

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9th January 2022, Year C/2



VERROCCHIO, Andrea de & DA VINCI, Leonardo,
The Baptism of Christ, c. 1475

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

8:30am - 4:00pm - Monday to Friday

Address

94 Joseph Street
Kingswood, NSW 2747

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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: After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened,
and the Spirit descended upon Him like a dove,
and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Responsorial Psalm: Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6.00pm		Thomas Houlihan (Dec. Ann.)
SUNDAY	8:30am		Piotr Zawadzki (For Healing)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	1st Week Ordinary Time	Dec. Mems. of Woodward & Hewitt Families
Tuesday	8:00am	1st Week Ordinary Time	Piotr Zawadzki (For Healing)
Wednesday	8.00am	1st Week Ordinary Time	Gai Schoemaker (Successful Operation)
Thursday	8.00am	1st Week Ordinary Time	Thanksgiving Mass
Friday	8.00am	1st Week Ordinary Time	John Farrugia (Recently Deceased)
Saturday	8.30am	St Francis Fernandez de Capillas, Peter Sanz & Companions	Natalia Ciccone

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From 15th December 2021 this Decree has now been revoked and the Sunday obligation is now imposed, given that public health orders no longer require adherence to density limits in Church buildings.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

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2022

Reconciliation: Thursday 7th April
Registration & 1st Session - 27th February

First Communion: 19th June
Registration & 1st Session - 24th April

Confirmation: Sunday 6th November
Registration & 1st Session - 31st July
All Sessions follow 10am Sunday Mass

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Farrugia

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES: Thomas Houlihan,
Dec. Mems. of the Woodward & Hewitt Families

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joy Cavanagh, Kevin Collins, Margaret Colville, Katalin Domotor, Marie Donaldson, Frances Gunn, Nora Hehir, Andrew Isbitzki, Jason Isbitzki, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Shayla, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Margaretha Sultana, Barbara Thompson, Kelly Tonna, Mary Woodward, Piotr Zawadzki.

SICK LIST: Due to privacy laws, if you have anyone for the sick list, please 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' JANUARY INTENTIONS

True Human Fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$865**
 Loose: \$245
 Tap & Go: \$260
 Donations: \$

TAP AND GO DONATION FACILITY

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

We ask that people attending 8.30am Mass would exit via Joseph Street allowing 10am Mass goers access to the Main Gate on Richmond Road.

Please leave Parking near the Church for the Disabled.

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 or speak to one of the Priests for information.

BE PART OF A LISTENING CHURCH

Pope Francis has asked all Catholics to participate in the Synod of Bishops by responding to his call for a "Listening Church." You are invited to share your thoughts on our global Church. Find out more at bit.ly/synod2023. See 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. Ring the Parish Office with your enquiries and/or to book for these sessions.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This weekend we continue the Bishop's Christmas Appeal to provide hope for vulnerable women and children facing hardship and abuse. Please give generously. Our quota is \$3509. We have collected \$2884 so far. Place envelopes in the box at the back of the Church or feel free to contribute online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

CAMPION COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAM

11th – 14th or 18th – 21st January 2022. Great program for those 16 to 20 years. Free to attend thanks to generous donors, but spaces are limited. Ring 9896 9303 or study@campion.edu.au

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 or the Parish Office to enter your details electronically. You can also 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.

Sanitiser is available for use on entry.

VISIT THE WELL

You are invited to partake of Inspirational Sessions for your Families at www.thewell.org.au

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH
CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Catechesis – 6. St Joseph, Jesus' Foster Father

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today we will reflect on Saint Joseph as the father of Jesus. The evangelists Matthew and Luke present him as the foster father of Jesus, and not as his biological father. Matthew specifies this, avoiding the formula “the father of”, used in the genealogy for all the ancestors of Jesus. He defines Joseph as the “husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ” (1:16). Luke affirms it by saying that he was Jesus’ “supposed” father (3:23), that is, he appeared as His father,

To understand the legal paternity of Joseph, it is necessary to bear in mind that in ancient times in the East the institution of adoption was very common, more so than today. One thinks of the common case in Israel of the “levirate”, as in Deuteronomy: “If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the dead shall not be married outside the family to a stranger; her husband’s brother shall take her as his wife, and perform the duty of a husband’s brother to her. And the first son whom she bears shall succeed to the name of his brother who is dead, that his name may not be blotted out of Israel” (25:5-6). The parent of this child is the brother-in-law, but the legal father remains the deceased, who gives the newborn child all hereditary rights. The purpose of this law was twofold: to ensure the descendants of the deceased and the preservation of the estate.

As the official father of Jesus, Joseph exercises the right to impose a name on his son, legally recognising him. Legally he is the father, but not generatively; he did not beget Him.

In ancient times, the name was the person’s identity. Changing one’s name meant changing oneself, as in the case of Abraham, whose name God changed to “Abraham”, which means “father of many”, “for”, says the Book of Genesis, he will be “the father of a multitude of nations” (17:5). The same goes for Jacob, who would be called “Israel”, which means “he who struggles with God”, because he struggled with God to compel Him to give a blessing (cf. *Gen* 32:29; 35:10).

Joseph already knows that, for Mary’s son, a name had already been prepared by God – Jesus’ name is given to him by his *true* father, God – “Jesus”, which means “the Lord saves”; as the Angel explains, “He will save his people from their sins” (*Mt* 1:21). This particular aspect of Joseph now enables us to reflect on fatherhood and motherhood. And this, I believe, is very important: thinking about fatherhood today. Our civilization is something of an orphan, and this orphanhood can be felt. May Saint Joseph, who took the place of the real

father, God, help us to understand how to resolve this sense of orphanhood that is so harmful to us today.

A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child. Whenever a man accepts responsibility for the life of another he becomes a father to that person. I think of all those who are open to welcome life by way of adoption, which is such a generous and beautiful, good attitude. Joseph shows us that this type of bond is not secondary; it is not an afterthought, no. This kind of choice is among the highest forms of love, and of fatherhood and motherhood. How many children in the world are waiting for someone to take care of them! And how many married couples want to be fathers and mothers but are unable to do so for biological reasons; or want to share their family’s affection with those who do not have it. We should not be afraid to choose the path of adoption, to take the “risk” of welcoming children. And today there is a certain selfishness. The other day, I spoke about the demographic winter there is nowadays, in which we see that people do not want to have children, or just one and no more. This denial of parenthood diminishes us, it takes away our humanity. And in this way civilization becomes aged and without humanity, because it loses the richness of fathers and mothers. And our homeland suffers, as it does not have children, and, as it has been said, “and now who will pay the taxes for my pension, if there are no children?” Who will take care of me? I ask Saint Joseph for the grace to awaken consciences and to think about this: about having children. Fatherhood and motherhood are the fullness of the life of a person. There is the spiritual fatherhood or motherhood of those who consecrated themselves to God; but those who live in the world and get married, think about having children, of giving life, which they will take from you for the future. If you cannot have children, think about adoption. Yes: having a child is always a risk, either naturally or by adoption. But it is riskier not to have them. It is riskier to deny parenthood, be it real or spiritual. Think about this, please. May Saint Joseph protect and give his help to orphans; and may he intercede for couples who wish to have a child. Let us pray for this together:

Saint Joseph, you who loved Jesus with fatherly love, be close to the many children who have no family and who long for a daddy and mommy. Support the couples who are unable to have children, help them to discover, through this suffering, a greater plan. Make sure that no one lacks a home, a bond, a person to take care of him or her; and heal the selfishness of those who close themselves off from life, that they may open their hearts to love.