

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022, Year C/2



BUONINSEGNA, Duccio, Christ Taking Leave of His Apostles, 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:** Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed His people, alleluia.

**First Reading:** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

**Responsorial Psalm:** O God, let all the nations praise You!

**Second Reading:** Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23

**Gospel:** John 14:23-29

### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Carole Woodbury (For her Health)

**SUNDAY** 8:30am

Piotr Zawadzki (Rec. Dec.)

10:00am

For the Parish

**Monday** 8:00am 6<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter

Baby Kurian (Dec. Ann. – 3<sup>rd</sup>)

**Tuesday** 8:00am OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Piotr Zawadzki (Rec. Dec.)

**Wednesday** 8.00am 6<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter Zbigniew Blazek, Elzbieta Kral & Bronislaw Pikula (Dec. Anns.)

**Thursday** 8.00am St Philip Neri Esperanza Bagay (Dec. Ann.)

**Friday** 8.00am 6<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter Piotr Zawadzki (Rec. Dec.)

**Saturday** 8.30am 6<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter Piotr Zawadzki (Rec. Dec.)

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> June

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

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

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

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Piotr Zawadzki,

**DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:** Baby Kurian, Zbigniew Blazek, Elzbieta Kral, Bronislaw Pikula, Esperanza Bagay

### 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:** Michael & Marianne Callaghan, 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, Graham Skinner, 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.

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

**SECOND COLLECTION:**    **Envelopes: \$895**  
                                 **Loose:     \$450**  
                                 **Tap & Go: \$200**  
                                 **Smart Facility Donations: \$325**  
                                 **Donations: \$30**

**TAP AND GO DONATION FACILITY**

At the "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.

**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. All donations 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)

**BIBLE STUDY**

Every Wednesday in the Parish Hall at 9.15am. All are most welcome.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month from 1.30 to 3.30pm. Ring Delfin on 0478 784 885 for details.

**WESTERN DEANERY YOUNG ADULTS**

Our Young Adult Western Deanery Launch is from 7pm to 9pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May at St Joseph's Parish Hall, 12 Richmond Road, Kingswood. All young adults over 18 and under 35 are most welcome. See the QR code on the flyers on the Church doors.

**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.

**BISHOP VINCENT'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL**

Next weekend we have the Good Shepherd Appeal, which will support our Seminarians to become "Beacons of Light for Christ". Please be generous.

**THANK YOU TO OUR MINISTERS TO THE SICK**

Our thanks go to Nadia Blazek, who has faithfully served for twelve years taking the Eucharist to Kingswood Court and coordinating our Ministers of the Sick. Thank you also to our team of Ministers who have also given years of their time. May God bless every one of you.

If anyone would like to become a Minister to the Sick, or even accompany one of our Ministers, please ring the Office for information.

**BISHOP VINCENT PRESENTS:**

Sr Patricia Fox on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. Sr Patricia has ministered to the poor and marginalized in the Philippines for 30 years. RSVP at [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) as seating is limited.

## CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

## POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

## Catechesis on Old Age - Job

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

On our catechetical itinerary, we meet Job when he was an old man. We encounter him as a witness of a faith who protests loudly in the face of evil until God responds and reveals his face. And God responds, as always, in a surprising way – He shows Job His glory with sovereign tenderness, just like God always does. It would be good for us to put ourselves in Job's school to overcome the temptation of moralism due to the bitterness of the pain of having lost everything.

We remember the story, don't we? Job loses everything in his life, he loses his wealth, his family and even his health, and that's where he is, plagued, in dialogue with his friends, who come to greet him. Job is praised because he understood *the mystery of God's tenderness hidden behind his silence*. God rebukes Job's friends who presumed they knew everything about God and about suffering, and, ended up judging Job with their preconceived paradigms. God preserve us from this hypocritical and moralistic religiosity!

This is how the Lord expresses himself in their regard. Thus says the Lord: "My wrath is kindled against you for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has", this is what the Lord says to Job's friends. "My servant Job shall pray for you, for I will accept his prayer not to deal with you according to your folly; for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has" (42:7-8). God's declaration surprises us because we have read pages on fire with Job's protest which have left us dismayed. And yet, the Lord says Job spoke well, even when he was angry with God, but he spoke well because he refused to accept that God was a "Persecutor". God gives back to Job double of all his possessions, after asking him to pray for those bad friends of his.

The turning point in the *conversation of faith* comes right at the height of Job's venting, where he says, "I know that my Redeemer lives, and at last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then from my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another" (19:25-27). This passage makes me think of the end of the oratorio of Handel, the Messiah, after the Hallelujah, the soprano slowly sings this passage: "I know that my Redeemer lives" This is the faith in the resurrection of God and in Jesus Christ, the faith that the Lord is always waiting for us and will come.

The Book of Job dramatically represents what truly happens in life – that really heavy trials fall on a person, a family, a people. It often happens in life that "when it rains it pours", as the saying goes. And many people are overcome by an accumulation of evil that truly seems excessive and unjust. We have all known people like this. We have been impressed by their cry, but we have also

stood in admiration at the firmness of their faith and love in their silence. I am thinking of parents of children with serious disabilities, of those who live with a permanent illness, or those who assist a member of their family. These situations are often aggravated by the scarcity of economic resources. At certain junctures in history, the accumulation of burdens gives the impression that they were given a group appointment. This is what has happened in these years with the Covid-19 pandemic and is happening now with the war in Ukraine.

Can we justify these "excesses" to the higher intelligence of nature and history? Can we religiously bless them as justified responses to the sins of the victims, as if they deserve it? No, we cannot. Sometimes I meet people who approach me and say: "But, Father, I protested against God because I have this and that problem...." But, you know, friend, that protesting is a way to pray when it is done like that. When children or young people object against their parents, it is a way of attracting their attention and of asking that they take care of them. If you have some wound in your heart, some pain, and you want to object, object even to God. God will listen to you. God is a Father. God is not afraid of our prayer of protest. God understands. But be free in your prayer. Prayer should be spontaneous, like that of a child with his father, who say everything that comes out of his mouth because he knows his father understands him. God allows Job to give vent to his protest, and God listens. At times, perhaps we need to learn this respect and tenderness from God.

Job's profession of faith concludes in the end with an almost mystical experience that makes him say, "I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you" (42:5). This testimony is *particularly believable if it is picked up in old age*, in its progressive frailty and loss. Those who are old have witnessed so many of these experiences in life! And they have also seen the inconsistency of human promises. Lawyers, scientists, even men of religion, who insinuate that they are fully responsible for their own suffering. They are mistaken!

The elderly who find the path of this testimony, who turn their resentment for their loss into a tenacity for awaiting God's promises, are an irreplaceable garrison for the community regarding the excesses of evil. The believer whose gaze is turned toward the Crucifix learns just that. May we learn this as well, from the many grandparents, who like Mary, unite their sometimes-heartbreaking prayers, to that of the Son of God who abandons himself to the Father on the cross. Let us watch our elderly with love. Let us see their personal experiences. They have suffered, learned and gone through so much in life, but in the end they have this peace, that is almost mystical, from an encounter with God to the point they can say, "I knew you because I had heard about you, but now I have seen you with my own eyes." These elderly people resemble the peace of the Son of God on the cross who is abandoned to the Father. May the Lord bless you!