

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6<sup>th</sup> February 2022, Year C/2



Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, 2014

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:** O come let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for He is the Lord our God.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 6:1-8

**Responsorial Psalm:** In the sight of the angels I will sing Your praises, Lord.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

**Gospel:** Luke 5:1-11

### VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Colin O'Flynn (Deceased)
SUNDAY	8:30am		God's Blessing for Charley
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	5 <sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time	Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	8:00am	St Josephine Bakhita	Perfecto Feliza Nueles Daton (D.A.)
Wednesday	8.00am	5 <sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time	
Thursday	8.00am	St Scholastica	Colin O'Flynn (Deceased)
Friday	8.00am	Our Lady of Lourdes	Tomas Belderol (Deceased Ann.)
Saturday	8.30am	Bl Reginald of Orleans	Mary Yeo Cheng Sim (Rec. Dec.)

### 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 December 2021 this Decree has now been revoked and the Sunday obligation is now imposed, given that public health orders no longer require adherence to density limits in Church buildings.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00am Mass, on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, there will be Anointing of the Sick. Confessions will be available from 7am to 8am. Please bring those who are unwell and pass the word to those who may be interested.

### 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:

Mary Yeo Cheng Sim

### DECEASED & DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

Colin O'Flynn, Perfecto Feliza Nueles Daton, Tomas Belderol

**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, 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' FEBRUARY INTENTIONS

#### Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

**SECOND COLLECTION:**    **Envelopes: \$730**  
   **Loose:     \$228.20**  
   **Tap & Go: \$340**  
   **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 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)

### SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

This weekend the Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. Let us open ourselves to the presence of God who, through His Word, wishes to reveal Himself to us and dwell in the midst of our lives.

### VOLUNTEER SRES

If you have an hour to spare each week, love children and want to share the Word of God, please consider being a volunteer SRE. Ring the Parish Office for information.

### ST JOSEPH'S NEW PRINCIPAL

We welcome Jennifer Crowley to St Joseph's as our new Principal. Jennifer is a passionate educator and is an expert in literacy, early years learning and contemporary learning practices.

Jennifer welcome to our Parish and our School. May you be truly blessed by the Lord in your time with us.

### SYNOD 2023 – SHARING RESPONSIBILITY

Pope Francis has asked all Catholics to participate in the Synod of Bishops by responding to his call for a "Listening Church."

Our Church is all about participation and sharing responsibility. How well do we balance authority with teamwork and responsibility? How do we encourage lay participation, involvement and leadership? Have a prayerful conversation with family, friends and colleagues and tell Bishop Vincent what you find. To find out more go to [bit.ly/synod2023](http://bit.ly/synod2023).

### 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.

### 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

## 10. St Joseph and the Communion of Saints

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

In recent weeks we have been able to deepen our understanding of the figure of Saint Joseph, guided by the few but important pieces of information given in the Gospels, and also by the aspects of his personality that the Church over the centuries has been able to highlight through prayer and devotion. Today I would like to focus on an important article of faith that can enrich our Christian life and also shape our relationship with the saints and with our deceased loved ones in the best possible way: I am talking about the *communion of saints*. We often say, in the Creed, "I believe in the communion of saints." What is the communion of saints? It's not the saints receiving Communion, it's not that.

Sometimes even Christianity can fall into forms of devotion that seem to reflect a mentality that is more pagan than Christian. The fundamental difference is that our prayer and our devotion of the faithful people is not based on trust in a human being, or in an image or an object, even when we know that they are sacred. Even when we rely fully on the intercession of a saint, or even more so that of the Virgin Mary, our trust only has value in relation to Christ. The path toward this saint or toward Our Lady does not end there, but in relationship with Christ. Christ is the bond that unites us to him and to each other, and which has a specific name: it is the "communion of saints". It is not the saints who work miracles. The saints don't work miracles, but only the grace of God that acts through them. Miracles are done by God, by the grace of God acting through a holy person, a righteous person. This must be made clear. There are people who say, "I don't believe in God, but I believe in this saint." This is wrong. The saint is an intercessor, one who prays for us and the Lord gives us grace through the saint.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church affirms: "The communion of saints is the Church" (no. 946)." What does this mean? That the Church is reserved for the perfect? No. It means that the Church is the community of *saved sinners*. No one can exclude themselves from the Church, we are all saved sinners. Our holiness is the fruit of God's love manifested in Christ, who sanctifies us by loving us in our misery and saving us from it. Thanks always to him we form one single body, in which Jesus is the head and we are the members. This image of the Body of Christ and the image of the body immediately makes us understand what it means to be bound to one another in *communion*. Saint Paul says: we are all one body, all united through faith, through baptism... All in communion: united in communion with Jesus Christ. And this is the communion of saints.

The sin of an individual person always affects everyone, and the love of each individual person affects everyone. In virtue of the communion of saints, every member of the Church is bound to me in a profound way. In fact, the communion of saints does not concern only those who live in this historic moment, but also those who have concluded their journey and crossed the threshold of death. They too are in communion with us. In Christ no one can ever truly separate us from those we love because the bond is an existential bond that is in our very nature; only the manner of being together with one another changes, but nothing and no one can break this bond. The communion of saints holds together the community of believers on earth and in heaven, and on earth the saints, the sinners, all.

The relationship that I can build with a brother or sister here I can also establish with the saints in heaven. What we call *devotion* to a saint is actually a way of expressing love from this very bond that unites us. We all know that we can turn to a friend when we are in difficulty and need help. And we have friends in heaven. Jesus, too, had his friends, and he turned to them at the most decisive moments of his human experience. In the history of the Church there are some constants that accompany the believing community: first of all, the great affection and the very strong bond that the Church has always felt towards Mary, Mother of God and our Mother. But also the special honour and affection she has bestowed on St Joseph. After all, God entrusts to him the most precious things he has: his Son Jesus and the Virgin Mary. It is always thanks to the communion of saints that we feel that the men and women saints who are our patrons are close to us. It's not some kind of magic, it's not superstition, it's devotion to the saints. It's simply talking to a brother, a sister, who is in the presence of God, who has led a righteous life, a model life, and is now in the presence of God. And I talk to them and ask for their intercession for the needs that I have.

I want to conclude this catechesis with a prayer to St Joseph which I have recited every day for more than 40 years. It is a prayer that I found in a prayer book of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary, from the 1700s. It is more than a prayer it is a challenge, to this friend, to this father, to this our guardian, Saint Joseph.

**"Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome. My beloved father, all my trust is in you. All my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen."**