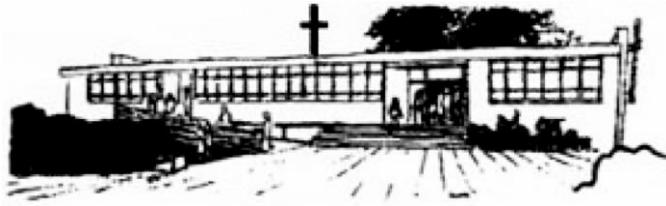


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9<sup>th</sup> May 2021, Year B/1



BUONINSEGNA, Duccio di, Christ Taking Leave of His Apostles, 1308-11

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:** Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth.  
The Lord has freed His people, alleluia.

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power.

**Second Reading:** 1 John 4:7-10

**Gospel:** John 15:9-17

### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

For the Mikulic Family

**SUNDAY** 8:30am

Joe Pereira (Dec. Ann. - 3<sup>rd</sup>)

10:00am

For the Parish

**Monday** 8:00am **St Antoninus Pierozzi** For the Mikulic Family

**Tuesday** 8:00am **6<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter** Odile St Lambert & Kim Nelson (Dec Ann)

**Wednesday** 8.00am **6<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter** For the Mikulic Family

**Thursday** 8.00am **Our Lady of Fatima** Baby Kuriakose (Deceased Anniversary)

**Friday** 8.00am **ST MATTHIAS** John Baillache (Recently Deceased)

**Saturday** 8.30am **6<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter** Jose Cordovilla Descalzo (Dec. Ann.)

### 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:** John Baillache

**DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:** Joe Pereira, Odile St Lambert, Kim Nelson, Baby Kuriakose, Jose Cordovilla Descalzo

### 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.

### ROSARY DURING THE MONTH IN MAY

Rosary and Benediction will follow the weekday Masses during the month of May. As Pope Francis has requested, we will be praying for an end to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Zig Barglik, Joseph Brady, 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, Margaretha Sultana, 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.

*May the Lord bless & keep all our Mothers as we keep you in our prayers  
From Fr Andrew, Fr Pawel & Fr Piotr*

### 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.

**SECOND COLLECTION:**      **Envelopes: \$725**  
   **Loose:      \$243.15**  
   **Tap & Go: \$280**  
**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 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. 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](http://bit.ly/YASJK) into your browser.

### PARISH LUNCH

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Our next lunch is this week 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.

### HOUSE OF WELCOME FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to all who contributed most generously. May the Lord bless you abundantly.

### REFLECTION DAY - JOSEPH MAN OF DECISION

Day for Men on 29<sup>th</sup> 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>

### 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. 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 or 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 or collection plates.
- The sign of peace will be given without 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.

Hand Sanitisers are available in the Church. Door handles, pens and surfaces are sanitised regularly.

**At present Masks are Compulsory and there is no Congregational Singing.**

For details visit <http://stjosephskingswood.org/>

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Contemplative Prayer

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

We continue the catechesis on prayer and in this catechesis, I would like to reflect on *contemplative prayer*.

The contemplative dimension of the human being – which is not yet contemplative prayer – is a bit like the “salt” of life: it gives flavour, it seasons our day. We can contemplate by gazing at the sun that rises in the morning, or at the trees that deck themselves out in spring green; we can contemplate by listening to music or to the sounds of the birds, reading a book, gazing at a work of art or at that masterpiece that is the human face... Carlo Maria Martini, when he was sent to be the Bishop of Milan, entitled his first Pastoral Letter *The contemplative dimension of life*: the truth is that those who live in a large city, where everything – we can say – is artificial and where everything is functional, risk losing the capacity to contemplate. To contemplate is not primarily a way of doing, but a *way of being*. To be contemplative.

And being contemplatives does not depend on the eyes, but on the heart. And here prayer enters into play as an act of faith and love, as the “breath” of our relationship with God. Prayer purifies the heart and, with it, also sharpens our gaze, allowing it to grasp reality from another point of view. The *Catechism* describes this transformation of the heart that prayer effects, citing a famous testimony of the Holy Curé of Ars who said this: “Contemplation is a gaze of faith, fixed on Jesus. ‘I look at him and he looks at me’: this is what a certain peasant of Ars used to say to the Holy Curé while praying before the tabernacle. The light of the countenance of Jesus illumines the eyes of our heart and teaches us to see everything in the light of his truth and his compassion for all men” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2715). Everything comes from this: from a heart that feels that it is looked on with love. Then reality is contemplated with different eyes.

“I look at Him and He looks at me!” It is like this: loving contemplation, typical of the most intimate prayer, does not need many words. A gaze is enough. It is enough to be convinced that our life is surrounded by an immense and faithful love that nothing can ever separate us from. Jesus was a master of this gaze. His life never lacked the time, space,

silence, the loving communion that allows one’s existence not to be devastated by the inevitable trials, but to maintain beauty intact. His secret is his relationship with his heavenly Father.

Let’s think, for example, about the Transfiguration. The Gospels place this episode at the critical point of Jesus’s mission when opposition and rejection were mounting all around Him. Even among his disciples, many did not understand him and left him; one of the Twelve harboured traitorous thoughts. Jesus began to speak openly of his suffering and death that awaited him in Jerusalem. It is in this context that Jesus climbs up a high mountain with Peter, James and John. The Gospel of Mark says: “He was transfigured before them, and his garments became glistening, intensely white, as no fuller on earth could bleach them” (9:2-3). Right at the moment in which Jesus is not understood – they were going away from him, they were leaving him alone because they did not understand – in this moment that he is misunderstood, just when everything seems to become blurred in a whirlwind of misunderstanding, that is where a divine light shines. It is the light of the Father’s love that fills the Son’s heart and transfigures his entire Person.

Some spiritual masters of the past understood contemplation as opposed to action and exalted those vocations that flee from the world and its problems to dedicate oneself entirely to prayer. In reality, Jesus Christ, in his person and the Gospel, there is no opposition between contemplation and action. No. In the Gospel and in Jesus there is no contradiction. This may have come from the influence of some Neoplatonic philosophy that creates this opposition, but it surely contains a dualism that is not part of the Christian message.

There is only one great call, one great call in the Gospel, and it is that of following Jesus on the way of love. This is the summit and it is the centre of everything. In this sense, charity and contemplation are synonymous, they say the same thing. Saint John of the Cross believed that a small act of pure love is more useful to the Church than all the other works combined. What is born of prayer and not from the presumption of our ego, what is purified by humility, even if it is a hidden and silent act of love, is the greatest miracle that a Christian can perform. And this is the path of contemplative prayer: I look at Him and He looks at me. It is that act of love in silent dialogue with Jesus that does so much good for the Church. Thank you.