

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

1st May 2022, Year C/2



BUONINSEGNA, Duccia, Appearance on Lake Tiberias, 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

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of His name.
O render Him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40-41

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise You, Lord, for You have rescued me.

Second Reading: Apocalypse 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm Piotr Zawadzki (Rec. Dec.)

SUNDAY 8:30am Maureen Fitzgerald (Rec. Dec.)

10:00am For the Parish

Monday 8:00am St Antoninus Pierozzi of Florence Carole Woodbury (For her Health)

Tuesday 8:00am ST PHILIP & ST JAMES Piotr Zawadzki (Rec. Dec.)

Wednesday 8.00am 3rd Week of Easter Carole Woodbury (For her Health)

Thursday 8.00am 3rd Week of Easter Ethan Joseph John (Birthday)

Friday 8.00am Our Lady of Fatima For God's Precious Infants

Saturday 8.30am ST MATTHAIS Dec. Mems. of St Vincent de Paul

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2022

First Communion: Sunday 19th June

All sessions follow the 10.00am Mass (at 11.30am)

Confirmation: Sunday 6th November

Registration & 1st Session: 31st July

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Piotr Zawadzki, Maureen Fitzgerald

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

POPE FRANCIS' MAY INTENTIONS

Faith-filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

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.

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.

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PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$515**
 Loose: \$318.95
 Tap & Go: \$750
 Smart Facility Donations: \$214
 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.

NEW SMART DONATION FACILITY

We have a new smart donation device in the Parish, where you can make any specific donation listed on the app or any other amount using your credit/debit card. Please see the usher. All donations 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.bpoin.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.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month from 1.30 to 3.30pm.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS 2023

Visit <https://parracatholic.org/synod-of-bishops/> to view the latest information and to respond to the Diocese of Parramatta Writing Committee.

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

We continue our appeal this weekend to meet our quota of \$3314. We have collected \$1731.90 so far. Please give generously.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR PEACE

Forgive us for war, O Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners! Lord Jesus, born in the shadows of bombs falling on Kyiv, have mercy on us! Lord Jesus, who died in a mother's arms in a bunker in Kharkiv, have mercy on us! Lord Jesus, a 20-year-old sent to the frontlines, have mercy on us! Lord Jesus, who still behold armed hands in the shadow of your Cross, have mercy on us!

Forgive us, O Lord. Forgive us, if we are not satisfied with the nails with which we crucified Your hands, as we continue to slake our thirst with the blood of those mauled by weapons.

Forgive us, if these hands which You created to tend have been transformed into instruments of death.

Forgive us, O Lord, if we continue to kill our brother; Forgive us, if we continue like Cain to pick up the stones of our fields to kill Abel. Forgive us, if we continue to justify our cruelty with our labours, if we legitimize the brutality of our actions with our pain.

Forgive us for war, O Lord. Forgive us for war, O Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we implore You! Hold fast the hand of Cain! Illumine our consciences; May our will not be done; Abandon us not to our own actions! Stop us, O Lord, stop us!

And when you have held back the hand of Cain, care also for him. He is our brother. O Lord, put a halt to the violence! Stop us, O Lord! Amen.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared this Pilgrimage, commencing in Melbourne on 18 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 29 October 2022. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. Itinerary and application form at national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or 8912 4818.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please return your boxes to the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

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 here at St Joseph's Parish. See flyer at the back of the church. If you prefer to do three Modules in the day:
Richmond – Saturday 14th May 10am to 3pm
St Clair – Saturday 18th June 10am to 3pm

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Catechesis on Old Age - Naomi

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today we will continue to reflect on the elderly, on grandparents, on old age – the elderly are great, they are beautiful! And today we will let ourselves be inspired by the splendid book of Ruth, a jewel of the Bible. The parable of Ruth sheds light on the beauty of family bonds: generated by the relationship of a couple, but which go beyond it. Bonds of love capable of being equally strong, in which the perfection of that polyhedron of fundamental affections that make up the family grammar of love shines. This grammar brings vital lymph and generative wisdom to the set of relationships that build up the community. The Book of Ruth is like the other panel in the diptych of nuptial love. It celebrates the power and the poetry that must inhabit the bonds of generation, kinship, devotion and fidelity that involve the entire family constellation. And which even become capable, in the dramatic conjunctures in the life of a couple, of bringing an unimaginable power of love, able to relaunch hope and the future.

We know that clichés about the bonds of kinship created by marriage, especially that of the mother-in-law, the relationship between mother- and daughter-in-law, speak against this perspective. But, precisely for this reason, the word of God becomes precious. The inspiration of faith can open up a horizon of witness that counters the most common prejudices, a horizon that is precious for the entire human community.

This short book of Ruth contains valuable teaching on the alliance of the generations: where youth reveals itself to be capable of restoring enthusiasm to mature age – this is essential: when youth restores enthusiasm to the elderly – and where old age discovers it is capable of reopening the future to wounded youth. The elderly Naomi, although moved by the affection of her daughters-in-law, widowed by her two sons, is pessimistic with regard to their destiny within a population that is not their own. She affectionately encourages the young women to return to their families to rebuild their lives. She says, “I can do nothing for you”. This already appears to be an act of love: the elderly woman insists that her daughters-in-law abandon her. It is also a sort of resignation: there is no possible future for the foreign widows, without the protection of a husband. Ruth knows this and resists this generous offer – she does not want to go home. The bond established between mother- and daughter-in-law was blessed by God. At first, Naomi appears more resigned than happy about this offer: perhaps she thinks that this strange bond will aggravate the risk for both of them. In some cases, the tendency of the elderly towards

pessimism needs to be countered by the affectionate pressure of the young.

Naomi, moved by Ruth's devotion, will emerge from her pessimism and even take the initiative, opening up a new future for Ruth. She instructs and encourages Ruth, her son's widow, to win a new husband in Israel. Boaz, the candidate, shows his nobility, defending Ruth from the men in his employ.

Ruth's new marriage is celebrated and the worlds are again pacified. The women of Israel tell Naomi that Ruth, the foreigner, is worth “more than seven sons” and that the marriage will be a “blessing of the Lord”. Naomi, who was full of bitterness in her old age, will know the joy of having a part in the generation of a new birth. Look how many “miracles” accompany the conversion of this elderly woman! She converts to the commitment of making herself available, with love, for the future of a generation wounded by loss and at risk of abandonment. Faith and love enable them to overcome: the mother-in-law overcomes her jealousy for her own son, loving Ruth's new bond; the women of Israel overcome their distrust of the foreigner; the vulnerability of the lone girl, faced with male power, is reconciled with a bond full of love and respect.

And all this because the young Ruth is obstinate in her fidelity to a bond exposed to ethnic and religious prejudice. One of the most beautiful things about grandmothers is seeing the grandchildren – when their children have children of their own, they come alive again. Look closely at the relationship you have with your mothers-in-law: at times they are a bit special, but they have been the mother to your spouse, they have given you everything. We should at least make them happy, so that they go forth into their old age with joy. And if they have some fault, we should help them to correct it. And to you, mothers-in-law, I say: be careful with your tongue, because its misuse is one of the worst sins of mothers-in-law. Be careful.

Ruth, in this book, accepts her mother-in-law and makes her come alive again, and the elderly Naomi takes the initiative of reopening the future for Ruth, instead of limiting herself to enjoying her support. If the young open themselves to gratitude for what they have received, and the elderly take the initiative of relaunching their future, nothing can stop the flourishing of God's blessings among peoples! May young people speak with their grandparents, may the young speak with the old, may the old speak with the young. This bridge must be rebuilt in a strong way – there is a current of salvation, of happiness there. May the Lord help us, doing this, to grow in harmony with families, that constructive harmony that goes from the oldest to the youngest, that beautiful bridge that we must protect and safeguard.