

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12th December 2021, Year C/2



ANGELICO, Fra, Annunciation Cortona, 1433-1434

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm – Livestreamed

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

Address

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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: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.
First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18
Responsorial Psalm: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.
Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Colin O'Flynn (Recently Deceased)
SUNDAY	8:30am		Colin O'Flynn (Recently Deceased)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	St Lucy	Joseph Brady (Recently Deceased)
Tuesday	8:00am	St John of the Cross	Colin O'Flynn (Recently Deceased)
Wednesday	8.00am	3rd Week of Advent	Fr Renato Paras (Recently Deceased)
Thursday	8.00am	3rd Week of Advent	Colin O'Flynn (Recently Deceased)
Friday	8.00am	3rd Week of Advent	Beato Justiniano Toledo (Deceased Ann.)
Saturday	8.30am	3rd Week of Advent	Emelia Flora Toledo

LIVESTREAM OF MASS

Saturday Vigil 6pm Mass will be the only Mass livestreamed at <http://stjosephskingswood.org/>.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Friday 24th December: Vigil Mass at 6pm
 Saturday 25th December: Midnight Mass
 Saturday 25th December: Morning Mass at 9am

Reconciliation for Christmas: Monday 20th December
 9am-12noon & 5-7.30pm

Please note: There is no evening Mass on Saturday 25th December.

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
 Sunday 26th December Masses - 8.30am and 10.00am.**

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Rappaelo Cantalupo, Colin O'Flynn, Joseph Brady,
 Fr Renato Paras

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Beato Justiniano Toledo

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joy Cavanagh, Kevin Collins, Margaret Colville, Katalin Domotor, Marie Donaldson, Frances Gunn, Nora Hehir, Andrew Isbitzki, Jason Isbitzki, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Shayla, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Margaretha Sultana, Barbara Thompson, Kelly Tonna, Mary Woodward.

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' DECEMBER INTENTION

Catechists

Let us pray for the Catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$678**
 Loose: \$190.30
 Tap & Go: \$290
 Donations: \$

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 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)

CALLING FOR SRE VOLUNTEERS

Do you have at least 1 hour per week to spare?

Do you love working with children?

Do you love sharing the Word of God?

Then this may be for you.

Here at St Joseph's we now have 6 Primary Schools and 1 High School in which to teach Scripture.

At present we have 5 Teachers to cover these schools, which is not enough.

Call the Parish Office if you are interested and for more information.

"Trust in the Lord" and bring more labourers for the harvest.

CAMPION COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAM

11th – 14th or 18th – 21st January 2022. Great program for those 16 to 20 years. Free to attend thanks to generous donors, but spaces are limited. Ring 9896 9303 or study@campion.edu.au

A NEW CHURCH FOR ST JOSEPH'S

In this, the Year of St Joseph, our Parish Saint, and having celebrated the 50th Anniversary of our Parish let's consider the advantages of a new church. We will run the survey until Christmas. St Joseph pray for us.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This weekend we continue the Bishop's Christmas Appeal to support CatholicCare's Houses to Homes, which provides hope for vulnerable women and children facing hardship and abuse. Please give generously. Our quota is \$3509. We have collected \$1725.10 so far. Place envelopes in the box at the back of the Church or feel free to contribute online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

BLUE MOUNTAINS EPIHANY PILGRIMAGE

2nd January at St Finbar's, Glenbrook for Mass, festive meal, praise and worship and Adoration. Stay overnight. 3rd January for pilgrimage and Mass in the bush.

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/or to book for these sessions.

CHANGES FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP

The NSW Government has announced that from next Wednesday 15th December the square meter rule will no longer apply for Places of Worship. There will no longer be a need to Register for Mass.

QR Code check-in is mandatory for all who enter the Church. Please confirm your check-in with the usher.

The QR check-in will also apply to those entering the Office, Hall or Parish Centre and any Volunteers working in the Parish.

If you do not have a phone, please contact the Usher or the Parish Office to enter your details electronically. You can also apply for a QR Card from Services NSW. If you require any assistance, please contact the Parish Office.

Singing is permitted for everyone in attendance.

Masks are no longer mandatory from 15th December, but they are strongly encouraged where social distancing is not possible.

Sanitiser is available for use on entry.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH
CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS ANGELUS

Immaculate Conception of the Bl. Virgin Mary

Wednesday 8th December

Dear brothers and sisters, *buongiorno!*

The Gospel for today's Liturgy, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, brings us into the house of Nazareth, where she receives the angel's annunciation (cf. *Lk* 1:26-38). Within the domestic walls, a person reveals him or herself better than elsewhere. And it is precisely within that domestic intimacy that the Gospel gives us a detail that reveals the beauty of Mary's heart.

The angel calls her "full of grace". If she is full of grace, it means the Madonna is void of evil: she is without sin, Immaculate. Now, at the angel's greeting, Mary – the text says – is "greatly troubled" (*Lk* 1:29). She is not only surprised, but troubled. To receive grand greetings, honours and compliments sometimes brings the risk of provoking pride and presumption. Let us recall that Jesus is not gentle with those who go in search of greetings in the squares, adulation, visibility (cf. *Lk* 20:46). Mary, instead, does not exalt herself, but is troubled; rather than feeling pleased, she feels amazement. The angel's greeting seemed too grand for her. Why? Because she feels her littleness within, and that littleness, that humility attracts God's eyes.

Within the walls of the house of Nazareth, we thus see a marvellous characteristic of Mary's heart. How is Mary's heart? Having received the highest of compliments, she is troubled because she hears addressed to her what she has not attributed to herself. In fact, Mary does not credit prerogatives to herself, she does not hold claim to anything, she accounts nothing to her own merit. She is not self-satisfied, she does not exalt herself. For in her humility, she knows she receives everything from God. Therefore, *free from herself*, she is completely directed toward God and others. Mary Immaculate *does not look on herself*. This is true humility: not looking on oneself, but looking toward God and others.

Let us remember that this perfection of Mary, the full of grace, is declared by the angel within the walls of her house – not in Nazareth's main square, but there, in hiding, in the greatest humility. In that little house

of Nazareth beat the greatest heart that any creature has ever had. Dear brothers and sisters, this is extraordinary news for us! Because the Lord is telling us that to work marvellous deeds, he has no need of grand means and our lofty abilities, but our humility, eyes open to Him, and also open to others. With this annunciation, within the poor walls of a small house, God changed history. Even today, he wants to do great things with us in our daily lives: in our families, at work, in everyday environments. God's grace loves to operate there more than in great historical events. But I ask myself, do we believe this? Or rather do we think that holiness is a utopia, something for insiders, a pious illusion incompatible with ordinary life?

Let us ask the Madonna for a grace: that she free us from the misleading idea that the Gospel is one thing and life is another; that she enkindle enthusiasm in us for the ideal of sanctity which has nothing to do with holy cards and pictures, but is about living *humbly and joyfully*, like the Madonna, what happens each day, freed from ourselves, with our eyes fixed on God and the neighbour we meet. Let's not lose heart: The Lord has given everyone the stuff it takes to weave holiness within our everyday life! And when we are assailed by the doubt that we cannot succeed, the sadness of not being adequate, let us allow the Madonna to look on us with her "eyes of mercy", for no one who asked for her help has ever been abandoned!

AFTER THE ANGELUS

Two days ago I returned from my journey in Cyprus and Greece. I thank the Lord for this pilgrimage; I thank all of you for the prayer that accompanied me, and the populations of those two dear countries, along with their civil and religious leaders, for the affection and kindness with which they welcomed me. To all of you, I say again: thank you!

Today marks the end of the Year dedicated to Saint Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church. And the day after tomorrow, 10 December, the Jubilee of Loreto will come to a close. May the grace of these events continue to work in our lives and in the lives of our communities. May the Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph guide us on the path to holiness!

And I wish you all a happy feast day, especially you children of the *Immacolata*, it is your feast! Please do not forget to pray for me, and I will pray for you.
Arrivederci.