

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Parish Priest

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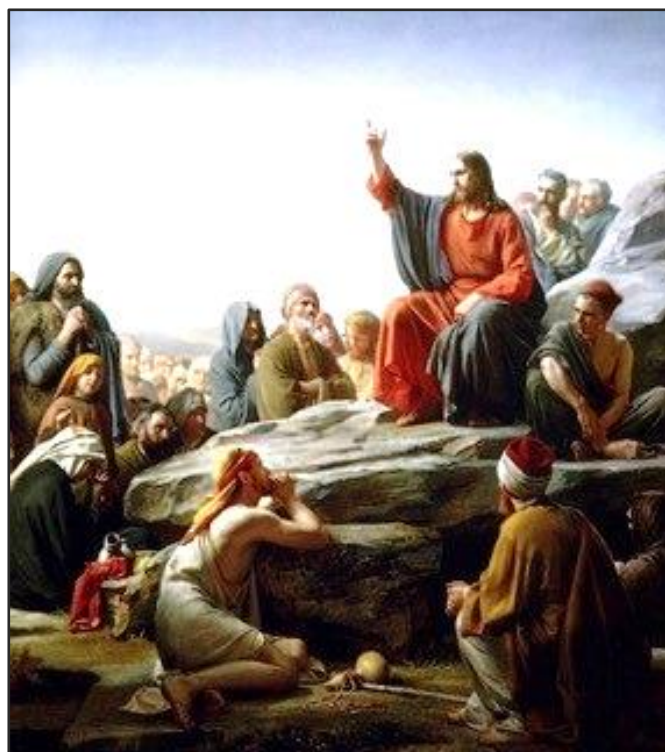
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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13th February 2022, Year C/2



BLOCH, Carl Heinrich, The Sermon on the Mount, 1877

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
Kingswood, NSW 2747

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www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am - 2:00pm and Friday: 9.00am - 1:00pm

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.
For You are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of Your name.

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16:20

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Colin O'Flynn (Deceased)

SUNDAY 8:30am

Paula Abela (Recently Deceased)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am

St Cyril & St Methodius

Colin O'Flynn (Deceased)

Tuesday 8:00am

6th Week Ordinary Time

Irene Paulinski Barglik (Deceased Ann.)

Wednesday 8.00am

6th Week Ordinary Time

Marian Kubka (Deceased Anniversary)

Thursday 8.00am

6th Week Ordinary Time

Daniella & Kieran (Marriage Difficulties)

Friday 8.00am

Bl John of Fiesole

Colin O'Flynn (Deceased)

Saturday 8.30am

Mass of the Virgin Mary

SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

On 20th 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From 15th December 2021 this Decree has now been revoked and the Sunday obligation is now imposed, given that public health orders no longer require adherence to density limits in Church buildings.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2021

Reconciliation: Thursday 7th April

Registration & 1st Session: 27th February

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:

Paula Abela

DECEASED & DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

Colin O'Flynn, Irene Paulinski Barglik, Marian Kubka

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: \$613**
 Loose: \$150.90
 Tap & Go: \$350
 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)

PARKING NOTICE

People attending 8.30am Mass please exit via Joseph Street.

Please leave Parking near the Church for the Disabled.

VOLUNTEER SRES

Do you have at least 1 hour per week to spare?

Do you love working with children?

Do you love sharing the Word of God?

Then this may be for you.

Here at St Joseph's we now have 6 Primary Schools and 1 High School in which to teach Scripture.

Call the Parish Office or speak to one of the Priests if you are interested and for more information. "Trust in the Lord" and bring more labourers for the harvest.

PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Please bring your Palms from last year by Sunday 27th February to be burnt for Ash Wednesday.

SYNOD 2023 – OUR DECISION MAKING

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

Our aim is to make decisions by discerning what the Holy Spirit is saying through our whole community. How well do we do this, and which Catholic discernment and decision-making methods include everyone? How can we do better?

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.

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. Ring the Parish Office with your enquiries and to book.

VINNIES SUPPORT CENTRES

St Vincent de Paul Support Centre is still available to arrange for food vouchers or other items to be provided to those in need. If you need assistance, call the Support Centre at Penrith on 8861 9770. To find out more about what support is available, visit <http://vinnies.org.au/covidsupportnsw>

CHANGES FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP

The NSW Government has announced that from Wednesday 15th 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 24th December.

Hand Sanitiser is available for use on entry.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

11. St Joseph, Patron of the Good Death

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Today I would like to explore the special devotion the Christian people have always had for Saint Joseph as the *patron saint of the good death*. A devotion born of the thought that Joseph died cared for by the Virgin Mary and Jesus, before leaving the house of Nazareth. There are no historical data, but since we no longer see Joseph in public life, it is thought that he died there in Nazareth, with his family. And Jesus and Mary accompanied him up to his death.

A century ago, Pope Benedict XV wrote "through Joseph we go directly to Mary, and through Mary to the origin of all holiness, who is Jesus". Both Joseph and Mary help us to go to Jesus. And encouraging pious practices in honour of Saint Joseph, he recommended one in particular, saying: "Since he is considered to be the most effective protector of the dying, having expired in the presence of Jesus and Mary, it will be the concern of the sacred Pastors to encourage those associations that have been established to implore Joseph on behalf of the dying, such as those 'of the Good Death', of the 'Transit of Saint Joseph' and 'for the Dying'".

Perhaps some people think that this language and this theme are only a legacy of the past, but in reality, our relationship with death is never about the past – it is always present. Pope Benedict said, a few days ago, speaking of himself, that he "is before the dark door of death". It is good to thank the Pope who has this clarity, at 95, to tell us this. It is good advice that he has given us, isn't it? The so-called "feel-good" culture tries to remove the reality of death, but the coronavirus pandemic has brought it back into focus in a dramatic way. It was terrible: death was everywhere, and so many lost loved ones without being able to be near them, and this made death even harder to accept and process. A nurse told me that she was in front of a grandmother who was dying, and who said to her, "I would like to say goodbye to my family, before I leave". And the nurse bravely took out her mobile phone and put her in touch with them. The tenderness of that farewell.

We try in every way to banish the thought of our finite existence, deluding ourselves into believing we can remove the power of death and dispel fear. But the Christian faith is not a way of exorcising the fear of death; rather, it helps us to face it. Sooner or later, we will all pass through that door.

The true light that illuminates the mystery of death comes from the resurrection of Christ. This is the light. Saint Paul writes: "Now if Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection

of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain" (1 Cor 12: 12-14). There is one certainty: Christ is resurrected, Christ is risen, Christ is living among us. And this is the light that awaits us behind that dark door of death.

It is only through faith in resurrection that we can face the abyss of death without being overwhelmed by fear. Not only that: we can restore a positive role to death. Indeed, thinking about death, enlightened by the mystery of Christ, helps us to look at all of life through fresh eyes. We will go alone, the solitude of death. It makes no sense to accumulate if one day we will die. What we must accumulate is love, and the ability to share, the ability not to remain indifferent when faced with the needs of others. What point is there in being angry, in getting angry with others if we are to die? Before death, many issues are brought down to size. It is good to die reconciled, without grudges and without regrets!

Two considerations stand for us Christians. The first: we cannot avoid death, and precisely for this reason, after having done everything that is humanly possible to cure the sick, it is immoral to engage in futile treatment. That phrase of the faithful people of God, of the simple people: "Let him die in peace": such wisdom! The second consideration concerns the quality of death itself, the quality of pain, of suffering. Indeed, we must be grateful for all the help that medicine endeavours to give, so that through "palliative care", every person who is preparing to live the last stretch of their life can do so in the most human way possible. We must accompany people towards death, but not provoke death or facilitate any form of suicide. The right to care and treatment for all must always be prioritised, so that the weakest, particularly the elderly and the sick, are never discarded. Life is a right, not death, which must be welcomed, not administered. And this ethical principle applies to concerns everyone, not just Christians or believers.

The elderly should be cared for as a treasure of humanity: they are our wisdom. And if they do not speak, or if they do not make sense, they are still the symbol of human wisdom. They are those who went before us and have left us so many good things, so many memories, so much wisdom. Please, do not isolate the elderly, do not accelerate the death of the elderly. To caress an elderly person has the same hope as caressing a child, because the beginning of life and the end are always a mystery, a mystery that should be respected, accompanied, cared for. Loved.

May Saint Joseph help us to live the mystery of death in the best possible way. For a Christian, the good death is an experience of the mercy of God, who comes close to us even in that last moment of our life. Thank you.