

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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



Matthias Stom, Christus und Nikodemus

### 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:** Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**First Reading:** 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

**Responsorial Psalm:** Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 2:4-10

**Gospel:** John 3:14-21

### VIGIL SATURDAY

	<b>6:00pm</b>		<b>Birthday Blessings &amp; Thanksgiving</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:30am</b>		<b>Stuart Family in Thanksgiving</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>		<b>For the Parish</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b>	<b>Fay Durbidge (Deceased Anniversary)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b>	<b>Thanksgiving</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>ST PATRICK</b>	<b>Roger Azores (Deceased Ann. - 40<sup>th</sup>)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b>	<b>Intentions of the Mikulic Family</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>ST JOSEPH</b>	<b>Thanksgiving</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b>	<b>Jan Zawadzki, Anastasia &amp; Michal Kubic, Stefania Zawadzki</b>

### 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)

### 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.

### EASTER LITURGIES

**Holy Thursday** April 1 – Lord’s Day Meal – 7pm  
**Good Friday** April 2 – Stations of the Cross – 11am  
 Passion of Christ – 3pm  
**Holy Saturday** April 3 – Paschal Vigil – 7.30pm  
**Easter Sunday** April 4 – Masses at 8.30am & 10am

### NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH

Continues until Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March after 8am Mass during the week.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**On Fridays 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March Stations of the Cross will follow the morning Mass.**

**DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:** Fay Durbidge, Jan Zawadzki, Stefania Zawadzki, Anastasia & Michal Kubic,

**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. There are very few places left, so be quick to register your name, contact number and address with the Ushers by this weekend.

**SECOND COLLECTION:**      **Envelopes: \$714**  
   **Loose:      \$226.40**  
   **Tap & Go: \$140**  
   **Donation for Chalice & Paten: \$225**

### 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 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

This week we have our appeal to help CatholicCare chaplains as they walk in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan. Our quota is \$4834. Please give generously. The Special Collection Box is at the back of the Church or donate at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal).

### 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/>

### CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

2pm Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March at St Nicholas of Myra Church, Penrith. Register by texting 0410 475 734.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

**Finding Hope in the People of Iraq**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

In the past few days, the Lord allowed me to visit Iraq, carrying out a project of Saint John Paul II. Never before has a Pope been in the land of Abraham. Providence willed that this should happen now, as a sign of hope, after years of war and terrorism, and during a severe pandemic.

After this Visit, my soul is filled with gratitude—gratitude to God and to all those who made it possible: to the President of the Republic and the Government of Iraq; to the country's Patriarchs and Bishops, together to all the ministers and members of the faithful of the respective Churches; to the religious Authorities, beginning with the Grand Ayatollah Al-Sistani, with whom I had an unforgettable meeting in his residence in Najaf.

I strongly felt a penitential sense regarding this pilgrimage: I could not draw near to that tortured people, to that martyr-Church, without taking upon myself, in the name of the Catholic Church, the cross they have been carrying for years; a huge cross, like the one placed at the entrance of Qaraqosh. I felt it particularly seeing the wounds still open from the destruction, and even more so when meeting and hearing the testimony of those who survived the violence, persecution, exile... And at the same time, I saw around me the joy of welcoming Christ's messenger; I saw the hope of being open to a horizon of peace and fraternity, summed up in Jesus's words that were the motto of the Visit: "*You are all brothers*" (Mt23:8). I found this hope in the discourse of the President of the Republic. I discovered it again in the many greetings and testimonies, in the hymns and gestures of the people. I read it on the luminous faces of the young people and in the vivacious eyes of the elderly. People stood waiting for the Pope for 5 hours, even women with children in their arms. They waited and there was hope in their eyes.

The Iraqi people have the right to live in peace; they have the right to rediscover the dignity that belongs to them. Their religious and cultural roots go back thousands of years: Mesopotamia is the cradle of civilization. For centuries Baghdad housed the richest library in the world. And what destroyed it? War. War is always that monster that transforms itself with the change of epochs and continues to devour humanity. But the response to war is not

another war; the response to weapons is not other weapons. And I asked myself: who was selling the weapons to the terrorists? Who sells weapons today to the terrorists—which cause massacres in other areas? It is a question that I would like someone to answer. *The response is not war, but fraternity.* This is the challenge not only for Iraq. It is the challenge for many regions in conflict and, ultimately, the challenge for the entire world is fraternity. Will we be capable of creating fraternity among us? Of building a culture of brothers and sisters? Or will we continue the logic Cain began: war.

For this reason, we met and we prayed with Christians and Muslims, with representatives of other religions, in Ur, where Abraham received God's call about four thousand years ago. Abraham is our father in the faith because he listened to God's voice that promised him a descendant. He left everything and departed. God is faithful to His promises and guides our steps toward peace still today. He guides the steps of those who journey on Earth with their gaze turned toward Heaven. And in Ur—standing under the same heavens that our father Abraham saw, we, his descendants—the phrase *you are all brothers and sisters* seemed to resound once again.

A message of fraternity came from the ecclesial encounter in the Syriac-Catholic Cathedral of Baghdad, where 48 people, among them two priests, were killed during Mass in 2010. The Church in Iraq is a martyr-Church. And in that church that bears an inscription in stone the memory of those martyrs, joy resounded in that encounter.

We launched a message of fraternity from Mosul and from Qaraqosh, along the Tigris River, near the ruins of ancient Nineveh. The ISIS occupation caused thousands of inhabitants to flee, among them many Christians of a variety of confessions and other persecuted minorities, especially the Yazidi. The ancient identity of these cities has been ruined. Now they are trying hard to rebuild. The Muslims are inviting the Christians to return and together they are restoring churches and mosques. Fraternity is there. And, please, let us continue to pray for them, so they might have the strength to start over. And thinking of the many Iraqis who have emigrated, I want to say to them: you have left everything, like Abraham; like him, keep the faith and hope. Be weavers of friendship and of fraternity wherever you are.