

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

2nd January 2022, Year C/2



ANGELICO, Fra, Adoration of the Magi, 1423-24

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: Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, Has come;
and kingship is in His grasp, and power and dominion.

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore You.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6.00pm		Peter Andary (Dec.) & the Andary Family
SUNDAY	8:30am		Piotr Zawadzki (For Healing)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	Most Holy Name of Jesus	Grace Panozzo & Boyfriend (God's will in their lives)
Tuesday	8:00am	St Zedislava Berkiana	Joseph (Birthday Blessings)
Wednesday	8.00am	Weekday Christmas Time	Piotr Zawadzki (For Healing)
Thursday	8.00am	Weekday Christmas Time	Piotr Zawadzki (For Healing)
Friday	8.00am	St Raymond of Penyafort	For God's Precious Infants
Saturday	8.30am	Weekday Christmas Time	Colin O'Flynn (Deceased)

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From 15th December 2021 this Decree has now been revoked and the Sunday obligation is now imposed given that public health orders no longer require adherence to density limits in Church buildings.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

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:

DECEASED & DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Peter Andary, Colin O'Flynn

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: \$1010**
 Loose: \$238
 Tap & Go: \$290
 Donations: \$50

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 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 \$2759 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 – 5. St Joseph, Man of Courage

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today I would like to present Saint Joseph to you as a *persecuted and courageous migrant*. This is how the Evangelist Matthew describes him. This particular event in the life of Jesus, which also involves Joseph and Mary, is traditionally known as “the flight into Egypt” (cf. *Mt* 2:13-23). The family of Nazareth suffered such humiliation and experienced first-hand the precariousness, fear and pain of having to leave their homeland. Today so many of our brothers and sisters are still forced to experience the same injustice and suffering. The cause is almost always the arrogance and violence of the powerful. This was also the case for Jesus. King Herod learns from the Magi of the birth of the “King of the Jews”, and the news shocks him. He feels insecure, he feels that his power is threatened. So, he gathers together all the leaders of Jerusalem to find out the place of His birth, and begs the Magi to inform him of the precise details, so that - he says falsely - he too can go and worship him. But when he realised that the Magi had set out in another direction, he conceived a wicked plan: to kill all the children in Bethlehem under the age of two years, which was the period of time, according to the calculations of the Magi, in which Jesus was born.

In the meantime, an angel orders Joseph: “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him” (*Mt* 2:13). Think today of the many people who feel this impulse within: “Let’s flee, let’s flee, because there is danger here”. Herod’s plan calls to mind that of Pharaoh to throw all the male children of the people of Israel into the Nile (cf. *Ex* 1:22). The flight into Egypt evokes the whole history of Israel beginning with Abraham, who also sojourned there (cf. *Gen* 12:10); to Joseph, son of Jacob, sold by his brothers (cf. *Gen* 37:36) before becoming “ruler of the land” (cf. *Gen* 41:37-57); and to Moses, who freed his people from the slavery of the Egyptians (cf. *Ex* 1:18).

The flight of the Holy Family into Egypt saves Jesus, but unfortunately it does not prevent Herod from carrying out his massacre. We are thus faced with two opposing personalities: on the one hand, Herod with his ferocity, and on the other hand, Joseph with his care and courage. Herod wants to defend his power, his own skin, with ruthless cruelty, as attested to by the execution of one of his wives, some of his children and hundreds of opponents. He was a cruel man: to solve problems, he had just one answer: to kill. He is the symbol of many tyrants of yesteryear and of today. And for them, for these tyrants, people do not count; power is what counts,

and if they need space for power, they do away with people. And this happens *today*: we do not need to look at ancient history, it happens *today*. History is full of figures who, living at the mercy of their fears, try to conquer them by exercising power despotically and carrying out inhuman acts of violence.

Joseph is the opposite of Herod: first of all, he is “a just man” (*Mt* 1:19), and Herod is a dictator. Furthermore, he proves he is courageous in following the Angel’s command. One can imagine the vicissitudes he had to face during the long and dangerous journey and the difficulties involved in staying in a foreign country, with another language: many difficulties. His courage emerges also at the moment of his return, when, reassured by the Angel, he overcomes his understandable fears and settles with Mary and Jesus in Nazareth (cf. *Mt* 2:19-23). Herod and Joseph are two opposing characters, reflecting the two ever-present faces of humanity. It is a common misconception to consider courage as the exclusive virtue of the hero. In reality, the daily life of every person requires courage. Our way of living – yours, mine, everyone’s: one cannot live without courage, the courage to face each day’s difficulties. In all times and cultures, we find courageous men and women who, in order to be consistent with their beliefs, have overcome all kinds of difficulties, and have endured injustice, condemnation and even death. Courage is synonymous with fortitude, which together with justice, prudence and temperance is part of the group of human virtues known as “cardinal virtues”.

The lesson Joseph leaves us with today is this: life always holds adversities in store for us, this is true, in the face of which we may also feel threatened and afraid. But it is not by bringing out the worst in ourselves, as Herod does, that we can overcome certain moments, but rather by acting like Joseph, who reacts to fear with the courage to trust in God’s Providence. Let us think of the many people who are victims of wars, who want to flee from their homeland but cannot; let us think of the migrants who set out on that road to be free, so many of whom end up on the street or in the sea; let us think of Jesus in the arms of Joseph and Mary, fleeing, and let us see in him each one of the migrants of today. Migration today is a reality to which we cannot close our eyes. It is a social scandal of humanity.

Saint Joseph, you who have experienced the suffering of those who must flee you who were forced to flee to save the lives of those dearest to you, protect all those who flee because of war, hatred, hunger. Support them in their difficulties, Strengthen them in hope, and let them find welcome and solidarity. Guide their steps and open the hearts of those who can help them. Amen.