

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

28th March 2021, Year B/1



LORENZETTI, Pietro, Entry into Jerusalem, 1320

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

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Hosannah in the highest!

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: My God, My God, why have You abandoned Me?

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Andrew (Recently Deceased)

SUNDAY 8:30am

Thanksgiving

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am **Monday of Holy Week**

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday 8:00am **Tuesday of Holy Week**

Brian Carpenter (Dec. Ann.)

Wednesday 8.00am **Wednesday of Holy Week**

Martin Chaver (Dec. Ann. - 1st)

Thursday 7.00pm **Holy Thursday**

No Morning Mass

Friday 11.00am **Stations of the Cross**
3.00pm **Passion of the Lord**

No Mass

Saturday 7.30pm **Paschal Vigil**

No Morning Mass

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

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.

EASTER LITURGIES

Holy Thursday April 1 – Lord's Day Meal – 7pm
Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday April 2 – Stations of the Cross – 11am
Passion of Christ – 3pm

Holy Saturday April 3 – Paschal Vigil – 7.30pm

Easter Sunday April 4 – Masses at 8.30am & 10am

Please book for all these Liturgies. They will also be livestreamed.

Reconciliation for Easter

Monday 29 March – 9am – 12noon & 5pm – 7.30pm

RECENTLY DECEASED: Marleen Bennett, Andrew

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY: Brian Carpenter, Martin Chaver

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Zig Barglik, Joy Cavanagh, 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

POPE FRANCIS' MARCH INTENTIONS

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$805**
 Loose: \$153.75
 Tap & Go: \$170
Total Donations for Chalice & Paten: \$1390.20

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.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2021

First Communion: Sunday 6th June

Registration & 1st Session: 11th April

Confirmation: Sunday 7th November

Registration & 1st Session: 1st August

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 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.

MEN'S BARBEQUE

Saturday 10th April after 6pm Mass. Please ring Parish Office to book and ring Andrew with any enquiries.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Young Adults Group, from 18 to 35 years old, has recommenced. For more information about dates and times type bit.ly/YASJK into your browser.

PARISH MOVIE

Next Movie is Sunday 2nd May (not on Easter Sunday).

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Meet 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month at 12pm. Ring Delfin for details on 0478 784 885.

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

We have our CatholicCare appeal again this week to assist our chaplains as they walk in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan. We have collected \$1449 so far. Our quota is \$4834, so please be generous. The Special Collection Box is at the back of the Church or donate at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal.

PRIVATE PRAYER AND MASS BOOKINGS

Following the 2 sq. metres per person, 150 people are allowed in our Church from Friday 12th 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, Holy Week and Easter Liturgies – 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.

Social distancing is required so please take notice of the signs on the pews.

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.

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CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

To Pray in Communion with Mary

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Today the catechesis is dedicated to prayer in communion with Mary. It occurs precisely on the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Annunciation. We know that the main pathway of Christian prayer is the humanity of Jesus. In fact, the confidence typical of Christian prayer would be meaningless if the Word had not become incarnate, giving us in the Spirit His filial relationship with the Father. We heard in the Scripture of the gathering of the disciples, the pious women and Mary, praying after Jesus's Ascension. The first Christian community was awaiting Jesus's gift, Jesus's promise.

Christ is the Mediator, Christ is the bridge that we cross to turn to the Father. He is the only Redeemer: there are no co-redeemers with Christ. He is the only one. He is the Mediator *par excellence*. Each prayer we raise to God is *through Christ, with Christ and in Christ* and it is fulfilled thanks to his intercession. The Holy Spirit extends Christ's mediation through every time and every place: there is no other name by which we can be saved: Jesus Christ, the only Mediator between God and humanity (see *Acts 4:12*).

Due to Christ's one mediation, other references Christians find for their prayer and devotion take on meaning, first among them being the Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

She occupies a privileged place in the lives of Christians, and therefore, in their prayer as well, because she is the Mother of Jesus. The Eastern Churches have often depicted her as the *Odigitria*, the one who "shows the way"; and the way is her Son, Jesus Christ. The beautiful, ancient painting of the *Odigitria* in the Cathedral of Bari comes to my mind. The Madonna who shows Jesus, naked; then they put a shirt on him to cover his nakedness, but the truth is that Jesus is naked, he himself, man, born of Mary, is the Mediator. And she indicates the Mediator: she is the *Odigitria*. Her presence in Christian iconography is very prominent, but always in relation to her Son and in connection with Him. Her hands, her eyes, her behaviour always indicate the hinge, she always points out the centre: Jesus. Mary is completely directed toward Him to such an extent that we can say she is more disciple than Mother. The directions she gave at the wedding at Cana: "He: do whatever he will tell you". She always refers to Christ. She is the first disciple.

This is the role Mary fulfilled throughout her entire life and which she forever retains: to be the humble handmaid of the Lord, nothing more. At a certain point in the Gospels she almost seems to disappear; but then

she reappears in the more crucial moments, such as at Cana, when her Son, thanks to her caring intervention, performs his first "sign" (*Jn 2:1-12*), and then on Golgotha at the foot of the cross.

Jesus extended Mary's maternity to the entire Church when He entrusted her to his beloved disciple shortly before dying on the cross. From that moment on, we have all been gathered under her mantle, as depicted in certain medieval frescoes or paintings. Even the first Latin antiphon – *sub tuum praesidium confugimus, sancta Dei Genitrix*: the Madonna who 'covers', like a Mother, to whom Jesus entrusted us, all of us; but as a Mother. It is true that Christian piety has always given her beautiful titles, as a child gives his or her mamma: how many beautiful things children say about their mamma whom they love so much! How many beautiful things. But we need to be careful: the things the Church, the Saints, say about her, beautiful things, about Mary, subtract nothing from Christ's sole Redemption. He is the only Redeemer. They are expressions of love like a child for his or her mamma – some are exaggerated. But love, as we know, always makes us exaggerate things, but out of love.

And so, we began to pray to her using several expressions present in the Gospels directed to her: "full of grace", "blessed are you among women". Sanctioned by the Council of Ephesus, the title "*Theotokos*", "Mother of God", was soon added to the Hail Mary. We ask that Mary pray for us sinners, that she might intercede with her tenderness, "now and at the hour of our death". Now, in the concrete situations of life, and in the final moment, so that she might accompany us – as Mother, as the first disciple – in our passage to eternal life.

Mary is always present at the bedside of her children when they depart this world. If someone is alone and abandoned, she as Mother is there, as she was next to her Son when everyone else abandoned him.

Mary was and is present in these days of the pandemic, near to the people who, unfortunately, have concluded their earthly journey all alone, without the comfort of or the closeness of their loved ones. Mary is always there next to us, with her maternal tenderness.

Prayers said to her are not in vain. The Woman who said "yes", who promptly welcomed the Angel's invitation, also responds to our supplications, she hears our voices, even those that remain closed in our hearts that haven't the strength to be uttered but which God knows better that we ourselves do. She listens as Mother. Just like, and more than, every good mother, Mary defends us from danger, she is concerned about us even when we are concentrated on our own things and lose a sense of the way, and when we put not only our health in danger, but also our salvation. Mary is there, praying for us, praying for those who do not pray. To pray with us. Why? Because she is our Mother.