

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

11<sup>th</sup> April 2021, Year B/1



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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:** Receive The joy of your glory, giving thanks to God,  
who has called you into the heavenly kingdom.

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

**Responsorial Psalm:** Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting.

**Second Reading:** 1 John 5:1-6

**Gospel:** John 20:19-31

### VIGIL SATURDAY

	<b>6:00pm</b>		<b>Mary Dallat (Recently Dec.)</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:30am</b>		<b>For the Mikulic Family</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>		<b>For the Parish</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter</b>	<b>Intentions of Mary Dallat's Family</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter</b>	<b>For the Mikulic Family</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>St Peter Gonzalez</b>	<b>For All Souls in Purgatory</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter</b>	<b>Deceased Members of Woodward &amp; Hewitt Families</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter</b>	<b>For the Mikulic Family</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter</b>	<b>Tony Antony (Wedding) and his Family</b>

### 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:** Mary Dallat

**DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:** Deceased Members of the Woodward & Hewitt Families

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2021

**First Communion:** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June

**Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session:** 11<sup>th</sup> April

**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.

### POPE FRANCIS' APRIL INTENTIONS

#### Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorship, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

**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: \$ 970.70**  
                                  **Loose:     \$755.10**  
                                  **Tap & Go: \$360**  
**Total Donations for Chalice & Paten: \$1451.95**

### OUR JUBILEE CHALICE

Our new Chalice depicts the symbols of the writers of the Gospel around the outside:  
St Matthew – Divine Man/Angel  
St Mark – Winged Lion  
St Luke – Winged Ox  
St John – Rising Eagle

### 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. 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, meets Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 6.45pm. For more information type bit.ly/YASJK into your browser.

### PARISH MOVIE

Next Movie is Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

### 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.

### PROJECT COMPASSION

Please return your boxes to Church. We have banked \$1767.60 to date. Thank you for your generosity.

### GOOD FRIDAY/HOLY LAND APPEAL

We have collected \$584.30 for the Holy Land. Thank you for your generosity.

### BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

We have our CatholicCare appeal again this week to make up our quota of \$4834. We have collected \$2175 so far. Please be generous. The Special Collection Box is at the back of the Church or donate at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal).

### CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

2pm on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April at St Nicholas of Myra Penrith. Celebrant is Fr Hugh Thomas CSSR.

### PRIVATE PRAYER AND MASS BOOKINGS

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

**Praying in Communion with the Saints**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Today, I would like to reflect on the connection between prayer and the communion of saints. In fact, when we pray, we never do so alone: even if we do not think about it, we are immersed in a majestic river of invocations that precedes us and proceeds after us. A majestic river.

Contained in the prayers we find in the Bible, that often resound in the liturgy, are the traces of ancient stories, of prodigious liberations, of deportations and sad exiles, of emotional returns, of praise ringing out before the wonders of creation... And thus, these voices are passed on from generation to generation, in a continual intertwining between personal experience and that of the people and the humanity to which we belong. No one can separate themselves from the history of their own people. We always bear in our attitudes this inheritance, even in the way we pray. In the prayer of praise, especially that which unfolds from the hearts of the little ones and the humble, echo parts of the *Magnificat* that Mary lifted up to God in front of her relative Elizabeth; or of elderly Simeon's exclamation who, taking the Baby Jesus in his arms, spoke thus: "Now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word" (*Lk 2:29*).

Prayers propagate themselves continuously, with or without being posted on social networks: from hospital wards, from moments of festive gatherings to those in which we suffer silently... One person's pain is everyone's pain, and one person's happiness is transmitted to someone else's soul. Pain and happiness, all a story, stories that create the story of one's own life, this story is relived through one's own words, but the experience is the same.

Prayer is always born again: each time we join our hands and open our hearts to God, we find ourselves in the company of anonymous saints and recognized saints who pray with us and who intercede for us as older brothers and sisters who have preceded us on this same human adventure. There is no grief in the Church that is borne in solitude, there are no tears shed in oblivion, because everyone breathes and participates in one common grace. It is no coincidence that in the ancient church people were buried in gardens surrounding a sacred building, as if to say that, in some way, the hosts of those who have preceded us participate in every Eucharist. The faith that is passed on, transmitted, that we have received. Along with faith, the way of praying and prayer have been transmitted.

The saints are still here not far from us; and their representations in churches evoke that "cloud of

witnesses" that always surrounds us (see *Heb 12:1*). Jesus Christ is the only Lord and Mediator between God and humanity. A "saint" that does not bring you to Jesus is not a saint, not even a Christian. A saint makes you remember Jesus Christ because he or she trod the path of living as a Christian. The saints remind us that even in our lives, however weak and marked by sin, holiness can unfold. Even at the last moment. In fact, we read in the Gospel that the first saint canonized by Jesus Himself was a thief, not a Pope. Holiness is a journey of life with Jesus. But he or she is always a witness, a saint is a witness, a man or woman who encountered Jesus and followed Jesus. It is never too late to be converted to the Lord who is good and great in love (see *Ps 103:8*).

The saints contemplate God, praise him and constantly care for those whom they have left on earth. Their intercession is their most exalted service to God's plan. We can and should ask them to intercede for us and for the whole world. There is a mysterious solidarity in Christ between those who have already passed to the other life and we pilgrims in this one: from Heaven, our beloved deceased continue to take care of us. They pray for us, and we pray for them.

The connection in prayer between ourselves and those who have already arrived – we already experience this connection in prayer here in this earthly life. We pray for one another, we make requests and offer prayers... The first way to pray for someone is to speak to God about him or her. To pray for others is the first way to love them and it moves us toward concretely drawing near. Even in conflictual moments, a way of dissolving the conflict, of softening it, is to pray for the person with whom I am in conflict. And something changes with prayer. The first thing that changes is my heart and my attitude. The Lord changes it so it might be turned into a new encounter so that that the conflict does not become a never-ending war.

The name given to us at Baptism is usually the name of the Virgin, or a Saint, who expect nothing other than to give us a hand to obtain the grace from God that we need. If the trials of life have not reached the breaking point, if we are still capable of persevering, if despite everything we proceed trustingly, more than due to our own merits, perhaps we owe all this to the intercession of all the saints, some who are in Heaven, others who are pilgrims like us on earth, who have protected and accompanied us, because all of us know there are holy people here on this earth, saintly men and women who live in holiness. There are saints who share their lives with us, who work with us and live a life of holiness.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, the only Saviour of the world, together with this immense flowering of saintly men and women who populate the earth and who have praised God through their own lives.