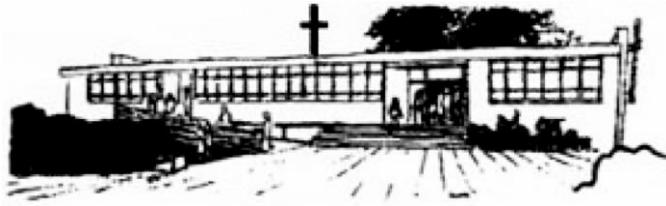


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

10th January 2021, Year B/1



VERROCCHIO, Andrea de & DA VINCI, Leonardo,
The Baptism of Christ, c. 1475

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: After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened,
and the Spirit descended upon Him like a dove,
and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-9

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Elizabeth Cowan (Recently Deceased)
SUNDAY	8:30am		Angelo Gabbiadini (Deceased Ann.)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	1 st Week Ordinary Time	Charlie Saliva (Deceased Anniversary)
Tuesday	8:00am	1 st Week Ordinary Time	Justin Jose (1 st Deceased Anniversary)
Wednesday	8.00am	1 st Week Ordinary Time	Pat & Ken Fleming (Deceased Anniversary)
Thursday	8.00am	1 st Week Ordinary Time	Elizabeth Cowan (Recently Deceased)
Friday	8.00am	1 st Week Ordinary Time	Grace Panozzo (For God's will in her life)
Saturday	8.30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary	Elizabeth Cowan (Recently Deceased)

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: Elizabeth Cowan,
Pauline Loader

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY: Angelo Gabbiadini,
Michael Corcoran, Charlie Saliva, Justin Jose, Pat &
Ken Fleming

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

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.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Zig Barglik, Joy Cavanagh, Kevin Collins, Margaret Colville, Valerie Davis, Katalin Domotor, Marie Donaldson, 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, Geoffrey Waltis, Robert Waltisbuhl, Raymond Waters.

SICK LIST: If you have anyone for the sick list, (Due to privacy laws) 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' JANUARY INTENTIONS

Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions; praying for one another, open to all.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$767**
 Loose: \$368
 Tap & Go: \$410

First Collection contributions go to the Diocese to support the priests working in the Parish.

Second collection contributions, including Tap and Go, go directly to the Parish to support day to day operation of the Parish.

TAP AND GO DONATION FACILITY

We have a new "Tap and Go" Donation device at the back of the church. 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

Reconciliation: Thursday 25th March

Registration & 1st Session: 14th February

First Communion: Sunday 6th June

Registration & 1st Session: 11th April

Confirmation: Sunday 7th November

Registration & 1st Session: 1st August

PARKING NOTICE

We ask that people attending 8.30am Mass would exit via Joseph Street.

Please leave Parking near the Church for the Disabled.

PARISH CELL GROUP

Will resume 1st February 2021. Please ring Jim on 0478 027 210 with any questions.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is every Wednesday at 9.15am and will continue through the holiday season. Please bring your Sunday Missal with you. All welcome.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Will recommence in 2021. For more info watch this space or type bit.ly/YASJK into your browser.

CLEANING THE LORD'S HOUSE

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help. If anyone else has a free hour on a Friday or Saturday morning, please ring Clare on 0432 668 724.

PRIVATE PRAYER AND MASS BOOKINGS

Following the 4 sq. metres per person, 80 people are allowed in our Church from Monday 21st December. Priest and Essential Workers are not included.

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 80 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 and only after everyone else has received by hand.
- No Congregational Singing is allowed. **Masks are compulsory for everyone over 12 years old.**

Hand Sanitisers are available in the Church. Door handles, pens and surfaces are sanitised regularly.

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

HOUSE OF WELCOME DONATIONS

If you would like to donate groceries for the refugees please leave them at the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' ANGELUS

Commentary on the Feast of St Stephen

Saturday 26th December 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

The Christmas Gospel spoke of Jesus, the "true light" that came into the world, the light that "shines in the darkness" and "the darkness has not overcome it" (*Jn* 1:9, 5). Today we see *the person who witnessed to Jesus*, Saint Stephen, who shines in the darkness. Those who witness to Jesus shine with His light, not with their own light. Even the Church does not have its own light. Because of this, the ancient fathers called the Church: "the mystery of the moon". Like the moon, which does not have its own light, these witnesses do not have their own light, they are capable of taking Jesus's light and reflecting it. Stephen was falsely accused and brutally stoned, but in the darkness of hatred (which was the torment of his stoning), he allowed the light of Jesus to shine: he prayed for his murderers and forgave them, like Jesus on the cross. He is the first martyr, that is, the first witness, the first of a host of brothers and sisters who, even until today, continue to bring the light into the darkness – people who respond to evil with good, who do not succumb to violence and lies, but break the cycle of hatred with meekness and love. In the world's nights, these witnesses bring God's dawn. But how do they become witnesses? Imitating Jesus, taking light from Jesus. This is the path for every Christian: to imitate Jesus, taking light from Jesus. Saint Stephen gives us the example: Jesus had come to serve, not to be served (see *Mk* 10:45), and he lived to serve and not to be served, and he came to serve: Stephen was chosen to be a deacon, he became a deacon, that is, a servant, and assisted the poor at table (see *Acts* 6:2). He tried to imitate the Lord every day and he did it even to the end: like Jesus, he was captured, condemned, and killed outside of the city, and like Jesus, he prayed and forgave. While he was being stoned, he said: "Lord, do not hold this sin against them" (7:60). Stephen was a witness because he imitated Jesus.

A question could arise: are these witnesses to goodness really necessary when the world is immersed in wickedness? What good does it do to pray and forgive? Just to give a good example? But, what does that serve? No, there's a lot more. We

discover this from a detail. The text says that among those for whom Stephen prayed and whom he forgave there was "a young man named Saul" (v. 58), who "was consenting to his death" (8:1). A little later, by God's grace, Saul was converted, received Jesus's light, accepted it, was converted, and became Paul, the greatest missionary in history. Paul was born by God's grace, but through Stephen's forgiveness, through Stephen's witness. That was the seed of his conversion. This is the proof that loving actions change history: even the ones that are small, hidden, every day. For God guides history through the humble courage of those who pray, love, and forgive. There are so many hidden saints, saints who are next-door, hidden witnesses of life, who with little acts of love change history.

To be witnesses to Jesus – this is true for us as well. The Lord wants us to make our lives masterpieces through the ordinary things, the everyday things we do. We are called to bear witness to Jesus right where we live, in our families, at work, everywhere, even just by giving the light of a smile, a light that is not our own – it comes from Jesus – and even just by fleeing the shadow of gossip and tattle-tailing. And then, when we see something that is wrong, instead of criticizing, badmouthing, and complaining, let us pray for the one who made a mistake and for the difficult situation. And when an argument starts at home, instead of trying to win it, let us try to diffuse it; and start over again each time, forgiving the one who offended. Small things, but they change history because they open the door, they open the window to Jesus's light. Saint Stephen, while he was on the receiving end of the stones of hatred, reciprocated with words of forgiveness. He thus changed history. We too can change evil into good each time just as a beautiful proverb proposes which says: "Be like the palm tree: they throw stones at it and it drops down dates".

Today, let us pray for those suffering persecution because of the name of Jesus. They are many, unfortunately. There are more than in the beginning of the Church. Let us entrust these brothers and sisters to the Madonna, that they might respond with meekness to oppression and that, as true witnesses to Jesus, they might conquer evil with good.