

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

24th April 2022, Year C/2



Divine Mercy Icon

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: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in Him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting.

Second Reading: Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19

Gospel: John 20:19-31

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Michael Grech (Dec. Ann.)

SUNDAY 8:30am

Sabina Mendoza (Dec. Ann.)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am ANZAC DAY

Carole Woodbury (For her Health)

Tuesday 8:00am ST MARK

Colin Grose (Dec. Ann.)

Wednesday 8.00am St Louis Grignon de Montfort

Carole Woodbury (For her Health)

Thursday 8.00am St Peter Chanel

Francis Coutinho (Dec. Ann.)

Friday 8.00am ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

Carole Woodbury (For her Health)

Saturday 8.30am St Pius V

Colin O'Flynn (Deceased)

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Piotr Zawadzki

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

DECEASED & DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Michael Grech, Sabina Mendoza, Colin Grose, Francis Coutinho, Colin O'Flynn

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2022

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

POPE FRANCIS' APRIL INTENTIONS

Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

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.

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.

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PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$545**
 Loose: \$350
 Tap & Go: \$40
 Smart Facility Donations: \$50
 Donations: \$85

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.

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. Please see the usher. All donations 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.bpoin.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)

BIBLE STUDY

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

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month from 1.30 to 3.30pm.

MEN'S NIGHT

Next Saturday 30th April after 6pm Mass. Please bring a plate to share and RSVP Andrew on 0420 581 427. All men over 18 years most welcome.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS 2023

Visit <https://parracatholic.org/synod-of-bishops/> to view the latest information and to respond to the Diocese of Parramatta Writing Committee.

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'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

We continue our appeal this weekend to meet our quota of \$3314. We have collected \$1361.90 so far. Please give generously.

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND APPEAL

We collected \$950. Thank you for your generosity.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please return your Project Compassion boxes to the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

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 here at St Joseph's Parish. Please see flyer at the back of the church to register.

If you prefer to do three Modules in the day:
Richmond – Saturday 14th May 10am to 3pm
St Clair – Saturday 18th June 10am to 3pm

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Catechesis on Old Age

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today, with the help of the Word of God, we open a passage through the fragility of old age, marked in a special way by the experiences of confusion and despondency, of loss and abandonment, of disillusionment and doubt. Of course, the experiences of our frailty in the face of life's dramatic - sometimes tragic - situations can occur at any stage of life. However, in old age they can produce less of an impression and induce in others a kind of habituation, even annoyance. How many times have we heard or thought: 'Old people are a nuisance' We've said it, we've thought it. The more serious wounds of childhood and youth rightly provoke a sense of injustice and rebellion, a strength to react and fight. On the other hand, the wounds, even serious ones, of old age are inevitably accompanied by the feeling that, in any case, life is not contradicting itself, because it has already been lived. And so the elderly are somewhat removed from our experience: we want to keep them at a distance.

In the common human experience, love descends: it does not return to the life behind with the same force that it pours out on the life that is still before us. The gratuitousness of love also appears in this. Revelation opens a way for reciprocating love in a different way: that of honouring those who have gone before us, of honouring the elderly.

This special love that paves the way in the form of honour intended for the elderly is sealed by God's commandment. "Honour thy father and mother" is a solemn commitment, the first of the "second tablet" of the Ten Commandments. It is not just about one's own father and mother. It is about their generation and the generations before, whose leave-taking can also be slow and prolonged, creating a time and space of long-lasting coexistence with the other ages of life.

Honour is a good word to frame this aspect of returning love that concerns old age. We have received the love of parents, of grandparents, and now we return this love to them, to the elderly, to our grandparents. Today we have rediscovered the term 'dignity', to indicate the value of respecting and caring for the age of everyone. Dignity, here, is essentially equivalent to honour: honouring father and mother, honouring the elderly, and recognizing the dignity they possess.

Let us think carefully about this beautiful expression of love which is honour. Honour is lacking when an excess of confidence, instead of being expressed as delicacy and affection, tenderness and respect, is transformed into roughness and abuse. This occurs when weakness is reproached, and even punished, as if

it were a fault, and when bewilderment and confusion become an opening for derision and aggression. It can happen in the home, in nursing homes, or in the open spaces of the city. We often think that the old are the refuse, or we put them in the trash. To despise the elderly is to cast them from life, put them aside, put them down.

This contempt, which dishonours the elderly, actually dishonours all of us. If I dishonour the elderly, I dishonour myself. The passage from the Book of Sirach, is harsh on this dishonour, which cries out for vengeance in the sight of God. There is a passage in the story of Noah that is very expressive in this regard. The elderly Noah, the hero of the flood and still a hard worker, lies unconscious after having had a few too many drinks. His sons, in order not to wake him up and embarrass him, gently cover him, looking aside, with great respect. This text is very beautiful and says everything about the honour due to an old man. To cover the weakness of the elderly, so they don't feel ashamed.

The struggle for the restoration of that special form of love which is honour still seems fragile. We must do all we can to support and encourage it, offering better social and cultural support to those who are sensitive to this decisive form of the 'civilisation of love'.

Parents: please, bring your children, young children, closer to the elderly, always bring them closer. And when the elderly person is ill, a bit out of their mind, always approach them: let them know that this is our flesh, that this is what has made it possible for us to be here. If there is no other option than to send them to a nursing home, please visit them and bring the children to see them: they are the honour of our civilisation, the old people who opened the doors.

I used to love visiting nursing homes in Buenos Aires. I went often. And I remember I asked a lady: 'How many children do you have?' - 'I have four, all married, with grandchildren ...,' and she started talking to me about the family. 'And do they come to visit?' - 'Yes, they always come!' When I left the room, the nurse, who had heard, said to me: 'Father, she told a lie to cover up for her children. Nobody has come for six months!' This is discarding the old. Please: it is a grave sin. This is the first great commandment, and the only one that says the reward: 'Honour your father and your mother, and you will have long life on earth.' This commandment to honour the elderly gives us a blessing, which is expressed in this way: 'You will have long life.' Please cherish the elderly, even if their mind goes. Thanks to them I am here. Love for the human person is not just a matter for the old. Rather it is an ambition that will bring radiance to the youth who inherit its best qualities. May the wisdom of God's Spirit grant us to open the horizon of this true cultural revolution with the necessary energy. Thank you.