

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

21st March 2021, Year B/1



Fra Angelico, The Annunciation

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: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for You, O God, are my strength.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Responsorial Psalm: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12:20-30

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Dec. Members of the Devine Family
SUNDAY	8:30am		Thanksgiving for Daniel's Life
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	5 th Week of Lent	Marija Barclay (Healing from Cancer)
Tuesday	8:00am	5 th Week of Lent	Thanksgiving
Wednesday	8.00am	5 th Week of Lent	Marija Barclay (Healing from Cancer)
Thursday	8.00am	ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	Thanksgiving
Friday	8.00am	5 th Week of Lent	Luis Ching & Johnes Aycardo (Dec. Ann.)
Saturday	8.30am	5 th Week of Lent	Salve Stuart (Recently 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

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

PLEASE BOOK FOR ALL THESE LITURGIES

Reconciliation for Easter

Monday 29 April – 9am – 12noon & 5pm – 7.30pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Friday 26th March Stations of the Cross will follow the morning Mass.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Salve Stuart

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY: Deceased Members of the Devine Family, Luis Julia Gutiza Ching & Johnes Ching Aycardo

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.

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

Thank you to the Parish Council and all who assisted with our 50 Year Jubilee Mass and Dinner on Friday night. It was a great celebration.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes:** \$640
 Loose: \$215.55
 Tap & Go: \$330
Donation for Chalice & Paten: \$510.20

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: This Thursday 25th March

First Communion: Sunday 6th June

Registration & 1st Session: 11th April

Confirmation: Sunday 7th November

Registration & 1st Session: 1st August

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. 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 into your browser.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Meet 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month at 12pm. Ring Delfin for details on 0478 784 885.

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

We have our CatholicCare appeal again this week to assist our chaplains as they walk in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan. We have collected \$1012.80 so far. Our quota is \$4834, so please be generous. The Special Collection Box is at the back of the Church or donate at 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 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, Holy Week and Easter Liturgies –

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/>

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE
Catechesis on Prayer: Prayer and the Trinity

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Today we will complete the catechesis on prayer as a relationship with the Holy Trinity, in particular with the Holy Spirit.

The first gift of every Christian existence is the Holy Spirit. It is *the* fundamental *Gift*. The Spirit is the gift that Jesus had promised to send us. Without the Spirit there is no relationship with Christ and with the Father, because the Spirit opens our heart to God's presence and draws it into that "vortex" of love that is the very heart of God. We are not merely guests and pilgrims on a journey on this earth; we are also guests and pilgrims of the Trinity. We are like Abraham, who one day, welcoming three wayfarers in his own tent, encountered God. If we can truly invoke God, calling him "Abba - Daddy", it is because the Holy Spirit dwells in us; He is the One who transforms us deep within and makes us experience the moving joy of being loved by God as his true children. All the spiritual work within us towards God is performed by the Holy Spirit, this gift. He works within us to carry forward our Christian life towards the Father, with Jesus.

Every time we begin to pray to Jesus it is the Holy Spirit who draws us on the way of prayer by his prevenient grace. Since he teaches us to pray by recalling Christ, how could we not pray to the Spirit too? The Church invites us to call upon the Holy Spirit every day, especially at the beginning and the end of every important action. This is the work of the Spirit in us. He "reminds" us of Jesus and makes him present to us - we might say that he is our Trinitarian memory, he is the memory of God in us - and he makes it present to Jesus, so that he is not reduced to a character from the past: that is, the Spirit brings Jesus to the present in our consciousness. If Christ were only far away in time, we would be alone and lost in the world. Yes, we will remember Jesus, there, far away but it is the Spirit that brings him today, now, in this moment, in our heart. But in the Spirit everything is brought to life: the possibility of encountering Christ is open to Christians of every time and place. He attracts Christ to our hearts; it is the Spirit who makes us encounter Jesus. He is not distant, the Spirit is with us: Jesus still teaches his disciples by transforming their hearts, as he did with Peter, with Paul, with Mary Magdalene, with all the apostles. But why is Jesus present? Because it is the Spirit who brings him to us.

This is the experience of so many people who pray: men and women whom the Holy Spirit has formed according to the "measure" of Christ, in mercy, in service, in prayer, in catechesis... It is a grace to be able to meet

people like this: you realise that a different life pulses in them, the way they look "beyond". We can think not only of monks and hermits; they are also found among ordinary people, people who have woven a long history of dialogue with God, sometimes of inner struggle, that purifies their faith. These humble witnesses have sought God in the Gospel, in the Eucharist received and adored, in the face of a brother or sister in difficulty, and they safeguard his presence like a secret flame.

The first task of Christians is precisely to keep alive this flame that Jesus brought to the earth (see *Lk* 12:49), and what is this flame? It is love, the Love of God, the Holy Spirit. Without the fire of the Spirit, His prophecies are extinguished, sorrow supplants joy, routine substitutes love, and service turns into slavery. The image of the lighted lamp next to the Tabernacle, where the Eucharist is reserved, comes to mind. Even when the church empties and evening falls, even when the church is closed, that lamp remains lit, and continues to burn; no one sees it, yet it burns before the Lord. This is how the Spirit is in our heart, always present like that lamp.

The Holy Spirit, whose anointing permeates our whole being, is the interior Master of Christian prayer. He is the artisan of the living tradition of prayer. To be sure, there are as many paths of prayer as there are persons who pray, but it is the same Spirit acting in all and with all. It is in the communion of the Holy Spirit that Christian prayer is prayer in the Church. Very often it happens that we do not pray, we don't feel like praying, or many times we pray like parrots, with the mouth, but our heart is not in it. This is the moment to say to the Spirit: "Come, come Holy Spirit, warm my heart. Come and teach me to pray, teach me to look to the Father, to look to the Son. Teach me the path of faith. Teach me how to love and, above all, teach me to have an attitude of hope". It means calling on the Spirit continually, so he may be present in our lives.

It is the Spirit who writes the history of the Church and of the world. We are open books, willing to receive his handwriting. And in each of us the Spirit composes original works, because there is never one Christian who is completely identical to another. In the infinite field of holiness, the one God, the Trinity of Love, allows the variety of witnesses to flourish: all are equal in dignity, but also unique in the beauty that the Spirit has willed to be released in each of those whom God's mercy has made his children. Let us not forget, the Spirit is present, he is present in us. Let us listen to the Spirit, let us call to the Spirit - he is the gift, the present that God has given us - and say to him: "Holy Spirit, I know that you are the strength, that you are the light, that you are able to make me go forth, and to teach me how to pray. Come, Holy Spirit". This is a beautiful prayer: "Come, Holy Spirit".