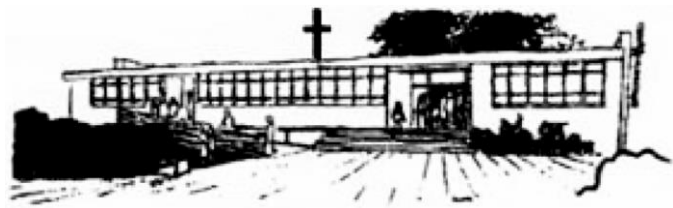


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

3rd April 2022, Year C/2



Lucas Cranach the Elder, Jesus and the woman taken in adultery ca.1520

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: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for You, O God, are my strength.

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel: John 8:1-11

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Michael Van Hesden (Healing to Back)
SUNDAY	8:30am		Brian Carpenter (Deceased Anniversary)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	4 th Week of Lent	Carole Woodbury (For her Health)
Tuesday	8:00am	4 th Week of Lent	Christopher Gilbert (Deceased Anniversary)
Wednesday	8.00am	4 th Week of Lent	Barry Smith (Successful Operation Today)
Thursday	8.00am	4 th Week of Lent	Teresa Spurtacz (Recently Deceased)
Friday	8.00am	4 th Week of Lent	Maria Podrez (Recently Deceased)
Saturday	8.30am	4 th Week of Lent	Carole Woodbury (For her Health)

EASTER LITURGIES

Holy Thursday April 14 – 7pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper

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.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2021

Reconciliation: 6.00pm Thursday 7th April
Please pray for our Children

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:

Teresa Spurtacz, Maria Podrez, Lyn Craddy

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

Brian Carpenter, Christopher Gilbert

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday through Lent at 6pm

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joy Cavanagh, Kevin Collins, Margaret Colville, Katalin Domotor, Marie Donaldson, Maureen Fitzgerald, 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.

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

POPE FRANCIS' APRIL INTENTIONS

Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$605**
 Loose: \$203
 Tap & Go: \$210
 Donations: \$110

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.

MEN'S NIGHT

Saturday 30th April after 6pm Mass. Please bring a plate to share and RSVP Andrew on 0420 581 427. All men over 18 years most welcome.

LITANY OF THE DOMINICAN SAINTS

The Litany of the Dominican Saints for Peace leaflet is available at the back of the Church.

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 labors, 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.

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

Next weekend we have a 2nd appeal, to 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. Our quota is \$3314. We have collected \$746.90 so far. 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. You can help people like Shaniella by donating through the Project Compassion boxes. 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. Please see flyer at the back of the church to register.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Old Age - 4. Elderly must be Prophets

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

In the Bible, the account of the death of the elderly Moses is preceded by his spiritual testament, called the "Song of Moses". This Canticle is first and foremost a beautiful confession of faith, and it goes like this: "For I will proclaim the name of the Lord / Ascribe greatness to our God! / The Rock, His work is perfect; / for all His ways are justice. / A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, / just and right is He" (Deut 32:3-4). But it is also the memory of the history lived with God, of the adventures of the people formed from faith in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. And then, Moses also remembers the bitterness and disappointments of God Himself and says so: His faithfulness continually put to the test by the infidelities of His people. And He remains always faithful, close to His people. This is the core of the Song of Moses: God's fidelity, which accompanies us throughout our whole life.

When Moses pronounces this confession of faith, he is on the threshold of the promised land, and also of his departure from life. He was one hundred and twenty years old, the account notes, "but his eye was not dim" (Dt 34:7). That capacity to see, to really see, but also to see symbolically, as the elderly do, who are able to see the most radical significance of things. The vitality of his gaze is a precious gift: it enables him *to pass on the legacy* of his long experience of life and faith, with the necessary clarity. Moses sees history and passes on history; the elderly see history and pass on history.

An old age that is granted this clarity is a precious gift for the generation that is to follow. Listening personally and directly to the story of lived faith lived, with all its highs and lows, is irreplaceable. Reading about it in books, watching it in films, consulting it on the internet, however useful it may be, will never be the same thing. This transmission – which is true and proper *tradition*, the concrete transmission from the old to the young! – this transmission is sorely lacking today for the new generations, an absence that continues to grow. Why? Because this new civilization has the idea that the old are waste material, the old must be discarded. An older person, one who has lived a long time, and receives the gift of a lucid and passionate testimony of his history, is an irreplaceable blessing. Are we capable of recognising and honouring this gift of the elderly? Does the transmission of faith – and of the meaning of life – follow this path today, of listening to the elderly? I can give a personal testimony. I learned hatred and anger for war from my grandfather, who fought at the Piave in '14, and he passed on to me this rage at war. Because he told me about the suffering of a war. And this is learned from

being passed down from grandparents to grandchildren. Grandparents are a living memory and young people and children ought to listen to their grandparents.

This path seems to be hindered in many ways: in the family, in society, in the Christian community itself. The transmission of faith often lacks the passion of a "lived history." To hand on the faith is not just to say things. It is to speak about the experience of faith. And so, how can it draw people to choose love forever, fidelity to the given word, perseverance in dedication, compassion for wounded and disheartened faces? The stories of life must be transformed into testimony, which must be faithful. An ideology that bends history to its own schemes is certainly not faithful; propaganda that adapts history to promote its own group is not faithful; it is not faithful to turn history into a tribunal in which the past is condemned and any future is discouraged. To be faithful is to tell history as it is; and only those who have lived it can tell it well.

The Gospels honestly tell the story of Jesus without hiding the mistakes, misunderstandings, and even betrayals of the disciples. This is history, it is the truth, this is witness. This is the gift that the "elders" of the Church pass on, right from the beginning, passing it on "from hand to hand" to the generation that follows. It will do us good to ask ourselves: How is the faith handed on? Faith is passed on in familiar speech between grandparents and grandchildren, between parents and their children. This is the reason dialogue of children with their grandparents, who are the ones who have the wisdom of the faith, is important.

Sometimes I reflect on this strange anomaly. Today, the catechism of Christian initiation generously draws on the Word of God and conveys accurate information on dogmas, the morals of the faith, and the sacraments. What is often lacking, however, is a knowledge of the Church that comes from listening to and witnessing the real history of the faith and the life of the Church community, from the beginning to the present day. As children we learn the Word of God in catechism classes; but the Church – the Church – we learn, as young people, in the classrooms and in the global information media.

The narration of the history of faith should be like the Canticle of Moses, like the testimony of the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles. It would be good if catechesis were to include, from the very beginning, the habit of listening, to the lived experience of the elderly; to the candid confession of the blessings received from God, which we must cherish; and to the faithful testimony of our own failures of fidelity, which we must repair and correct. Guided by the Lord Jesus, the old and the young together enter into His Kingdom of life and love. But all together. Everyone in the family, with this great treasure that is the faith passed on in dialect. Thank you.