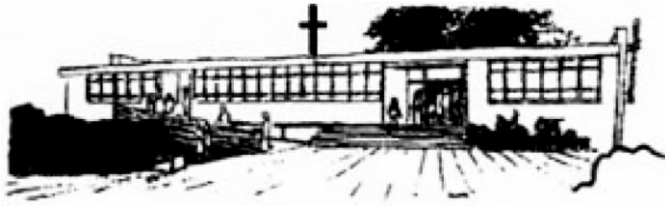


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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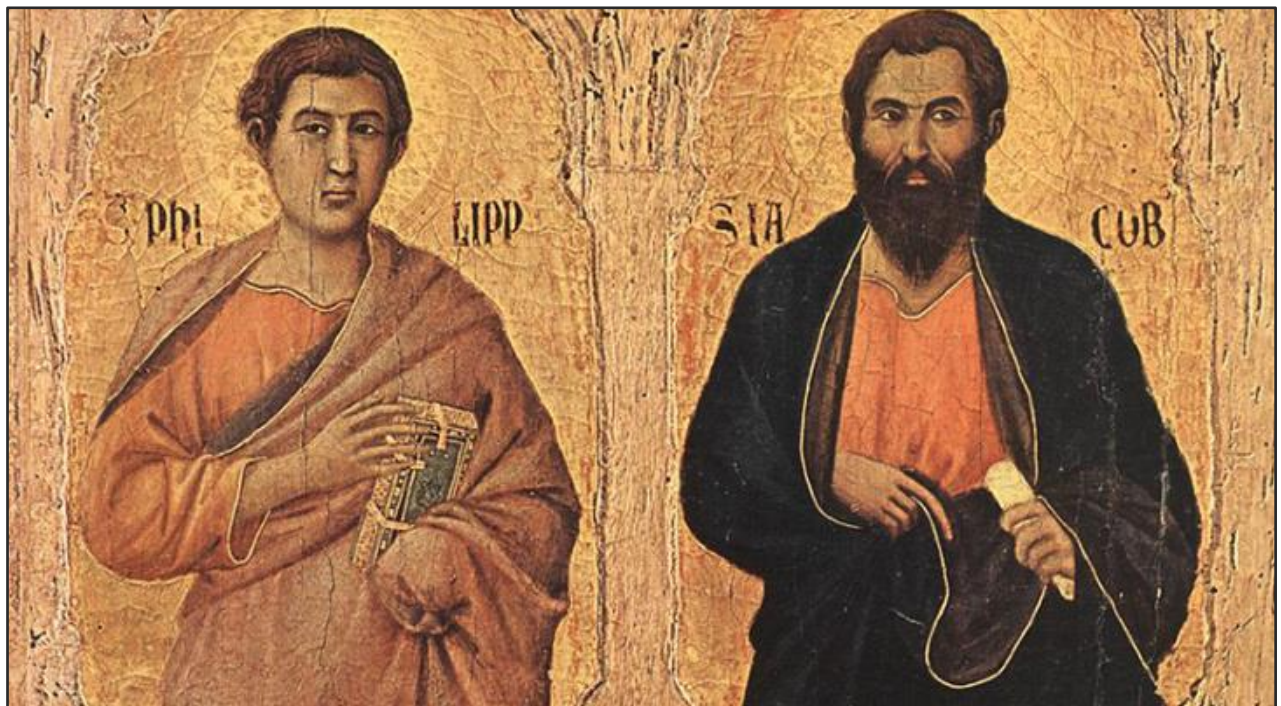
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Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

2nd May 2021, Year B/1



St Philip and St James 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

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for He has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations He has shown His deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise You, Lord, in the assembly of Your people.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Michele Lumley (Rec. Deceased)
SUNDAY	8:30am		Ethan Joseph John (Birthday)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	ST PHILIP & ST JAMES	Joan McLaurin (Dec. Ann.)
Tuesday	8:00am	5th Week of Easter	Jason & Andrew Isbitzki
Wednesday	8.00am	St Vincent Ferrer	For the Mikulic Family
Thursday	8.00am	5th Week of Easter	Michele Lumley (Rec. Deceased)
Friday	8.00am	5th Week of Easter	For God's Precious Infants
Saturday	8.30am	Patronage of B.V. Mary over Order	Michele Lumley (Rec. Deceased)

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: John Baillache,
Michele Lumley

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY: Joan McLaurin

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2021

First Communion: Sunday 6th June

Confirmation: Sunday 7th November

Registration & 1st Session: 1st 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' MAY INTENTIONS

The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

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: \$1065**
 Loose: \$219
 Tap & Go: \$210
Total Donations for Chalice & Paten: \$1556.95

TAP AND GO DONATION FACILITY

Tap once to donate \$10; tap twice to donate \$20 etc. up to \$150. All contributions go to the 2nd Collection.

PARISH CELL GROUP

Every 1st & 3rd 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. All are most 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 into your browser.

PARISH MOVIE

Our Movie is this Sunday 2nd May at 2pm in the Parish Hall. Movie to be announced.

PARISH LUNCH

2nd Wednesday of the month. Our next lunch is on 12th 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 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month at 12pm. Ring Delfin for details on 0478 784 885.

ROSARY IN MONTH OF MAY

During the month of May, we will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and pray the Rosary for an end to the Covid-19 Pandemic after the weekday morning Mass.

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

We have achieved our quota for the Bishop's appeal. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

HOUSE OF WELCOME FOOD DRIVE

We are collecting items, as per flyer, including food, toiletries and cleaning products, this weekend. These will be stored in the shed up near the Church.

REFLECTION DAY - JOSEPH MAN OF DECISION

Day for Men on 29th May from 9am to 3pm with Fr Pawel at Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre. BYO Lunch; morning and afternoon tea provided. Cost \$35. Information at <https://bit.ly/3nk8CC3>

PRIVATE PRAYER AND MASS BOOKINGS

Following the 2 sq. metres per person, 150 people are allowed in our Church from Friday 12th 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

Meditation

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Today we will talk about the form of prayer called *meditation*. For a Christian, to “meditate” is to seek meaning: it implies placing oneself before the immense page of Revelation to try to make it our own, assuming it completely. And the Christian, after having welcomed the Word of God, does not keep it closed up within him or herself, but shares it. This is what we try to do every time we meditate on the Word.

We all need to meditate, to reflect, to discover ourselves, it is a human dynamic. Especially in the voracious western world, people seek meditation because it represents a high barrier against the daily stress and emptiness that is everywhere. Here, then, is the image of young people and adults sitting in meditation, in silence, with eyes half-closed... But what do these people do, we might ask? They meditate. It is a phenomenon to be looked on favourably: in fact, we are not made to run all the time, we have an inner life that cannot always be neglected. Meditating is therefore a need for everyone. Meditating is to stop and be still.

Meditating is a human dimension but meditating in the Christian context goes further: it is a dimension that must not be eradicated. The great door through which the prayer of a baptised person passes is Jesus Christ. For the Christian, meditation enters through the door of Jesus Christ. The prayer of the Christian is first of all an encounter with the Other; the transcendent encounter with God. If an experience of prayer gives us inner peace, or self-mastery, or clarity about the path to take, these results are consequences of the grace of Christian prayer, which is the encounter with Jesus. That is, meditating means going - guided by a phrase from the Scripture, from a word - to the encounter with Jesus within us.

Throughout history, the term “meditation” has had various meanings. Even within Christianity it refers to different spiritual experiences. Nevertheless, some common lines can be traced. But a method is only a guide; the important thing is to advance, with the Holy Spirit, along the one way of prayer: Christ Jesus”. And here it indicates a travelling companion, one who guides: the Holy Spirit. Christian meditation is not possible without the Holy Spirit. It is he who guides us to the encounter with Jesus. Jesus said to us, “I will send you the Holy Spirit. He will teach you and will explain to you. He will teach you and explain to you”. And in meditation too, he is the guide for going forward in our encounter with Jesus Christ.

There are many methods of Christian meditation: some are very simple, others more detailed; some accentuate

the intellectual dimension of the person, others the affective and emotional dimension instead. All of them are important and all of them are worthy of practice. The experience of faith to become an integral act of the person: a person does not pray only with the mind; the entire person prays, the person in his or her entirety, just as one does not pray only with one’s feelings. The ancients used to say that the part of the body that prays is the heart, and thus they explained that the whole person, starting from the heart enters into a relationship with God. This is why it must always be remembered that the method is a path, not a goal: any method of prayer, if it is to be Christian, is part of that *sequela Christi* that is the essence of our faith. The methods of meditation are paths to travel to an encounter with Jesus, but if you stop on the road, and just look at the path, you will never find Jesus. The path is there to take you to Jesus.

The grace of Christian prayer is: Christ is not far away, but is always in a relationship with us. There is no aspect of his divine-human person that cannot become a place of salvation and happiness for us. Every moment of Jesus' earthly life, through the grace of prayer, can become immediate to us, thanks to the Holy Spirit, the guide. One cannot pray without the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is he who guides us! And thanks to the Holy Spirit, we too are present at the river Jordan when Jesus immerses himself to receive baptism. We too are guests at the wedding at Cana, when Jesus gives the best wine for the happiness of the couple. It is the Holy Spirit who connects us with these mysteries of the life of Christ because in contemplation of Jesus we experience prayer, to join us more closely to him. We too are astonished onlookers at the thousands of healings performed by the Master. We take the Gospel, and meditate on those mysteries in the Gospel, and the Spirit guides us to being present there. And in prayer we are all like the cleansed leper, the blind Bartimaeus who regains his sight, Lazarus who comes out of the tomb... We too are healed by prayer just as the blind Bartimaeus, the leper... We too rise again, as Lazarus rose again, because prayer of meditation guided by the Holy Spirit leads us to relive these mysteries of the life of Christ and to encounter Christ, and to say, with the blind man, “Lord, have pity on me! Have pity on me!” Christian meditation, led by the Spirit, leads us to this dialogue with Jesus. There is no page of the Gospel in which there is no place for us. For us Christians, meditating is a way of coming into contact with Jesus. And in this way we discover ourselves. This is not a withdrawal into ourselves: it means going to Jesus to discover ourselves, healed, risen, strong by the grace of Jesus. And encountering Jesus, the Saviour of all, myself included. And this, thanks to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Thank you.