

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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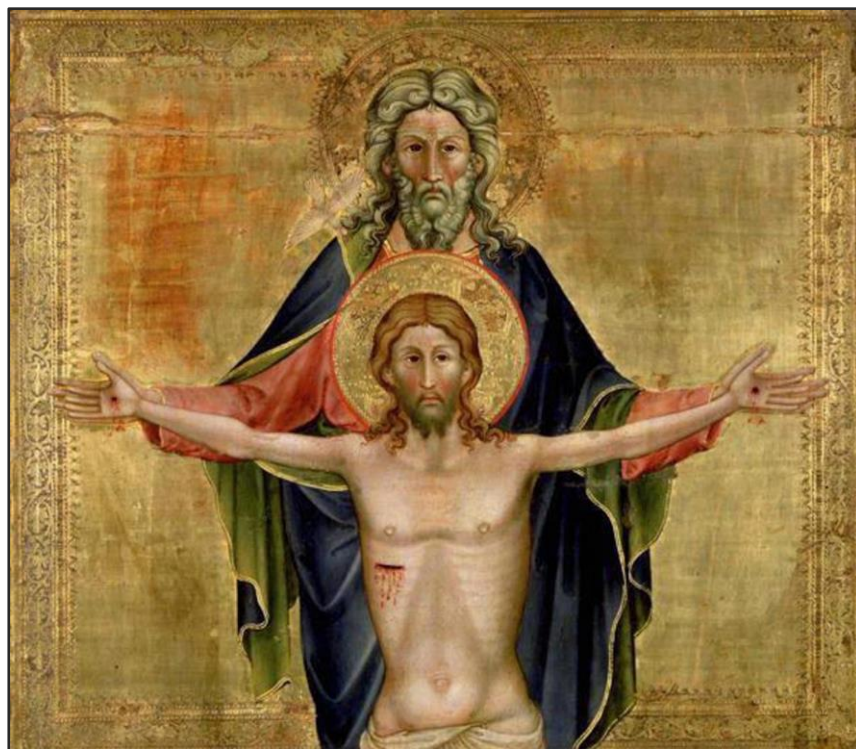
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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

12th June 2022, Year C/2



SEMITECOLO, Niccolo, Holy Trinity, c. 1370

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

94 Joseph Street
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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: Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for He has shown us His merciful love.

First Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31

Responsorial Psalm: O Lord our God, how wonderful Your name in all the earth!

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-15

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Lynette Eades (Deceased Anniversary)
SUNDAY	8:30am		John PT & Rosamma (Wedding Ann.)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	St Anthony of Padua	Rosa Arik (Deceased Anniversary)
Tuesday	8:00am	Week 11 Ordinary Time	Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	8.00am	Week 11 Ordinary Time	Elaine D'Arcy (Deceased Anniversary)
Thursday	8.00am	Week 11 Ordinary Time	Virginia Datu (Recently Deceased)
Friday	8.00am	Week 11 Ordinary Time	Najah Andary (Deceased Anniversary)
Saturday	8.30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary	Franciszka & Jozef Warda (Dec. Ann.)

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2022

First Communion: Sunday 19th June at 10am Mass

Please keep our children and their families in your prayers.

All sessions follow the 10.00am Mass (at 11.30am)

Confirmation: Sunday 6th November

Registration & 1st Session: 31st July

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Virginia Datu

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Lynette Eades, Rosa Arik, Elaine D'Arcy, Najah Andary, Franciszka & Jozef, Joseph, Connie & Michael Romeo

POPE FRANCIS' JUNE INTENTIONS

Families

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$497**
 Loose: \$432.70
 Tap & Go: \$260
 Smart Facility: \$183
 Other Donations: \$

TAP AND GO DONATION FACILITY

At the "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.

SMART DONATION FACILITY

At our smart donation device you can make any specific donation listed on the app or any other amount using your credit/debit card. 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 in the Parish Hall at 9.15am. All are most welcome.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month from 1.30 to 3.30pm.
Ring Delfin on 0478 784 885 for details.

FAMILY: THE HEART OF OUR CHURCH

On Sunday 26th June, in union with Rome, we join the World Meeting of Families to celebrate the Year of Families. Please join us for Morning Tea after 10am Mass and bring a plate to share. Tea, coffee and cordial will be provided. Speak to the Parish Council Members if you have any questions.

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 VINCENT'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

This weekend we have another Good Shepherd Collection to make up our quota of \$3,314. We have \$1232.05 so far. This Appeal is to support our Seminarians to become "Beacons of Light for Christ". Thank you to those who have given so generously.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

14th June 7pm (60min) - Introduction to Safeguarding
21st June at 7pm (90 mins) - Understanding Child Abuse & Reportable Conduct

28th June 7pm (90 mins) - Safeguarding Adults at Risk

Volunteers across the Diocese (including Parish Council Members, Acolytes, Readers, Ministers to the Sick, Ministry Leaders, Cleaners, etc.), are asked to participate in this training to ensure our parishes are safe for children and adults at risk. Our participation is an expression of our personal commitment to living the values of the Gospel in this modern world.

You can complete the training independently online if you would prefer.

Please contact the Parish Office to register or for information on the online training.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Catechesis on Old Age – Nicodemus (John 3:4)

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Among the most relevant elderly characters in the Gospels is Nicodemus – one of the Jewish leaders – who, wanting to know Jesus, went to him at night in secret (cf. *Jn* 3:1-21). In the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus, the core of Jesus's revelation and his redemptive mission emerge when he says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life".

Jesus says to Nicodemus that to "see the kingdom of God", one needs "to be born again from above" (cf. v. 3). This does not mean starting over from birth, of repeating our coming into the world, hoping that a new reincarnation will open up the chance of having a better life. It would empty all meaning out of the life we have lived, erasing it as if it were a failed experiment, a value that has expired, a wasted void. No, that's not what this is, this being born again that Jesus speaks of. It is something else. This life is precious in God's eyes – it identifies us as beings who are loved tenderly by God. This "birth from above" that allows us to "enter" the kingdom of God is a generation in the Spirit, a passage through the waters toward the promised land of a creation reconciled with the love of God. It is a rebirth from above with the grace of God.

Nicodemus misunderstands this birth and calls it into question using old age as evidence of its impossibility: human beings inevitably get old, the dream of an eternal youth permanently retreats, culmination is the destiny of any birth in time. How can anyone imagine a destination that takes the form of birth? This is how Nicodemus thinks and he cannot find a way to understand Jesus's words. What exactly is this rebirth? Nicodemus's objection is very instructive for us. We can, in fact, turn it upside down, in the light of Jesus's word, with the discovery of a mission proper to old age. Being old is not only an obstacle to the being born from above that Jesus speaks of, but it becomes the opportune time to illuminate it, disassociating it from being equated with lost hope. Our culture, which demonstrates a tendency to consider the birth of a child as the simple matter of the production and biological reproduction of the human being, cultivate the myth of eternal youth as the desperate obsession with an incorruptible body. Why is old age not appreciated in so many ways? Because it bears the undeniable evidence of the end of this myth, that makes us want to return to our mother's womb always to return with a young body.

While awaiting the defeat of death, we can keep the body alive with medicine and cosmetics which slow down, hide, erase old age. Naturally, well-being is one

thing, the myth that feeds it is another. There is no denying that the confusion between the two is creating a certain mental confusion in us. Everything is done to always have this youth – so much make-up, so many surgical interventions to appear young. The words of a wise Italian actress, Anna Magnani, come to mind, when they told her she had to remove her wrinkles and she said, "No, don't touch them! It took so many years to have them – don't touch them!" This is what wrinkles are: a sign of experience, a sign of life, a sign of maturity, a sign of having made a journey. What matters is the entire personality; it's the heart that matters, and the heart remains with the youth of good wine – the more it ages the better it is.

Life in our mortal flesh is a beautiful "unfinished" reality, like certain works of art that exert a unique fascination precisely due to their incompleteness. We come into the world just like this, like real people, like people who advance in age but who are always real. But life in our mortal flesh is too small a space and time to keep it intact and to bring to fulfillment in the world's time the most precious part of our existence. Jesus says that faith, that welcomes the evangelical proclamation of the kingdom of God to which we are destined, contains an extraordinary primary effect. It enables us to "see" the kingdom of God. We become capable of truly seeing the many signs of the approximation of our hope of the fulfillment, of that which bears in our life the sign of being destined for eternity in God.

Old age is the condition granted to many of us in which the miracle of this birth from above can be intimately assimilated and rendered credible for the human community. It does not communicate a nostalgia for a birth in time, but of a love for our final destination. In this perspective, old age has a unique beauty – we are journeying toward the Eternal. The elderly person moves ahead and journeys with the lived experience, toward the final destination, towards God's heaven. Old age opens one to the tenderness of the creative and generative womb of God. I would like to emphasize this word here – the tenderness of the elderly. Watch how grandparents look at their grandchildren, how they embrace them with tenderness, free of any human distress, that has conquered the trials of life and is able to give love freely. This tenderness opens the door toward understanding God's tenderness. This is what God is like, he knows how to embrace. Old age is the time of God's tenderness that creates a path for all of us.

May the Spirit grant us the re-opening of this spiritual – and cultural – mission of old age that reconciles us with the birth from above. The elderly are the messengers of the future, the elderly are the messengers of tenderness, the elderly are the messengers of the wisdom of lived experience. Let us move forward and watch the elderly.