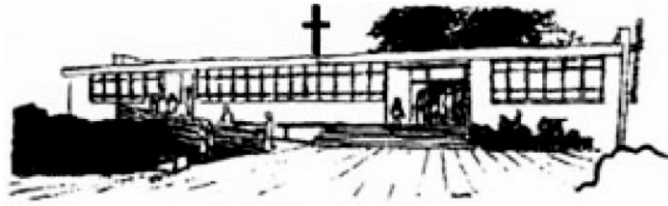


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24th January 2021, Year B/1



Chorus Apostolorum, Mosaic, Cathedral Orvieto

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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94 Joseph Street
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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord all the earth.
In His presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in His holy place.

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Responsorial Psalm: Teach me Your ways, O Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Elizabeth Cowan (Recently Dec.)
SUNDAY	8:30am		Elizabeth Cowan (Recently Dec.)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	CONVERSION OF ST PAUL	Elizabeth Cowan (Recently Dec.)
Tuesday	8:00am	AUSTRALIA DAY	Zygmunt Blazek
Wednesday	8.00am	St Timothy & St Titus	Caterina Miotti Lovison (Blessings)
Thursday	8.00am	ST THOMAS AQUINAS	Maria & Zygmunt Blazek & Marianna Pikula
Friday	8.00am	3 rd Week Ordinary Time	
Saturday	8.30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary	Leonie Day (Deceased Ann. - 1 st)

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: Zygmunt Blazek, Maria & Zygmunt Blazek & Marianna Pikula, Leonie Day

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

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.

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.

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:** \$790
 Loose: \$381.25
 Tap & Go: \$290
 Donations: \$400

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.

Please leave Parking near the Church for the Disabled.

PARISH CELL GROUP

Will resume Monday 1st February 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 will recommence Wednesday 10th February from 3pm to 5pm. All Young People from Year 6 to 18 years old are most welcome.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Young Adults Group, from 18 to 35 years old, will recommence Friday 19th February at 6.45pm. For more information type bit.ly/YASJK into your browser or visit our web site.

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

Pray for Unity, Even Within Ourselves

Wednesday 20th January 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

In this catechesis, we will reflect on the *prayer for Christian unity*. In fact, the week of the 18th to the 25th of January is dedicated specifically to this—to ask God for the gift of unity to overcome the scandal of division between believers in Jesus. After the Last Supper, He prayed for His own, “that they may all be one” (Jn 17:21). This was His prayer before the Passion, we could call it His spiritual testament. The Lord did not command that His disciples be united. No, *He prayed*. He prayed to the Father for us, so that we might be one. This means that we are not able to achieve unity with our own strength. Above all, unity is a gift, it is a grace to be requested through prayer.

We know that we are not capable of preserving unity even within ourselves. Even the apostle Paul felt a painful conflict within himself: wanting the good but inclined toward evil (see Rm7:19). He had thus grasped the root of so many divisions that surround us—between people, in families, in society, between nations and even between believers—and inside us. Therefore, the solution to these divisions is not to oppose someone, because discord generates more discord. The true remedy begins by asking God for peace, reconciliation, unity.

And this is valid, first of all, for Christians. Unity can be achieved only as a fruit of prayer. Diplomatic efforts and academic dialogue are not enough. These things are done, but they are not enough. Jesus knew this and opened the way for us by praying. Our prayer for unity is thus a humble but trusting *participation in the Lord's prayer*, who promised that any prayer said in His name would be heard by the Father (see Jn15:7). We can ask ourselves: “Do I pray for unity?” It is Jesus's will but, if we inspect the intentions for which we pray, we would probably realize that we have prayed little, perhaps never, for Christian unity. And yet, the world's faith depends on it; in fact, the Lord asked that we be one “so that the world might believe” (Jn 17:21). The world will not believe because we will have convinced it with good arguments, but if we will have borne witness to that love that unites us and draws us near, yes: it will believe. During this time of serious hardship, this

prayer is even more necessary so that unity might prevail over conflicts. It is urgent that we set aside preferences to promote the common good, and so our good example is fundamental: it is essential that Christians pursue the path toward full visible unity. In the last decades, thanks be to God, there have been many steps forward, but we still need to persevere in love and in prayer, without lacking trust or tiring. It is the path that the Holy Spirit gave rise to in the Church, in Christians and in us, from which there is no turning back. To pray means to fight for unity. Yes, fight, because our enemy, the devil, is the one who divides, as the word itself says. Jesus asks the Holy Spirit for unity, to create unity. The devil always divides. He always divides because it is convenient for him to divide. He fosters division everywhere, while the Holy Spirit always joins in unity. In general, the devil does not tempt us with high theology, but with the weaknesses of our brothers and sisters. He is astute: he magnifies others' mistakes and defects, sows discord, provokes criticism and creates factions. God has another way: He takes us as we are, He loves us so much, but He loves us as we are and takes us as we are; He takes those of us who are different, He takes sinners, and He always nudges us towards unity. We can evaluate ourselves and ask ourselves if, in the places in which we live, we nurture conflict or fight for an increase of unity with the tools that God has given us: prayer and love. What fuels conflict, instead, is gossip, always talking behind peoples' backs. Gossip is the most handy weapon the devil has to divide the Christian community, to divide families, to divide friends, to always divide. The Holy Spirit always inspires unity. The theme of this Week of Prayer specifically regards love: “Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit” (see Jn15:5-9). The root of communion and love is Christ who makes us overcome our prejudices to see in others a brother or sister to be loved always. Then we will discover that the Christians of other confessions—with their traditions, with their history—are gifts from God, they are gifts present within the territories of our diocesan and parish communities. Let us begin to pray for them and, when possible, with them. We will thus learn to love and appreciate them. Prayer, the Council reminds us, is the soul of every ecumenical movement (see *Unitatis redintegratio*, 8). Therefore, may prayer be the starting point to help Jesus make His dream come true: that they all may be one. Thank you.