

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022, Year C/2



ANGELICO, Fra, Conversion of St Paul, Missal 558 (Folio 21) c. 1430

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  
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# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Entrance Antiphon:** O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord all the earth.  
In His presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in His holy place.

**First Reading:** Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

**Responsorial Psalm:** Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

**Gospel:** Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

### VIGIL SATURDAY

	<b>6:00pm</b>		<b>Zygmunt Blazek (Dec. Ann.)</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:30am</b>		<b>Intentions of Alice Cassar</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>		<b>For the Parish</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>St Francis de Sales</b>	<b>Maria Blazek, Zygmunt Blazek &amp; Marianna Pikula (Dec. Anns.)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>CONVERSION OF ST PAUL</b>	<b>Colin O'Flynn (Deceased)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>AUSTRALIA DAY</b>	<b>Luke Schoemaker (Safe Journey)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>St Timothy &amp; St Titus</b>	<b>For Health &amp; Recovery for David</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>ST THOMAS AQUINAS</b>	<b>La Poon Fung (Recently Dec.)</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Mass of the Virgin Mary</b>	<b>Colin O'Flynn (Deceased)</b>

### SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

On 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 Catholics from Parramatta Diocese were dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation by virtue of a Decree from Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv.

From 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 this Decree has now been revoked and the Sunday obligation is now imposed, given that public health orders no longer require adherence to density limits in Church buildings.

### BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2021

**Reconciliation:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April

**Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session:** 27<sup>th</sup> February

**First Communion:** Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June

**Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session:** 24<sup>th</sup> April

**Confirmation:** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November

**Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session:** 31<sup>st</sup> July

All sessions follow 10.00am Mass

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

La Poon Fung, Rudi Isbitzki

### DECEASED & DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

Zygmunt Blazek, Colin O'Flynn, Maria & Zygmunt Blazek, Marianna Pikula

**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, Kelly Tonna, 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' JANUARY INTENTIONS

#### True Human Fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

**SECOND COLLECTION:**      **Envelopes: \$400**  
   **Loose:      \$270.70**  
   **Tap & Go: \$230**  
   **Donations: \$50**

### TAP AND GO DONATION FACILITY

We have a new "Tap and Go" Donation 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection and Parish Donations

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

#### 1<sup>st</sup> 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)

### PARKING NOTICE

We ask that people attending 8.30am Mass would exit via Joseph Street.

Please leave Parking near the Church for the Disabled.

### VOLUNTEER SRES

If you have an hour to spare each week and want to share the Word of God, please consider being a SRE.

Scripture classes are on:

Wednesday at Jordan Springs,

Thursdays at Cambridge Park, Cambridge Gardens and Werrington County and

Fridays at Kingswood Public and Cambridge Park High.

Ring the Parish Office for information.

### SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

All Parish Volunteers are required to do the three Safeguarding Training Modules either online or face-to-face. Three Tuesdays from 14<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

### WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes with the Rite of Anointing of the Sick, at 11am on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February at St Patrick's Church, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown. Celebrant will be Fr Peter Williams VG. Refreshments are served after Mass. Please RSVP to [anne.stanton@parracatholic.org](mailto:anne.stanton@parracatholic.org) or ring 8838 3456 for catering purposes.

### BE PART OF A LISTENING CHURCH

Pope Francis has asked all Catholics to participate in the Synod of Bishops by responding to his call for a "Listening Church." You are invited to share your thoughts on our global Church. Find out more at [bit.ly/synod2023](http://bit.ly/synod2023). See leaflet at back of Church.

### VISIT THE WELL

You are invited to partake of Inspirational Sessions for your Families at [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au).

Here you can share the life, stories and resources of the Diocese of Parramatta. It is a place to be inspired, enriched and connected with a community on mission with Jesus Christ.

### CHANGES FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP

**The NSW Government has announced that from Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December the square meter rule no longer applies for Places of Worship. There is no longer 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 to enter your details electronically. You can 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.**

**Wearing of Masks in the Church and in all Indoor Settings is Mandatory from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Hand Sanitiser is available for use on entry.**

## CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

## POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

## Catechesis: 8. St Joseph, Father in Tenderness

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

I would like to explore the figure of St Joseph as a *father in tenderness*.

In my Apostolic Letter *Patris corde*, I reflected on this aspect of tenderness in St Joseph's personality. In fact, although the Gospels do not give us any details about how he exercised his paternity, we can be sure that his being a "just" man also translated into the education he gave to Jesus. "Joseph saw Jesus grow day by day 'in wisdom and age and favour before God and man'" (Lk 2:52): so the Gospel says. As the Lord had done with Israel, so Joseph did with Jesus: "he taught him to walk, taking him by the hand; he was for him like a father who raises an infant to his cheeks, bending down to him and feeding him. It is beautiful, this definition in the Bible, that shows God's relationship with the people of Israel. It is the same relationship, we think, that there was between St Joseph and Jesus.

The Gospels attest that Jesus always used the word "father" to speak of God and his love. Many parables have as their protagonist the figure of a father. One of the most famous is certainly that of the merciful Father, recounted by Luke the Evangelist (cf. Lk 15:11-32). This parable emphasizes not only the experience of sin and forgiveness, but also the way in which forgiveness reaches the person who has done wrong. The text says: "While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him" (v. 20). The son was expecting a punishment, a justice that at most could have given him the place of one of the servants, but he finds himself wrapped in his father's embrace. Tenderness is something greater than the logic of the world. That is why we must never forget that God is not frightened by our sins, our mistakes or slip-ups: he is greater than our sins: he is the father, he is love, he is tender. He is frightened by the closure of our hearts, our lack of faith in his love. This makes him suffer. There is great tenderness in the experience of God's love. And it is beautiful to think that the first person to transmit this reality to Jesus was Joseph himself. For the things of God always come to us through the mediation of human experiences. God's mercy is not deterred by our past, by the bad things we have done; settling the accounts with God is a beautiful thing, because we begin to talk, and he embraces us. Tenderness!

So, we can ask ourselves if we ourselves have experienced this tenderness, and if we in turn have become its witnesses. For tenderness is not primarily an emotional or sentimental matter: it is the experience of

feeling loved and welcomed precisely in our poverty and misery, and thus transformed by God's love.

God does not rely only on our talents, but also on our redeemed weakness. St Paul says that there is a plan for one's fragility. He wrote to the community of Corinth: "And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'" (2 Cor 12:7-9). The Lord does not take away all our weaknesses, but helps us to walk on with our weaknesses. He takes our weaknesses and places himself by our side. And this is tenderness.

The experience of tenderness consists in seeing God's power pass through that which makes us most fragile, while the Holy Spirit brings it to light with tender love. Tenderness is the best way to touch the frailty within us. Look how nurses touch the wounds of the sick: with tenderness, so as not to hurt them further. And this is how the Lord touches our wounds. That is why it is so important to encounter God's mercy, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, in personal prayer with God, where we experience his truth and tenderness. God's truth does not condemn, but instead welcomes, embraces, sustains and forgives us. God always forgives. We often tire of asking for forgiveness. But he always forgives, even the worst things.

It does us good to mirror ourselves on Joseph's fatherhood, which is a mirror of God's fatherhood, and to ask ourselves whether we allow the Lord to love us with his tenderness, transforming each one of us into people capable of loving in this way. Without this tenderness we remain imprisoned in a justice that does not allow us to rise easily and that confuses redemption with punishment. Let us think of our brothers and sisters in prison, and think of God's tenderness for them, and let us pray for them, so they might find in that window of hope a way out towards a better life.

And we conclude with this prayer:

**St Joseph, father in tenderness, teach us to accept that we are loved precisely in that which is weakest in us. Grant that we may place no obstacle between our poverty and the greatness of God's love. Stir in us the desire to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation, that we may be forgiven and also made capable of loving tenderly our brothers and sisters in their poverty. Be close to those who have done wrong and are paying the price for it; Help them to find not only justice but also tenderness so that they can start again. And teach them that the first way to begin again is to sincerely ask for forgiveness, to feel the Father's caress. Amen.**