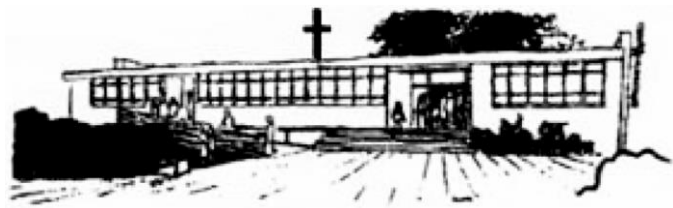


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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EASTER SUNDAY

17th April 2022, Year C/2



ANGELICO, Fra, Noli Me Tangere, 1440-42

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: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid Your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43

Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:30pm

SUNDAY 8:30am

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am Octave of Easter **Carole Woodbury (For her Health)**

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Wednesday 8.00am Octave of Easter **Carole Woodbury (For her Health)**

Thursday 8.00am Octave of Easter **Romeo Belderol (Deceased Anniversary)**

Friday 8.00am Octave of Easter **Carole Woodbury (For her Health)**

Saturday 8.30am Octave of Easter **Gabriel Ghougassian (Deceased Ann.)**

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Piotr Zawadzki

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

Romeo Belderol, Gabriel Ghougassian

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.

*A Happy and Holy Easter to All Our Parishioners
From Fr Andrew, Fr Pawel & Fr Piotr*

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$755
 Loose: \$199.30
 Tap & Go: \$400
 Smart Facility Donations: \$170
 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.

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.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)

BIBLE STUDY

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

MEN'S NIGHT

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.

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 will continue our appeal next weekend to meet our quota of \$3314. We have collected \$1201.90 so far. Please give generously.

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

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

We are in the middle of Holy Week, which lasts from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. Both these Sundays are characterized by the feast that takes place around Jesus. But they are two different feasts.

Last Sunday, we saw Christ solemnly entering Jerusalem, as though for a feast, welcomed as the Messiah: cloaks (cf. *Lk* 19:36) and branches cut from trees (cf. *Mt* 21:8) were laid before him on the ground. The exultant crowd loudly blesses “the King who comes”, and acclaims “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” (*Lk* 19:38). Those people there celebrate because they see Jesus’ entry as the arrival of a new king, who would bring peace and glory. That was the peace those people were waiting for: a glorious peace, the fruit of royal intervention, that of a powerful messiah who would have liberated Jerusalem from the Roman occupation. Others probably dreamed of the re-establishment of a social peace and saw Jesus as the ideal king, who would feed the crowd with bread, as he had done already, and would work great miracles, thus bringing more justice into the world.

Jesus has a different Passover ahead of him, not a triumphal Passover. The only thing that he is concerned about in the preparation of his entry into Jerusalem is to ride “a colt tied, on which no-one has ever yet sat” (v. 30). This is how Christ brings peace into the world: through meekness and mildness, symbolized by that tethered colt, on which no-one had ever sat. No-one, because God’s way of doing things is different to that of the world. Just before Passover, Jesus explains to the disciples, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you” (*Jn* 14:27). They are two different approaches: the way the world gives us peace, and the way God gives us peace.

The peace Jesus gives to us at Easter is not the peace that follows the strategies of the world, which believes it can obtain it through force, by conquest and with various forms of imposition. This peace is only an interval between wars. The peace of the Lord follows the way of meekness and the cross: it is taking responsibility for others. Christ took on himself our evil, sin and death. He took all of this upon himself. In this way he freed us. He paid for us. His peace is not the fruit of some compromise but is born of self-giving. This meek and courageous peace is difficult to accept. In fact, the crowd who exalted Jesus is the same that a few days later will shout, “Crucify him!” and, fearful and disappointed, will not lift a finger for him.

In this regard, a great story by Dostoevsky, the so-called Legend of *The Grand Inquisitor*, is always relevant. It tells of Jesus who, after several centuries, returns to Earth. He

is immediately welcomed by the rejoicing crowd, which recognizes and acclaims him. “Ah, you have returned! Come, come with us!”. But then he is arrested by the Inquisitor, who represents worldly logic. The latter interrogates him and criticizes him fiercely. The final reason for the rebuke is that Christ, although he could, never wanted to become Caesar, the greatest king of this world, preferring to leave humanity free rather than subjugate it and solve its problems by force. He could have established peace in the world, bending the free but precarious heart of man by force of a higher power, but he chose not to: he respected our freedom. “Hadst Thou taken the world and Caesar’s purple, Thou wouldst have founded the universal state and given universal peace” (*The Brothers Karamazov*, Milan 2012); and with a lashing sentence he concludes, “For it anyone has ever deserved our fires, it is Thou”. Here is the deception that is repeated throughout history, the temptation of a false peace, based on power, which then leads to hatred and betrayal of God, and much bitterness in the soul.

In the end, according to the story, the Inquisitor “longed for Jesus to say something, however bitter and terrible”. But Jesus reacts with a gentle and concrete gestures: “He suddenly approached the old man in silence and softly kissed him on his bloodless aged lips”. Jesus’ peace does not overpower others; it is not an armed peace, never! The weapons of the Gospel are prayer, tenderness, forgiveness and freely-given love for one’s neighbour. This is how God’s peace is brought into the world. This is why the armed aggression of these days, represents an outrage against God, a blasphemous betrayal of the Lord of Passover, a preference for the face of the false god of this world over his meek one. War is always a human act, to bring about the idolatry of power.

Before his final Passover, Jesus says to his disciples: “Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid” (*Jn* 14:27). Yes, because while worldly power leaves only destruction and death in its wake – we have seen this in recent days – his peace builds up history, starting from the heart of every person who welcomes us. Easter is therefore the true feast of God and humanity, because the peace that Christ gained on the cross in giving himself is distributed to us. Therefore, the Risen Christ, on Easter Day, appears to the disciples, and how does he greet them? “Peace be with you!” (*Jn* 20:19-21). This is the greeting of Christ victorious, the Risen Christ.

Easter means “passage”. This year it is a blessed occasion to pass from the worldly god to the Christian God, from the greed that we carry within us to the charity that sets us free, from the expectation of a peace brought by force to the commitment to bear real witness to the peace of Jesus. Brothers and sisters, let us place ourselves before the Crucified One, the wellspring of our peace, and ask him for peace of heart and peace in the world.