainty about the future, let us keep in mind the Lord's word to his Servant, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you" (Is 43:1). In our charity, may we speak words of reassurance and help others to realize that God loves them as sons and daughters.

"Only a gaze transformed by charity can enable the dignity of others to be recognized and, as a consequence, the poor to be acknowledged and valued in their dignity, respected in their identity and culture, and thus truly integrated into society" (*Fratelli Tutti*, 187).

Dear brothers and sisters, every moment of our lives is a time for believing, hoping and loving. The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us – as communities and as individuals – to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father.

May Mary, Mother of the Saviour, ever faithful at the foot of the cross and in the heart of the Church, sustain us with her loving presence. May the blessing of the risen Lord accompany all of us on our journey towards the light of Easter.