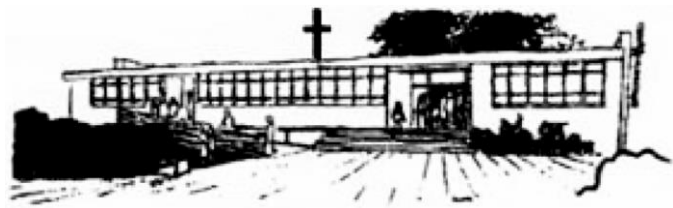


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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



ANGELICO, Fra, Madonna and Child, 1433

### 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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Kingswood, NSW 2747

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# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Entrance Antiphon:** O Lord, I trust in Your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in Your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

**First Reading:** Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is kind and merciful.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

**Gospel:** Luke 6:27-38

### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Colin O'Flynn (Deceased)

**SUNDAY** 8:30am

Marian Kubka, Marian Zawadzki,  
Barbara Blazek (Deceased Anniversaries)

10:00am

For the Parish

**Monday** 8:00am 7<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time Peter Abela (Deceased Anniversary)

**Tuesday** 8:00am THE CHAIR OF ST PETER Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday** 8.00am St Polycarp Colin O'Flynn (Deceased)

**Thursday** 8.00am 7<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time Daniel Woodbury

**Friday** 8.00am 7<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time David Croft (Deceased Anniversary)

**Saturday** 8.30am Mass of the Virgin Mary Beato Justina Granadino Toledo (Dec. Ann)

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 December 2021 this Decree has now been revoked and the Sunday obligation is now imposed, given that public health orders no longer require adherence to density limits in Church buildings.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses on 2<sup>nd</sup> March are at 8am and 7pm

Liturgy of the Word with St Joseph's School in attendance 12.30pm.

**This is a day of Fast and Abstinence. See sheet at the back of the Church for more information.**

### 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:

#### DECEASED & DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

Colin O'Flynn, Marian Kubka, Marian Zawadzki,  
Barbara Blazek, Peter Abela, David Croft, Beato  
Justina Granadino Toledo

**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, 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' 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: \$560**  
   **Loose:      \$266.75**  
   **Tap & Go: \$260**  
   **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 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.bpoin.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**

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 27<sup>th</sup> February to be burnt for Ash Wednesday.

**PROJECT COMPASSION**

**Theme: "For All Future Generations"**

This theme reminds us that the good we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

You can help by making a donation through Project Compassion boxes or visit [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au) or ring 1800 024 413.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE**

If you are getting married in 2022 let the Diocese help you prepare. To view weekend dates, pay and book visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp). An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked on the website. For more information ring Karin 0403 305 431 or Marisa 0412 280 017.

**SYNOD 2023: LEARNING TO JOURNEY TOGETHER**

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

We all need to be open to change and ongoing learning. How open are we to change and ongoing learning and how are we formed? 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](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 to book.

**COVID-19 UPDATE FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP**

The NSW Government has announced that from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February, check-in using QR codes is no longer required for places of worship.

Singing is permitted for everyone in attendance.

From Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February, masks will no longer be mandatory in the church but are still strongly encouraged where you cannot maintain safe distance from others.

Density limits were no longer applicable for churches and there is no change to this.

## CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

## POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

## 12. St Joseph – Conclusion

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Today we conclude the cycle of catecheses on the figure of St Joseph. These catecheses are complementary to the Apostolic Letter *Patris corde*, written on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St Joseph as Patron of the Catholic Church by Blessed Pius IX. What does it mean that St Joseph is “patron of the Church”?

In this case the Gospels provide us with the most correct key to interpretation. At the end of every story in which Joseph is the protagonist, the Gospel notes that he takes the Child and His mother with him and does what God has ordered him to do (cf. *Mt* 1:24; 2:14,21). The fact that Joseph’s task is to protect Jesus and Mary stands out. He is their principal guardian: “Indeed, Jesus and Mary His Mother are the most precious treasure of our faith” (Apostolic letter *Patris corde*, 5). And this treasure is safeguarded by Saint Joseph

In the plan of salvation, the Son cannot be separated from the Mother, from the one who “advanced in the pilgrimage of faith and faithfully preserved her union with her Son even to the Cross” (Lumen Gentium, 58), as the Second Vatican Council reminds us.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph are in a sense the primordial nucleus of the Church. Jesus is Man and God; Maria, the first disciple and the Mother; and Joseph, the guardian. And we too “We should always consider whether we ourselves are protecting Jesus and Mary, for they are also mysteriously entrusted to our own responsibility, care and safekeeping.” (*Patris corde*, 5). And here there is a very beautiful trace of the Christian vocation: to safeguard. The Christian, like St Joseph, must safeguard life, safeguard human development, safeguard the human mind, safeguard the human heart, safeguard human work. To be a Christian is not only to receive the faith, to confess the faith, but to safeguard life, one’s own life, the life of others, the life of the Church. Jesus, the Son of the Most High, came into the world in a condition of great weakness. He wanted to be defended, protected, cared for. God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him the bridegroom who loved and respected her and always took care of her and the Child. “In this sense, Saint Joseph is the Guardian of the Church, for the Church is the continuation of the Body of Christ in history, even as Mary’s motherhood is reflected in the motherhood of the Church. Joseph continues to protect the child and his mother, and we too, by our love for the Church, continue to love *the Child and His mother*”.

This Child is the One who will say: “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me”. (*Mt* 25:40). Therefore, every person who is

hungry and thirsty, every stranger, every migrant, every person without clothes, every sick person, every prisoner is the “Child” whom Joseph looks after. And we are invited to safeguard these people as Joseph did. That is why he is invoked as protector of all the needy, the exiled, the afflicted, and even the dying. We too must learn from Joseph to “safeguard” these goods: to love the Child and His mother; to love the sacraments and the people of God; to love the poor and our parish. Each of these realities is always the Child and His mother (cf. *Patris corde*, 5). We must safeguard, because with this we safeguard Jesus, as Joseph did.

Nowadays it is common to criticise the Church, to point out its inconsistencies, to point out its sins, which in reality are our inconsistencies, our sins, because the Church has always been a people of sinners who encounter God’s mercy. Let us ask ourselves if, in our hearts, we love the Church as she is, the People of God on the journey, with many limitations, but with a great desire to serve and to love God. In fact, only love makes us capable of speaking the truth fully, in a non-partisan way; of saying what is wrong, but also of recognising all the goodness and holiness that are present in the Church, starting precisely with Jesus and Mary. The Church is not that little group that is close to the priest and commands everyone. The Church is everyone on the journey; looking out for one another. When I have a problem with someone, do I try to look after them, or do I immediately condemn them, destroy them?

I encourage you to ask for the intercession of Saint Joseph precisely at the most difficult times in the life of you and of your communities. Where our mistakes become a scandal, let us ask St Joseph to give us the courage to speak the truth, ask for forgiveness, and humbly begin again. Where persecution prevents the Gospel from being proclaimed, let us ask St Joseph for the strength and patience to endure abuse and suffering for the sake of the Gospel. Where material and human resources are scarce and make us experience poverty, especially when we are called to serve the last, the defenceless, the orphans, the sick, the rejected of society, let us pray to St Joseph to be Providence for us.

Let us pray to Saint Joseph with the prayer that I have placed at the conclusion of the Letter, entrusting to him our intentions and, in a special way, the Church that suffers and is in trial. Let us pray to Saint Joseph.

**Hail, guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.**

**Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself to be a father, and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.**