

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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PENTECOST SUNDAY

23rd May 2021, Year B/1



ANGELICO, Fra, Triptych of the Last Judgement, Ascension and Pentecost
Det., 1450-1455

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: The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Lord send out Your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: Galatians 5:16-25

Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Colin O'Flynn (Operation & Recov.)
SUNDAY	8:30am		Ferdinand Dolleton (Rec. Dec.)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS	
Tuesday	8:00am	8 th Week in Ordinary Time	Zbigniew Blazek, Elzbieta Kral & Bronislaw Pikula (Dec. Ann)
Wednesday	8.00am	St Philip Neri	Nestor San Jose (Dec. Ann.)
Thursday	8.00am	8 th Week in Ordinary Time	
Friday	8.00am	8 th Week in Ordinary Time	Zbigniew Blakek (Dec. Ann.)
Saturday	8.30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary	

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: Ferdinand Dolleton

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY: Zbigniew Blazek, Elzbieta Kral, Bronislaw Pikula, Nestor San Jose, Zbigniew Blazek

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2021

First Communion: Sunday 6th June

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.

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

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: \$710**
 Loose: \$377
 Tap & Go: \$380
Total Donations for Chalice & Paten: \$1566.95

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Envelopes are ready for collection at the back of the Church. Please be aware that your number may have changed this year. We ask that you throw out any unused envelopes at the end of June and use the new ones for the 1st weekend in July.

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 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.

BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

Please give generously to the Bishop's Appeal next weekend, 29/30th May. This collection assists our young men at the Holy Spirit Seminary at Harris Park, who are training to be our future priests. Box is at the back of the Church for your envelope or give online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

REFLECTION DAY - JOSEPH MAN OF DECISION

Day for Men on 29th 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>

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 are not compulsory.

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

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Distractions, Time of Barrenness and Sloth in Prayer

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

In this catechesis we refer to the lived experience of prayer, trying to show some very common difficulties, which must be identified and overcome. Praying is not easy: many difficulties present themselves in prayer. It is necessary to know them, recognise them and overcome them.

The first problem that emerges to those who pray is *distraction*. You start to pray and then your mind wanders, it wanders all over the place; your heart is here, your mind is there... distraction from prayer. Prayer often co-exists with distraction. Indeed, the human mind finds it hard to dwell for long on a single thought. We all experience this constant whirlwind of images and illusions in perpetual motion, which accompanies us even during sleep. And we all know that it is not good to follow this inclination to disorder.

The battle to achieve and maintain concentration does not relate only to prayer. If one does not attain a sufficient level of concentration one cannot study profitably, nor can one work well.

Distractions are not guilty, but they must be fought. In the heritage of our faith there is a virtue that is often forgotten, but which is so present in the Gospel. It is called "*vigilance*". And Jesus said, "Keep vigil. Pray". Since we do not know the day and hour of Jesus' return, all the minutes of our lives are precious and should not be wasted on distractions. In a moment that we do not know, the voice of our Lord will resound: on that day, blessed will be those servants whom He will find industrious, still focused on what really matters. In distraction: the imagination wanders: Saint Teresa used to call this imagination that wanders in prayer "the madwoman in the house"; it is like a madwoman that leads you here and there ... We must stop it and cage it, with attention.

The *time of barrenness* warrants a different discourse. The *Catechism* describes it in this way: "The heart is separated from God, when there is dryness, with no taste for thoughts, memories and feelings, even spiritual ones. This is the moment of sheer faith clinging faithfully to Jesus in his agony and in his tomb" (no. 2731). Barrenness makes us think of Good Friday, at night, and Holy Saturday, all the day: Jesus is not there, He is in the tomb; Jesus is dead, we are alone. And this is the thought that gives rise to barrenness. Often we do not know what the reasons for barrenness are: it may depend on ourselves, but also on God, who permits certain situations in the outer or inner life. Or, at times, it can be a headache or a problem of the liver that stops us from

entering into prayer. Often we do not really know the reason. Spiritual teachers describe the experience of faith as a continuous alternation of times of consolation and desolation; there are times when everything is easy, while others are marked by great heaviness. They are those grey days ... and there are so many of them in life! But the danger is having a grey heart: when this "feeling down" reaches the heart and it sickens. This is terrible: one cannot pray, one cannot feel consolation with a grey heart! Or, one cannot emerge from spiritual barrenness with a grey heart. The heart must be open and luminous, so that the light of the Lord can enter. And if it does not enter, wait for it, with hope.

Then, a different thing is *sloth*, another flaw, another vice, which is a real temptation against prayer and, more generally, against the Christian life, is a different matter. Sloth is a form of depression due to lax ascetically practice, decreasing vigilance, carelessness of heart. It is one of the seven "deadly sins" because, fuelled by conceit, it can lead to the death of the soul.

So what can we do in this succession of enthusiasms and discouragements? One must learn to go forward always. True progress in the spiritual life does not consist in multiplying ecstasies, but in being able to persevere in difficult times: walk on... and if you are tired, stop a little and then start walking again. But with perseverance. Let us remember Saint Francis' parable on perfect joy: it is not in the infinite fortunes rained down from Heaven that the ability of a friar is measured, but in walking steadily, even when one is not recognised, even when one is mistreated, even when everything has lost its initial flavour. All the saints have passed through this "dark valley", and let us not be scandalised if, reading their diaries, we find accounts of evenings of listless prayer, lived without enthusiasm. Believers never stop praying!

And we too, who are far less holy and patient than Job, know that in the end, at the end of this time of desolation, during which we have raised to Heaven silent cries and asked "why?" many times, God will answer us. Do not forget the prayer that asks "why?". The child asks his father, "Daddy, why?" But he does not listen to his father's answer. The father starts to reply, but he interrupts with another "Why?". He simply wants to draw his father's attention to him; and when we get a bit angry with God and start asking *why*, we are attracting the heart of our Father towards our misery, towards our difficulties, towards our life. Have the courage to say to God: "But why?". Because at times, getting a bit angry is good for you, because it reawakens that son-father, daughter-father relationship we must have with God. And He will accept even our harshest and bitterest expressions with a father's love, and will consider them as an act of faith, as a prayer. Thank you.