

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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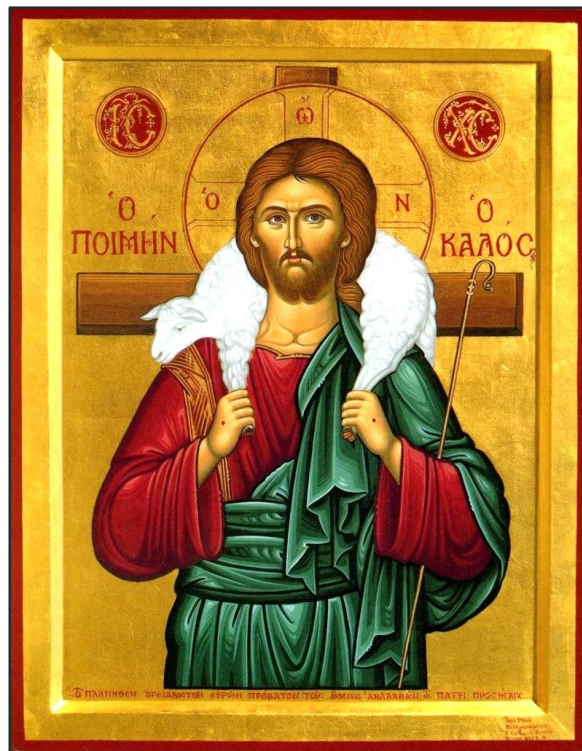
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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

25<sup>th</sup> April 2021, Year B/1



Christ the Good Shepherd Icon

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:** The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

**Responsorial Psalm:** The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

**Second Reading:** 1 John 3:1-2

**Gospel:** John 10:11-18

### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Ricardo Azores (Recently Dec.)

**SUNDAY** 8:30am

10:00am

For the Parish

**Monday** 8:00am ST MARK Perfecto Mendiola Jr. (Dec. Ann.)

**Tuesday** 8:00am St Louis Grignion de Montfort For the Mikulic Family

**Wednesday** 8.00am St Peter Chanel For the Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday** 8.00am ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

**Friday** 8.00am St Pius V For the Mikulic Family

**Saturday** 8.30am St Joseph the Worker Dec. Mem. of St Vincent de Paul

### 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](http://bit.ly/stJoe)

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Ricardo Azores, John Baillache

**DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:** Perfecto Mendiola, Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2021

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

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

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

### 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' APRIL INTENTIONS

#### Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorship, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Zig Barglik, Joy Cavanagh, Brian Colbert, 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

**SECOND COLLECTION:**    **Envelopes: \$875**  
                                  **Loose:     \$118.40**  
                                  **Tap & Go: \$290**  
**Total Donations for Chalice & Paten: \$1481.95**

### 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 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

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, have resumed meetings. For any information concerning meeting dates type [bit.ly/YASJK](http://bit.ly/YASJK) into your browser.

### PARISH MOVIE

Our Movie is next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 2pm in the Parish Hall. Movie to be announced.

### PARISH LUNCH

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Our next lunch is on 12<sup>th</sup> May at 12noon at the Colonial Hotel at Werrington. If anyone needs a lift please get in touch with the Parish Office. All are most welcome.

### 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.

### PROJECT COMPASSION

We have banked \$2546.75 to date. Thank you for your generosity.

### BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

We have our CatholicCare appeal again this week to make up our quota of \$4834. We have collected \$3907.95 so far. Please be generous. The Special Collection Box is at the back of the Church or donate at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal).

### HOUSE OF WELCOME FOOD DRIVE

We will be collecting items, as per flyer, including food, toiletries and cleaning products, up until Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. These will be stored in the shed up near the Church.

### BELOVED 2021 WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June from 8.30am to 8.30pm at St Finbar's Church, Glenbrook. A time of praise and worship, which includes Mass and Reconciliation. All enquiries to [beloved2021info@gmail.com](mailto:beloved2021info@gmail.com). Cost is \$60.

### 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.

### 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.
- 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/>

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

The Vocal Prayer

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Prayer is dialogue with God. Within the human being, prayer becomes *word*, invocation, hymn, poetry... The divine Word is made flesh, and in each person's flesh the word returns to God in prayer.

We create words, and to some extent they shape us. The words of a prayer get us safely through a dark valley, direct us towards green meadows rich in water, and enable us to feast in front of the eyes of an enemy, as the Psalm teaches us (cf. *Ps 23*). Words are born from feelings, but there is also the reverse path, whereby words shape feelings. The Bible educates people to ensure that everything comes to light through the word, that nothing human is excluded, censored. Above all, pain is dangerous if it stays hidden, closed up within us... Pain closed up within us, that cannot express or give vent to itself, can poison the soul. It is deadly.

This is why Sacred Scripture teaches us to pray, sometimes even with bold words. The sacred writers do not want to deceive us about the human person: they know that our hearts harbour also unedifying feelings, even hatred. None of us are born holy, and when these negative feelings come knocking at the door of our hearts, we must be capable of defusing them with prayer and God's words. We also find very harsh expressions against enemies in the Psalms - expressions that the spiritual masters teach us are to be directed to the devil and to our sins - yet they are words that belong to human reality and ended up in the riverbed of the Sacred Scriptures. They are there to testify to us that if, in the face of violence, no words existed to make negative feelings harmless, to channel them in such a way that they do no harm, then the world would be overwhelmed.

The first human prayer is always a vocal recitation. The lips always move first. Although we are all aware that praying does not mean repeating words, vocal prayer is nevertheless the surest, and can always be practised. Feelings, on the other hand, however noble, are always uncertain: they come and go, they leave us and return. Not only that, but the graces of prayer are also unpredictable: at times consolations abound, but on the darkest days they seem to evaporate completely. The prayer of the heart is mysterious, and at certain times it is lacking. Instead, the prayer of the lips that which is whispered or recited chorally is always accessible, and is as necessary as manual labour. The *Catechism* teaches us about this, and states that: "Vocal prayer is an essential element of the Christian life. To his disciples, drawn by

their Master's silent prayer, Jesus teaches a vocal prayer, the Our Father" (n. 2701). "Teach us how to pray", the disciples asked Jesus, and Jesus taught them a vocal prayer: the Lord's Prayer. And everything is there, in that prayer.

We should all have the humility of certain elderly people who, in church, perhaps because their hearing is no longer acute, recite quietly the prayers they learned as children, filling the nave with whispers. That prayer does not disturb the silence, but testifies to their fidelity to the duty of prayer, practised throughout their lives without fail. These practitioners of humble prayer are often the great intercessors in parishes: they are the oaks that from year to year spread their branches to offer shade to the greatest number of people. Only God knows when and how much their hearts have been united to those prayers they recited: surely these people too had to face nights and empty moments. But one can always remain faithful to vocal prayer. It is like an anchor: one can hold on to the rope and remain, faithful, come what may.

We all have something to learn from the perseverance of the Russian pilgrim, mentioned in a famous work on spirituality, who learned the art of prayer by repeating the same invocation over and over again: "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Lord, have mercy on us, sinners!" (cf. CCC, 2616; 2667). He repeated only this: "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Lord, have mercy on us, sinners!". If graces arrive in our life, if prayer becomes so warm one day that the presence of the Kingdom were perceived here among us, if that vision could be transformed until it became like that of a child, it would be because we have insisted on reciting a simple Christian exclamation. In the end, it becomes part of our breathing. It is beautiful, the story of the Russian pilgrim: it is a book that is accessible to all. I recommend you read it; it will help you to understand what vocal prayer is.

Therefore, we must not disregard vocal prayer. One might say, "Ah, this is for children, for ignorant folk; I am seeking mental prayer, meditation, the inner void so that God might come to me..." Please! Do not succumb to the pride of scorning vocal prayer. It is the prayer of the simple, the prayer that Jesus taught: Our Father, who is in heaven... The words we speak take us by the hand; at times they restore flavour, they awaken even the sleepest of hearts; they reawaken feelings we had forgotten. And they lead us by the hand towards the experience of God, these words... And above all, they are the only ones that, in a sure way, direct to God the questions he wants to hear. Jesus did not leave us in a fog. He told us: "Pray then like this". And he taught the Lord's Prayer (cf. *Mt 6:9*).