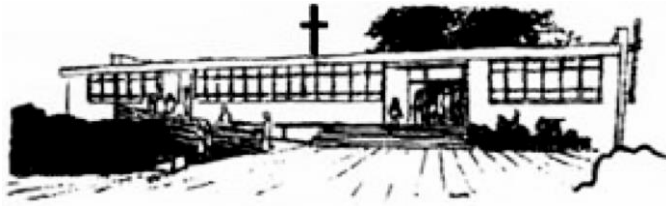


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

31st January 2021, Year B/1



PAOLO, Giovanni di, Presentazione al Tempio, ca. 1435

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

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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: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to Your holy name, and make it our glory to praise You.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear His voice harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

SUNDAY 8:30am

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 4th Week Ordinary Time **Special Intention**

Tuesday 8:00am **PRESENTATION OF THE LORD** **For Aborted Babies & Miscarriages**

Wednesday 8.00am 4th Week Ordinary Time **Joseph Antony (Deceased Ann.)**

Thursday 8.00am **St Catherine de Ricci** **Benedict Joseph (Recently Dec.)**

Friday 8.00am **St Agatha** **For God's Precious Infants**

Saturday 8.30am **St Paul Miki & Companions** **Dec. Mems. 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

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

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: \$595**
 Loose: \$502.75
 Tap & Go: \$270
 Donations: \$335

TAP AND GO DONATION FACILITY

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

PARISH MOVIE

Will recommence Sunday 7th February at 2pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

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. Young People from Year 6 to 18 years old are most welcome. If anyone would like to assist us from 3-5pm every Wednesday please ring the Parish Office.

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.

FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE

Webinar from 11am to 12.15pm on Tuesday February 16th. For more information and to register visit <https://tinyurl.com/oceaniawebinarfeb16>

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

Prayer with the Sacred Scripture

Wednesday 27th January 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Today I would like to focus on the prayer we can do beginning with a Bible passage. The words of the Sacred Scripture were not written to remain imprisoned on papyrus, parchment or paper, but to be received by a person who prays, making them blossom in his or her heart. The Word of God goes to the heart. The *Catechism* affirms that: "prayer should accompany the reading of Sacred Scripture" – the Bible should not be read like a novel, it must be accompanied by prayer – "so that a dialogue takes place between God and man" (no. 2653). This is where prayer leads you, because it is a dialogue with God. That Bible verse was written for me too, centuries and centuries ago, to bring me a word of God. It was written for every one of us. This experience happens to all believers: a passage from the Scripture, heard many times already, unexpectedly speaks to me one day, and enlightens a situation that I am living. But it is necessary that I be present for that appointment with that Word. That I may be listening to the Word. Every day God passes and sows a seed in the soil of our lives. We do not know whether today he will find dry ground, brambles, or good soil that will make that seed grow (cf. *Mk* 4:3-9). That they become for us the living Word of God depends on us, on our prayer, on the open heart with which we approach the Scriptures. God passes, continually, and through the Scripture. Saint Augustine said: "I am afraid of God when he passes". Why is he afraid? That he will not listen to him. That I will not realize that he is the Lord.

Through prayer a new incarnation of the Word takes place. And we are the "tabernacles" where the words of God want to be welcomed and preserved, so that they may visit the world. We must approach the Bible without ulterior motives. The believer does not turn to the Holy Scriptures to support his or her own philosophical and moral view, but because he or she hopes for an encounter; the believer knows that those words were written in the Holy Spirit, and that therefore in that same Spirit they must be welcomed and understood, so that the encounter can occur.

It irritates me when I hear Christians who recite verses from the Bible like parrots. It is not a question only of memory: it is a question of the memory of the heart, that which opens you to the encounter with the Lord. And that word, that verse, leads you to the encounter with the Lord.

Therefore, we read the Scriptures because they "read us". And it is a grace to be able to recognize oneself in

this passage or that character, in this or that situation. The Bible was not written for a generic humanity, but for us, for me, for you, for men and women in flesh and blood, men and women who have a name and a surname, like me, like you. And the Word of God, infused with the Holy Spirit, when it is received with an open heart, does not leave things as they were before: never. Something changes. And this is the grace and the strength of the Word of God.

The Christian tradition is rich in experiences and reflections on prayer with the Sacred Scripture. In particular, the method of "*Lectio divina*" has been established; it originated in monastic circles but is now also practised by Christians who frequent their parishes. It is a matter of reading the biblical passage attentively: this is *Lectio divina*, first and foremost reading the Bible passage attentively, or I would say with "obedience" to the text, to understand what it means in and of itself. One then enters into dialogue with Scripture, so that those words become a cause for meditation and prayer: while remaining faithful to the text, I begin to ask myself what it "says to me". This is a delicate step: we must not slip into subjective interpretations, but we must be part of the living way of Tradition, which unites each of us to Sacred Scripture. The last step of *Lectio divina* is contemplation. Words and thoughts give way here to love, as between lovers who sometimes look at each other in silence. The biblical text remains like an icon to be contemplated. And in this way, there is dialogue.

Through prayer, the Word of God comes to abide in us and we abide in it. The Word inspires good intentions and sustains action; it gives us strength and serenity, and even when it challenges us, it gives us peace. On "weird" and confusing days, it guarantees to the heart a core of confidence and of love that protects it from the attacks of the evil one.

In this way the Word of God is made flesh – allow me to use this expression - it is made flesh in those who receive it in prayer. The intuition emerges in some ancient texts that Christians identify so completely with the Word that, even if all the Bibles in the world were to be burned, its "mould" would still be saved because of the imprint it has left on the life of the saints.

A good Christian must be obedient, but he or she must be creative. Obedient, because he listens to the Word of God; creative, because she has the Holy Spirit within who drives her to be so, to lead her on. Jesus, at the end of one of his parables, makes this comparison – he says, "Every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure – the heart - what is new and what is old" (*Mt* 13:52). The Holy Scriptures are an inexhaustible treasure. May the Lord grant to all of us to draw ever more from them, though prayer.