

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Parish Priest

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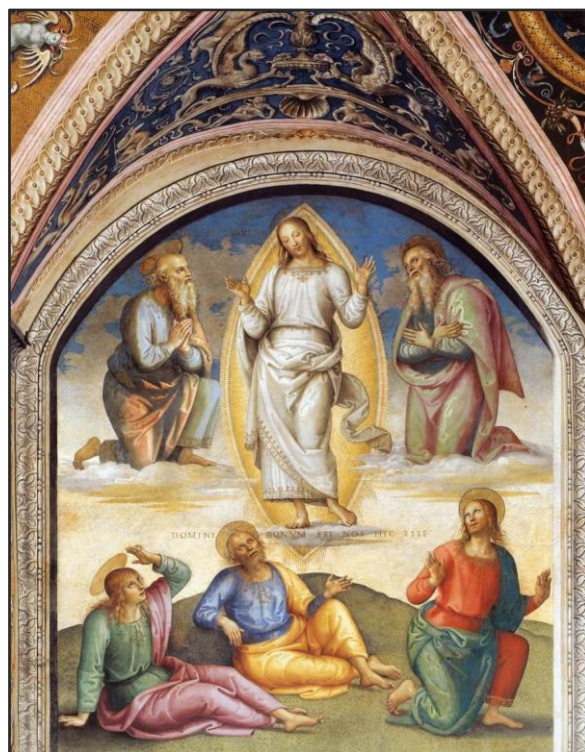
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

13th March 2022, Year C/2



PERUGINO, Pietro, The Transfiguration of Christ, 1497-1500

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

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

Ms. Jennifer Crowley - Principal

School Office Times

8:30 am - 4:00 pm - Monday to Friday

Address

94 Joseph Street
Kingswood, NSW 2747

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www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au

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: Of You my heart has spoken, Seek His face.
It is Your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not Your face from me.

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Roger Camacho (Recently Deceased)

SUNDAY 8:30am

Jan Cartwright (Recently Deceased)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am **2nd Week of Lent** **Gai Schoemaker (For Successful Operation)**

Tuesday 8:00am **2nd Week of Lent** **Fay Durbidge (Deceased Anniversary)**

Wednesday 8.00am **2nd Week of Lent** **Colin O'Flynn (Deceased)**

Thursday 8.00am **ST PATRICK** **Thanksgiving for Kenneth**

Friday 8.00am **2nd Week of Lent** **Basilisa Ortaleza (Deceased Anniversary)**

Saturday 8.30am **ST JOSEPH**

EASTER LITURGIES

Holy Thursday April 14 - Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7pm

Good Friday April 15 - Stations of the Cross - 11am
Passion of Christ - 3pm

Holy Saturday April 16 - Paschal Vigil - 6.30pm
Easter Sunday April 17 - Masses at 8.30am & 10am

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday through Lent at 6pm

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2021

Reconciliation: Thursday 7th April

Sessions: 11.30am every Sunday

First Communion: Sunday 19th June

Registration & 1st Session: 24th April

Confirmation: Sunday 6th November

Registration & 1st Session: 31st July

All sessions follow 10.00am Mass

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Roger Camacho, Jan Cartwright

DECEASED & DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

Colin O'Flynn, Fay Durbidge, Basilisa Ortaleza

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joy Cavanagh, Kevin Collins, Margaret Colville, 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, Charley Tonna, Kelly Tonna, David Wakeling, Mary Woodward, Piotr Zawadzki.

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' MARCH INTENTIONS

A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$543**
 Loose: \$266.80
 Tap & Go: \$290
 Donations: \$

TAP AND GO DONATION FACILITY

We have a "Tap and Go" 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.

PARISH DONATIONS

For online donations using your credit/debit card please visit the payment link on our parish website <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/StJosephsCatholicChurchKingswood>

Electronic bank deposit (EFT) details below:

2nd Collection and Parish Donations

BSB: 067 950
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 00000396
ACCOUNT NAME: KINGSWOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH
REFERENCE: (Initial & surname/Envelope number)

1st Collection (To Support the Priests of the Diocese)

BSB: 067 950
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 00004265
ACCOUNT NAME: PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN CLERGY
REFERENCE: 6019 St Joseph's (Your name)

BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday at 9.15am. in the Parish Hall. All are most welcome.

VOLUNTEER SRES

Call the Parish Office or speak to one of the Priests if you are interested in assisting at our State Schools.

THANK YOU TO MONICA

Monica Oradini has retired after serving many years as our Baptism Coordinator. Thank you, Monica for your dedication to this ministry. May the Lord bless you for your faithfulness.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

At 2pm on Sunday 20th March at Our Lady of the Rosary, St Marys. Celebrant is Fr Hugh Thomas CSsR.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Theme: "For All Future Generations"

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.

You can help people like Biru continue to thrive by making a donation through the Project Compassion boxes, which are at the back of the Church or visit lent.caritas.org.au or ring 1800 024 413.

See Story & Reflection Leaflet at back of Church.

MT SCHOENSTATT 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

Come and spend time in 24 hours of Adoration before Our Lord and His Mother at the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine and Retreat Centre, Mulgoa. It begins Friday 25th March at 6pm with Holy Mass and a BBQ meal, concluding Saturday 26th March at 5pm with Mass. Reconciliation will be available on Friday from 7.15pm to 10pm and Saturday 4pm to 4.45pm. For more information, contact 4773 8338 or visit the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine & Retreat Centre, Mulgoa Facebook page.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

If you are getting married in 2022 let the Diocese help you prepare. To view weekend dates, pay and book visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp. SmartLoving, an online preparation course can also be booked on the website. For more information ring Karin 0403 305 431 or Marisa 0412 280 017.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

All Parish Volunteers are required to do the three Safeguarding Training Modules either online or face-to-face. Three Tuesdays from 14th to 28th June at 7pm in 2022 are booked for face-to-face training. Ring the Parish Office with your enquiries and to book or write your name on the sheet at the back of the Church.

COVID-19 UPDATE FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP

The NSW Government has announced that from Friday 18th February, check-in using QR codes is no longer required for places of worship.

Singing is permitted for everyone in attendance.

Masks are no longer mandatory in the church but are still strongly encouraged where you cannot maintain a safe distance from others.

There are no density limits for churches.

Sanitiser is available at the door.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Old Age - 2. Longevity: Symbol and Opportunity

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

In the Bible account of the genealogies, one is struck by their tremendous longevity: we are talking about centuries! When does old age begin here, we wonder? And what is the significance of the fact that these fathers live so long after fathering their children? Fathers and sons live together for centuries! This passage of time in terms of centuries confers a very strong symbolic meaning to the relationship between longevity and genealogy.

It is as though the transmission of human life, so new in the created universe, demanded a slow and prolonged initiation. Everything is new, at the beginnings of the history of a creature who is spirit and life, conscience and freedom, sensibility and responsibility. The new life – human life – immersed in the tension between its origin “in the image and semblance” of God, and the fragility of his mortal condition, represents a novelty to be discovered. And it requires a long initiation period, in which mutual support among generations is indispensable in order to decipher experiences and confront the enigmas of life. During this long time, the spiritual quality of man is also slowly cultivated.

Every passing epoch in human history offers this feeling again: it is as if we had to start over calmly from the beginning with our questions on the meaning of life, when the scenario of the human condition appears crowded with new experiences and hitherto unasked questions. Certainly, the accumulation of cultural memory increases the familiarity necessary to face new passages. The times of transmission are reduced, but the times of assimilation always require patience. The excess of speed, which by now obsesses every stage of our life, makes every experience more superficial and less “nourishing”. Young people are unconscious victims of this split between the time on the clock, that needs to be rushed, and the times of life, that require a proper “leavening”. A long life enables these long times, and the damages of haste, to be experienced.

Old age certainly imposes a slower pace: but they are not merely times of inertia. Indeed, the measure of these rhythms opens up spaces of meaning of life unknown to the obsession with speed. Losing contact with the slower rhythms of old age closes up these spaces to everyone. The alliance between the two extreme generations of life, children and the elderly, also helps the young people and adults to bond with each other so as to make everyone's existence richer in humanity.

If there is no dialogue between young people and the elderly each generation remains isolated and cannot

transmit the message. It is necessary to seek dialogue between generations. And this dialogue is important between grandparents and grandchildren, who are the two extremes.

Let us think about the formation of affectionate relations between old age and youth that irradiate out onto the overall style of relations. The overlapping of the generations would become a source of energy for a truly livable humanism. This society, that has this spirit of rejection, rejects so many unwanted children and it rejects the elderly. It casts them to rest homes, hospitals, etc. The excess of speed puts us in a centrifuge that sweeps us away like confetti and pulverizes life. Wisdom tends to waste time. It is necessary to spend time with children and with the elderly, because they give us another ability to see life.

The pandemic has imposed a halt to the obtuse cult of speed. And in this period, grandparents have acted as a barrier to the affective “dehydration” of the youngest. The visible alliance of the generations, that harmonizes pace and rhythms, restores to use the hope of not living life in vain. And it restores to each of us the love for our vulnerable lives, blocking the way to the obsession with speed. Are you always in a hurry or do you know how to waste time with grandparents, with the elderly? Do you know how to spend time playing with your children? Think about it. This restores to each person the love for our vulnerable life, blocking the road of the obsession with speed. The rhythms of old age are an indispensable resource for grasping the meaning of life marked by time. The elderly have their rhythms that help us to a more credible encounter with God: a design that is hidden in the creation of the human being “in his image and likeness” and is sealed in the Son of God becoming man.

Today there is a greater longevity of life. We now have the opportunity to increase the covenant between all times of life. And this helps us to increase the meaning of life in its entirety. The meaning of life is from birth to death, and you should be able to interact with everyone, and to have emotional relationships with everyone, so that your maturity will be richer and stronger. May the Spirit grant us the intelligence and strength for this reform. The arrogance of the time of the clock must be converted into the beauty of the rhythms of life. This is the reform we must make in our hearts, in the family and in society. The alliance of the generations is indispensable. A society in which the elderly and the young do not speak with one another, is a sterile society, that does not look to the horizon but rather looks at itself. May God help us to find the right music for this harmonization of the various ages: the little ones, the elderly, adults, everyone together: a beautiful symphony of dialogue. Thank you.