

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

15th August 2021, Year B/1



ANGELICO, Fra, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1432

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: Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast in honour of the Virgin Mary, at whose Assumption the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

First Reading: **Vigil:** Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2 **Day:** Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6, 10

Responsorial Psalm: **Vigil:** Lord, go up to the place of Your rest, You and the ark of Your holiness.
Day: The queen stands at Your right hand, arrayed in gold.

Second Reading: **Vigil:** 1 Corinthians 15:54-57 **Day:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Gospel: **Vigil:** Luke 11:27-28 **Day:** Luke 1:39-56

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm **Colin O'Flynn (Rec. Dec.)**

SUNDAY 8:30am **Tess Macaraeg (Dec. Ann.)**

10:00am **For the Parish**

Monday 8:00am **20th Week Ordinary Time** **Klemens Blazek & Jozefina Zelazowski (Dec. Ann.)**

Tuesday 8:00am **ST HYACINTH OF POLAND** **Gerard Kint (Recently Deceased)**

Wednesday 8.00am **Bl Mannes** **Francisco Olvido (Rec. Dec.)**

Thursday 8.00am **20th Week Ordinary Time** **Gloria Espina (Rec. Dec.)**

Friday 8.00am **St Bernard** **Piotr & Klemens Blazek (Rec. Dec.)**

Saturday 8.30am **ST AUGUSTINE** **Antonia & Domingo Santiago (D.A.)**

LIVE STREAM OF WEEKEND MASSES

All Masses are being livestreamed at present, while we experience lockdown.

Please visit us at: <http://stjosephskingswood.org/>

RECENTLY DECEASED: Colin O'Flynn, Gerard Kint, Francisco Olvido, Gloria Espina

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY: Tess Macaraeg, Klemens Blazek & Jozefina Zelazowski, Antonio Ieraci, Piotr & Klemens Blazek, Antonia & Domingo Santiago

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2021

Confirmation: Sunday 7th November

Sessions: Sundays at 11.30am via Zoom

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' AUGUST INTENTION

The Church: Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Zig Barglik, Joseph Brady, Joy Cavanagh, Kevin Collins, Margaret Colville, Katalin Domotor, Marie Donaldson, Frances Gunn, Nora Hehir, Andrew Isbitzki, Jason Isbitzki, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Shayla, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Margaretha Sultana, Barbara Thompson, Kelly Tonna.

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: \$1090**
 Loose: \$195
 Tap & Go: \$10
Total Donations for Chalice & Paten: \$1746.95

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 DONATIONS

For online donations using your credit/debit card please visit the payment link on our parish website <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/StJosephsCatholicChurchKingswood>

If you wish to donate by electronic bank deposit (EFT) please note our bank details below:

2nd Collection and Parish Donations

BSB: 067 950
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 00000396
ACCOUNT NAME: KINGSWOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH
REFERENCE: (Initial & surname/Envelope number)

1st Collection (Diocesan Priests Pastoral Revenue)

BSB: 067 950
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 00004265
ACCOUNT NAME: PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN CLERGY
REFERENCE: 6019 St Joseph's Parish

PARISH MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

These are all cancelled until the NSW Government restrictions are lifted.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Over the next month the Safeguarding Office will be sharing updates with us on:

Mandatory Safeguarding Modules

Reasons why the Safeguarding Training is important

Range of ways to access the Training and

How to move forward with the Training

Any questions email maria.kervin@parracatholic.org or ring the Parish Office.

DYING & DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

The Diocese of Parramatta has been co-hosting a series of talks on euthanasia with the Diocese of Broken Bay ahead of the introduction of a draft bill in NSW Parliament to legalise euthanasia. The last talk is 16th August at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend. Information and registration can be found at parracatholic.org/euthanasiatalks/

A NEW CHURCH FOR ST JOSEPH'S

In this, the Year of St Joseph, our Patron Saint, and having celebrated the 50th Anniversary of our Parish, let's communicate and consider the advantages of having a new Church here at St Joseph's and how we can make it possible.

Please feel free to give your thoughts and opinions on the Survey, which is available on the Parish website. St Joseph pray for us.

JOIN US ON 'HOME GROUND'

While in lockdown, you're invited to 'HOME Ground'. Online every weeknight until 20 August, join us for chat, music, prayer, hot topics and most of all – fun and connection. See the free line-up at parracatholic.org/homeground. The Diocese of Parramatta's Mission Enhancement Team look forward to seeing you on HOME Ground soon.

NO PRIVATE PRAYER OR MASS BOOKINGS

From Friday 25th June no public Masses have been permitted and this will continue until lockdown is lifted.

When the Lockdown has been lifted, everyone coming to St Joseph's will be required to use the QR Code before entering the Church, Office, Hall or Parish Centre. This will include those attending Masses or Private Prayer in the Church and any Volunteers working in the Parish.

For those who do not have the NSW App, you can use the Check in Code for a Webform using your home phone number.

If you do not have a phone, please contact the Usher to enter your details electronically.

Registered Bookings will continue to be taken, but to be assured of a place in the Church please be on time, as your place is only valid until Mass starts, at which time others who arrive early and have not registered will be entitled to your place in the Church.

NOTICE FROM PARRAMATTA DIOCESE

**DUE TO COVID-19, PUBLIC MASSES
AND CHURCH BUILDINGS ARE
CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

CHURCHES ARE NOT BEING CLOSED.

BUILDINGS ARE BEING CLOSED.

YOU ARE THE CHURCH!

YOU ARE TO REMAIN OPEN.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS GENERAL AUDIENCE

3. There is Just One Gospel

Brothers and sisters, good morning!

When it comes to the Gospel and the mission to evangelise, Paul is enthusiastic, he comes out of himself. He seems to see nothing other than this mission that the Lord has entrusted to him. Everything in him is dedicated to this proclamation, and he has no interest other than the Gospel. It is Paul's love, Paul's interest, Paul's profession: to proclaim. Paul interprets his whole existence as a call to evangelise, to make Christ's message known, to make the Gospel known: "Woe to me", he says, "if I do not preach the Gospel" (1 Cor 9:16). And writing to the Christians of Rome, he presents himself simply as: "Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, an apostle by calling, chosen to proclaim the Gospel of God" (Rom 1:1). This is his vocation. He is aware that he has been "set apart" to bring the Gospel to all, and he cannot but devote himself with all his strength to this mission.

One can therefore understand the sadness, the disappointment and even the bitter irony of the Apostle towards the Galatians, who in his eyes are taking the wrong path, which will lead to them to a point of no return. Paul does not think of the "four Gospels", as is natural for us, indeed, while he is sending this Letter, none of the four Gospels had yet been written. For him the Gospel is what he preaches, what is called the *kerygma*, that is, the proclamation of the death and resurrection of Jesus as the source of salvation. A Gospel that is expressed in four verbs: "Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve" (1 Cor 15: 3-5). This is Paul's proclamation that gives life to all. This Gospel is the fulfilment of the promises and the salvation offered to all men. Whoever accepts it is reconciled to God, is welcomed as a true son, and receives the inheritance of eternal life.

Faced with such a great gift to the Galatians, the Apostle cannot explain why they might think of accepting another "gospel". It should be noted, however, that these Christians have not yet abandoned the Gospel announced by Paul. The Apostle warns them strongly, very strongly that the preaching carried out by the new missionaries - those who bring novelty, who preach - cannot be the Gospel. On the contrary, it is a proclamation that distorts the true Gospel because it prevents them from attaining the freedom acquired by arriving at faith - this is the key word, isn't it? - it prevents them from reaching the freedom acquired by coming to faith. The Galatians are still "beginners" and their disorientation is understandable. They do not yet know the complexities of the Mosaic Law and their

enthusiasm in embracing faith in Christ leads them to listen to these new preachers, deluding themselves that their message is complementary to Paul's. And it is not. However, the Apostle, cannot risk compromises on such decisive ground. The Gospel is only one and that is what he proclaimed; there can be no other. Paul affirms that "his" Gospel, the same one that the other Apostles were proclaiming elsewhere, is the only authentic one, because it is that of Jesus Christ. He thus writes: "I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ" (Gal 1:11). We can understand why Paul uses very harsh terms. Twice he uses the expression "anathema", which indicates the need to keep far from the community that which threatens its foundations. And this new "gospel" threatens the foundations of the community. In short, on this point the Apostle leaves no room for negotiation: one cannot negotiate. With the truth of the Gospel, one cannot negotiate. Either you receive the Gospel as it is, as it was announced, or you receive any other thing. But you cannot negotiate with the Gospel. One cannot compromise. Faith in Jesus is not a bargaining chip: it is salvation, it is encounter, it is redemption. It cannot be sold off cheaply.

The Galatians who listen to the new missionaries think that by circumcision they will be even more devoted to the will of God and thus be even more pleasing to Paul. Paul's enemies seem to be inspired by fidelity to the tradition received from the fathers and believe that genuine faith consists in observing the Law. In the face of this supreme fidelity, they even justify their insinuations and suspicions about Paul, who is considered unorthodox with regard to tradition. The Apostle himself is well aware that his mission is of a divine nature - it was revealed by Christ Himself, to him - and therefore he is moved by total enthusiasm for the Gospel, which is a radical: there are no "fashionable" gospels, the Gospel is always new. His pastoral anxiety leads him to be severe, because he sees the great risk facing young Christians. It is important to discern and to grasp the supreme truth that is most consistent with the Person and preaching of Jesus and His revelation of the Father's love.

Very often we have seen throughout history, movements that preach the Gospel in their own way, sometimes with real and genuine charisms; but then they reduce all the Gospel to a "movement". And this is not Christ's Gospel: and it does not bear fruit with deep roots. For this reason, Paul's clear and decisive word was salutary for the Galatians and is salutary for us too. The Gospel is Christ's gift to us, He Himself revealed it to us. It is what gives us life. Thank you.