

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

30th May 2021, Year B/1



SEMITECOLO, Niccolo, Holy Trinity, c. 1370

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: Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for He has shown us His merciful love.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Responsorial Psalm: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be His own.

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

SUNDAY 8:30am

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am **VISITATION OF BL VIRGIN MARY**

Tuesday 8:00am **St Justin**

Wednesday 8.00am **Bl Sadoc & Companions**

Thursday 8.00am **St Charles Lwanga & Companions**

Friday 8.00am **St Peter of Verona** **For God's Precious Infants**

Saturday 8.30am **St Boniface** **Dec. Mem. of St Vincent de Paul**

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:

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2021

First Communion: Next Sunday 6th June at 12 noon

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, 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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$660**
 Loose: \$415.10
 Tap & Go: \$250
Total Donations for Chalice & Paten: \$1566.95

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 MOVIE

No Movie on 6th June due to First Communion. Our next Movie will be the Sunday 1st July.

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 every Wednesday 26th May 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 LUNCH

2nd Wednesday of the month. Our next lunch is 9th June 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.

"FAN THE FLAME"

TOWARDS PLENARY ASSEMBLY ONE

'And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.' (Matthew 28:16-20)

"We are certainly not seduced by the naïve expectation that, faced with the great challenges of our time, we shall find some magic formula. No, we shall not be saved by a formula but by a Person, and the assurance which He gives us: I am with you!" (Pope John Paul II, Novo Millennio Inuente, 6th January 2001, #29)

BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

This weekend we have our Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal, which assists our young men at the Holy Spirit Seminary at Harris Park, who are training to be our future priests. The Box is at the back of the Church for your cash or envelope or you can give online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal. Our quota is \$4834. Please be generous.

MEN'S BARBEQUE

Saturday 19th June after 6pm Mass. All men over 18 are welcome. Please ring Parish Office to book.

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 all hard surfaces are sanitised regularly.

Masks are recommended but not compulsory.

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

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

The Certainty of Being Heard

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

There is a radical objection to prayer, which derives from an observation that we all make: we pray, we ask, and yet sometimes our prayers seem to go unheard: what we have asked for is not fulfilled. We have this experience, very often. If the reason for which we prayed was noble (such as intercession for the health of a sick person, or for the end of a war, for instance), the non-fulfilment seems scandalous. We pray for wars to end, these wars in so many parts of the world. Think of Yemen, think of Syria, countries that have been at war for years, for years, ravaged by wars, and we pray, but they do not come to an end. But how can this be? Some even stop praying because they think their petition is not heard. If God is Father, why does He not listen to us? He who has assured us that He gives good things to the children who ask Him for them (cf. *Mt* 7: 10), why does He not respond to our requests? We all have experience of this: we have prayed, for the illness of a friend, of a father, of a mother, and so it went. But God did not grant our request!

Prayer is a dialogue with the Lord. When we pray we can give in to the risk of not being the ones to serve God, but of expecting Him to serve us. This is a prayer that is always demanding, that wants to direct events according to our own design, that admits no plans other than our own desires. Jesus, on the other hand, had great wisdom in teaching us the *Lord's Prayer*. It is a prayer of questions only, as we know, but the first ones we utter are all on God's side. They ask for the fulfilment not of our plan, but of His will for the world. Better to leave it to Him: "Hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done" (*Mt* 6:9-10).

And the Apostle Paul reminds us that we do not even know what it is appropriate to ask for (cf. *Rm* 8: 26). We ask for necessities, our needs, things that we want: "But is this more convenient or not?" Paul tells us, we do not even know what it is right to ask. When we pray, we need to be humble: this is the first attitude for going to pray. When we pray we must be humble, so that our It is easy to write "God is with us" on a banner; many are keen to ensure that God is with them, but few bother to check whether they are actually with God. In prayer, it is God Who must convert us, not we who must convert God. It is humility. I go to pray but You, Lord, convert my heart so that it asks for what is convenient, for what will be best for my spiritual health.

When people pray with a sincere heart, when they ask for things that correspond to the Kingdom of God, when a mother prays for her sick child, why does it sometimes

seem that God does not listen to them? To answer this question, we need to meditate calmly on the Gospels. The accounts of Jesus' life are full of prayers: many people wounded in body and in spirit ask Him to be healed; there are those who pray for a friend who can no longer walk; there are fathers and mothers who bring sick sons and daughters... They are all prayers imbued with suffering. It is an immense choir that invokes: "Have mercy on us!"

We see that at times Jesus' response is immediate, whereas in some other cases it is delayed: it seems that God does not answer. Think of the Canaanite woman who begs Jesus for her daughter: this woman has to insist for a long time to be heard (cf. *Mt* 15: 21-28). She even has the humility to hear a word from Jesus that seems a little offensive towards her: we must not throw bread to the dogs, to mere dogs. But this humiliation does not matter to the woman: her daughter's health is what matters. And she goes on: "Yes, but even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters", and Jesus likes this. Courage in prayer. On some occasions, therefore, the solution to the problem is not immediate. Let us look back a little: how many times have we asked for a grace, a miracle, and nothing has happened. Then, over time, things have worked out but in God's way, the divine way, not according to what we wanted in that moment. God's time is not our time.

The healing of Jairus' daughter is worthy of attention (cf. *Mk* 5: 21-33). There is a father who is in a hurry: his daughter is ill and for this reason he asks for Jesus' help. The Master immediately accepts, but on their way home another healing occurs, and then the news comes that the girl has died. It seems to be the end, but instead Jesus says to the father: "Do not fear, only believe" (*Mk* 5:36). Jesus will awaken that child from the sleep of death. But for a time, Jairus had to walk in the dark, with only the flame of faith. Lord, give me faith! May my faith grow! Ask for this grace, to have faith. Jesus, in the Gospel, says that faith moves mountains.

The prayer that Jesus addresses to the Father in Gethsemane also seems to go unheard. "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me". It seems that the Father does not listen to Him. The Son must drink fully from the chalice of the passion. But Holy Saturday is not the final chapter, because on the third day, Sunday, is the Resurrection. The evil one is the lord of the penultimate day. But the evil one is never lord of the last day: God is the Lord of the last day. Because that belongs to God alone, and it is the day when all human longings for salvation will be fulfilled. Let us learn this humble patience, to await the Lord's grace, to await the final day. Very often, the penultimate is very hard, because human sufferings are hard. But the Lord is there. And on the last day, He solves everything. Thank you.