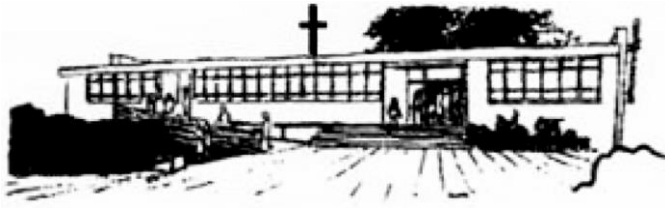


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6<sup>th</sup> November 2022, Year C/2



BUONINSEGNA, Duccio di, Madonna with Angels and Saints, 1308-11

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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# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let my prayer come into Your presence.  
Incline Your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

**First Reading:** Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, when Your glory appears, my joy will be full.

**Second Reading:** 2 Thessalonians 2:16 - 3:5

**Gospel:** Luke 20:27-38

### VIGIL SATURDAY

**6:00pm** **All Souls**

**SUNDAY** **8:30am** **All Souls**

**10:00am** **For the Parish**

**Monday** **8:00am** **ALL SAINTS OF ORDER OF PREACHERS** **All Souls**

**Tuesday** **8:00am** **Anniversary of Deceased Brothers & Sisters** **All Souls**

**Wednesday** **8.00am** **DEDICATION OF ST JOHN LATERAN BASILICA** **All Souls**

**Thursday** **8.00am** **St Leo the Great** **All Souls**

**Friday** **8.00am** **St Martin of Tours** **All Souls**

**Saturday** **8.30am** **St Josaphat** **All Souls**

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Available for an hour before 8.00am Masses during the week and before 8.30am Masses on the weekends.

### BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to one of the Priests or contact the Parish Office.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests

### NOVEMBER MASSES

One Mass each day in November will be offered for our Deceased. When you fill out your November Mass Envelope place it in the basket at the back of the Church and fill in the Remembrance Book with the names of your friends and relatives. Names of deceased can be added through November and will be included in the Mass of the following day until the end of November.

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2022

#### Sacrament of Confirmation -

#### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 10:00am Mass

Congratulations to all children who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Michael & Marianne Callaghan, Margaret Colville, Frances Gunn, Andrew Isbitski, Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, Gina Koloc, John McCahon, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Shayla, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Barbara Thompson, Charley Tonna, Kelly Tonna, David Wakeling, Paul & Mary Woodward.

**SICK LIST: (Due to privacy laws) if you have anyone for the sick list, 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' NOVEMBER INTENTIONS

#### Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans and widows of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

**SECOND COLLECTION:**      **Envelopes: \$860**  
   **Loose:      \$475.70**  
   **Tap & Go: \$340**  
   **Smart Facility: \$130**  
   **Donations: \$145**

**Please note: Thanksgiving Envelopes are to be placed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection.**

### TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

All contributions go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection.

### QR CODE FOR DONATIONS ON PARISH WEBSITE



### BIBLE STUDY

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

### CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month from 1.30 to 3.30pm.  
Ring Delfin on 0478 784 885 for details.

### LADIES' MORNING TEA

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10.30am in the Parish Hall. Next date is Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. All ladies of the Parish are most welcome.

### PARISH LUNCH

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Our next Lunch will be this Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at St. Marys Band Club. All are most welcome.

### VOLUNTEERS LUNCH

All Volunteers are invited to our Lunch from 12noon to 2pm on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Please ring the Parish Office or fill in the form at the back of the Church if you are able to attend. Please RSVP by 26<sup>th</sup> November for Catering purposes.

### COLUMBAN CALENDARS

On sale after weekend Masses at \$10 each.

### POPE FRANCIS' CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA & UKRAINE TO IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

O Mary, Mother of God and our mother, in this time of trial we turn to you. You never cease to guide us to Jesus, the prince of peace. Amid evil and war, you remind us that God never abandons us, but continues to look upon us with love, ever ready to forgive us and raise us up to new life. He has given you to us and made your Immaculate Heart a refuge for the church and for all humanity.

O Loving Mother, hear our prayer: help us out of the depravity of war, inspire reconciliation, restore God's peace to the world, eliminate hatred, and teach us forgiveness. Queen of the Rosary, make us realise our need to pray and to love. Queen of Peace, obtain peace for our world from your Son, the Prince of Peace.

At this hour, we stand with you beneath the cross, entrusting to you the people of Ukraine and Russia. Mother of God and our mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the church and all humanity, especially the people of Russia and Ukraine. Accept this act that we carry out with confidence and love.

Grant that war may end and peace spread throughout the world. We trust that, through your Immaculate heart, peace will dawn once more. To you we consecrate the future of the whole human family, the needs and expectations of every people, the anxieties and hopes of the world. Through your intercession, may God's mercy be poured out on the earth and the gentle rhythm of peace return to mark our days. Amen.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Council is asking for Volunteers to assist with the planning for the Fete to be held next year. Please add your name and contact details on the form at the back of the Church.

### RETREATS AT MT SCHOENSTATT

Venue: 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa.

#### Men's - Looking for Certainty in an Uncertain World

9am Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> to 3.30pm Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

Cost: All inclusive \$180 or day rate \$55.

Bookings: mensbranch@schoenstatt.org.au

Enquiries: Jim 0432 487 927.

#### Women's Silent Retreat – December 2022

From Friday 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

Cost: \$230 per person – all inclusive.

Bookings: info@schoenstatt.org.au

Enquiries: 4773 8338

## CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

## POPE FRANCIS' ANGELUS

30<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

In Sunday's Liturgy, the Gospel narrates the encounter between Jesus and Zacchaeus, chief of the publicans of the city of Jericho (*Lk* 19: 1-10). At the centre of this account there is the verb *to seek*. Pay attention: *to seek*. Zacchaeus "was seeking to see who Jesus was" (v. 3), and Jesus, after meeting him, states: "the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost" (v. 10). Let us focus a little on these two gazes that seek: *the gaze of Zacchaeus* who is seeking Jesus, and *the gaze of Jesus* who is looking for Zacchaeus.

*The gaze of Zacchaeus.* He is a publican, that is, one of those Jews who collected taxes on behalf of the Roman rulers, a traitor of the homeland, and took advantage of their position. Therefore, Zacchaeus was rich, hated – hated! – by all and branded a sinner. The text says "he was short in stature" (v. 3), and this perhaps also alludes to his inner baseness, to his mediocre, dishonest life, with his gaze always turned downwards. But the important thing is that he was little. And yet, Zacchaeus *wants to see Jesus*. Something drove him to see him. "He ran ahead", says the Gospel, "and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way" (v. 4). He climbed a sycamore: Zacchaeus, the man who dominated everyone, made himself ridiculous and took the path of ridicule – to see Jesus. Let us think a little of what would happen if, for instance, a minister of the economy climbed a tree to look at something: he would risk mockery. And Zacchaeus risked mockery to see Jesus, he made himself look ridiculous. Zacchaeus, despite his lowliness, feels the need to seek another way of looking, that of Christ. He does not yet know him, but he awaits someone who will free him from his condition – morally low – to bring him out of the mire in which he finds himself. Zacchaeus teaches us that, in life, all is never lost. Please, all is never lost, never. We can always find space for the desire to begin again, to start over, to convert. Re-convert, re-begin, re-start. And this is what Zacchaeus does.

In this regard, the second aspect is decisive: *the gaze of Jesus*. He was sent by the Father to seek those

who are lost; and when he arrives in Jericho, he passes right by the tree where Zacchaeus is. The Gospel narrates that "Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house" (v. 5). It is a truly beautiful image, because if Jesus has to look up, it means that he is looking at Zacchaeus from below. This is the history of salvation: God has never looked down on us – no; to humiliate us – no; – to judge us – no; on the contrary, he lowered himself to the point of washing our feet, looking at us from below and restoring our dignity to us. In this way, the meeting of eyes between Zacchaeus and Jesus seems to encapsulate the whole of salvation history: humanity, with its miseries, seeks redemption, but firstly, God, with mercy, seeks the creature to save it.

Brothers, sisters, let us remember this: the gaze of God never stops at our past, full of errors, but looks with infinite confidence at what we can become. And if at times we feel we are people who are "short in stature", not up to the challenges of life and far less of the Gospel, mired in problems and sins, Jesus always looks at us with love, he looks at us: as with Zacchaeus, he comes towards us, he calls us by name and, if we welcome him, he comes to our home. Then we might ask ourselves: how do we look at ourselves? Do we feel inadequate, and resign ourselves, or precisely there, when we feel down, do we seek the encounter with Jesus? And then: what gaze do we have towards those who have erred, and who struggle to get up again from the dust of their mistakes? Is it a gaze from above, that judges, disdains, excludes? Remember that it is legitimate to look down on someone only to help them get up again: nothing more. Only then is it legitimate to look down from above. But we Christians must have the gaze of Christ, who embraces from below, who seeks those who are lost, with compassion. This is, and must be, the gaze of the Church, always, the gaze of Christ, not the condemning gaze.

Let us pray to Mary, whose humility the Lord looked upon, and ask her for the gift of a new outlook on ourselves and on others.

Please, do not forget to pray for me.