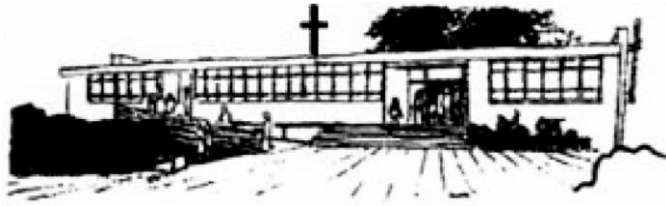


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

20th March 2022, Year C/2



ANGELICO, Fra, Annunciation, 1442-43

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

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord. for He rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

For Ukraine

SUNDAY 8:30am

Jan & Stefania Zawadzki & Anastazja & Mirat Kubic (Deceased Anniversaries)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 3rd Week of Lent Carmen Arceo (Recently Deceased)

Tuesday 8:00am 3rd Week of Lent Cherubin Kherlakian

Wednesday 8.00am 3rd Week of Lent Stepen Muller (Deceased Anniversary)

Thursday 8.00am 3rd Week of Lent Bede Muller (Deceased Anniversary)

Friday 8.00am ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD Orlando Noronha (Rec. Dec.)

Saturday 8.30am 3rd Week of Lent Colin O'Flynn (Deceased)

EASTER LITURGIES

Holy Thursday April 14 - Lord's Day Meal - 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

Reconciliation for Easter - Monday 11th April
9am to 12noon & 5pm to 7.30pm

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:

Carmen Arceo, Orlando Noronha

DECEASED & DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

Colin O'Flynn, Stepen Muller, Bede Muller, Jan & Stefania Zawadzki, Anastazja & Mirat Kubic

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: \$610**
 Loose: \$233.80
 Tap & Go: \$410
 Donations: \$50

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.

SIGN THE E-PETITION

Make your voice heard by signing the E-Petition to Abolish the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021. You will find the sheet on the Table at the back of the Church.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

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

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord Jesus, born under the bombs of Kiev, have mercy on us!

Lord Jesus, who died in the arms of his mother in a bunker in Kharkov, have mercy on us!

Lord Jesus, sent twenty years to the front, have mercy on us!

Lord Jesus, who still see armed hands in the shadow of your cross, have mercy on us!

Forgive us Lord, if we do not settle for the nails with which we pierce your hand, we continue to drink the blood of the dead torn by weapons.

Forgive us, if these hands you created to protect have become instruments of death.

Forgive us, Lord, if we continue to kill our brother, if we continue as Cain removing the stones from our field to kill Abel.

Forgive us, if we continue to justify cruelty with our tiredness, if with our pain we legitimize the brutality of our actions.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we plead with you! Stop Cain's hand!

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

Next weekend we have our Bishop's appeal, which will enable Catholic Care's Community Drop-In Centres to reach more of our neighbours in need and to reduce social isolation and loneliness in our community. Please give generously.

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 Janice to keep traditional culture alive by making a donation through the Project Compassion boxes, which are at the back of the Church.

See Story & Reflection Leaflet at back of Church.

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. Ring the Parish Office with your enquiries and to book or write your name on the sheet at the back of the Church.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Old Age - 3. Elderly must be Prophets

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

The bible narrative – with the symbolic language of the time in which it was written – tells us that God was so embittered by the widespread wickedness of humans, which had become a normal style of life, that he thought he had made a mistake in creating them and decided to eliminate them. A radical solution. It might even have a paradoxical twist of mercy. No more humans, no more history, no more judgment, no more condemnation. And many predestined victims of corruption, violence, injustice would be spared forever.

Does it not happen to us as times as well – overwhelmed by the sense of powerlessness against evil or demoralized by the “prophets of doom” – that we think it would be better if we had not been born? Should we give credit to some recent theories, which denounce the human race as an evolutionary detriment to life on our planet? All negative? No.

We have the optimism of an eternal youth, kindled by the extraordinary progress of technology, that depicts a future full of machines that are more efficient and more intelligent than us, that will cure our ills and devise for us the best solutions so as not to die: the world of robots. On the other hand, our imagination appears increasingly concentrated on the representation of a final catastrophe that will extinguish us. I do not want to trivialize the idea of progress, but it seems that the symbol of the flood is gaining ground in our subconscious. The pandemic puts a heavy weight on our carefree representation of the things that matter, for life and its destiny.

In the bible story, when it comes to saving life on earth from corruption and from the flood, God entrusts the task to the fidelity of the eldest of all, the “righteous” Noah. Will old age save the world, and how will old age save the world? And what is the prospect? Life after death or just survival until the flood?

Jesus, speaking about the end times, says, “As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be in the days of the Son of Man. They ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all” (Lk 17:26-27). Where is the corruption there? Jesus stresses the fact that human beings, when they limit themselves to enjoying life, lose even the perception of corruption, which mortifies their dignity. When corruption becomes something normal: everything has its price. Opinions, acts of justice, are bought and sold. This is common in the world of business, in the world of many professions. And corruption is even experienced in a carefree way, as if it were part of the normality of human wellbeing. When you go to do something, and it

is slow, that process of doing things is a bit slow, how often do you hear: “Yes, but if you give me a tip, I will speed it up”. Very often. “Give me something and I will take it further”. We are well aware of this, all of us. The world of corruption seems to be part of the normality of the human being, and this is bad. Everything is exploited, without concerning themselves with the mortification and disheartenment of which many suffer, nor with the evil that poisons the community. As long as normal life can be filled with “wellbeing”, we do not want to think about what makes it empty of justice and love. “But I am fine! Why should I think about problems, about wars, about human suffering, all that poverty, all that evil? No, I am fine. I don’t care about others”. This is the subconscious thought that leads us towards living in a state of corruption. Corruption is not solitary: a person always has accomplices. And corruption always spreads, it spreads.

Old age is in a good position to grasp the deception of a life without thought, without sacrifice, without beauty, without truth, without justice, without love: this is all corruption. There is a great need today for the wisdom of the elderly to counteract corruption. God’s blessing chooses old age, for this charisma that is so human and humanizing. What is the meaning of my old age? Each one of us elderly people can ask ourselves this. The meaning is this: being a prophet of corruption and saying to others: “Stop, I have taken this road and it does not lead you anywhere!” We, the elderly, should be prophets against corruption, just as Noah was the prophet against the corruption of his time, because he was the only one in whom God trusted. Is my heart open to being a prophet against corruption today? It is a bad thing, when seniors do not mature, and become old people with the same corrupt habits of the young. Think of the bible story of the judges of Susanna: they are the example of a corrupt old age.

Noah is the example of this generative old age. He does not preach, or complain, or recriminate, but rather he takes care of the future of the generation that is in danger. We seniors must take care of the young, of children who are in danger. He builds the ark and lets people and animals enter it. In his care for life, in all its forms, Noah obeys God, repeating the tender and generous gesture of creation, which in reality is the very thought that inspires the command of God: a new blessing, a new creation (cf. *Gen 8: 15-9,17*). Noah’s vocation remains ever relevant. The holy patriarch must once again intercede for us.

I appeal today to all the elderly. You have the responsibility to denounce the corruption in which we live. Let us move forward. The world needs strong young people, who move forward, and wise elders. Let us ask the Lord for the grace of wisdom.