

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14<sup>th</sup> July 2024, Year B/2



TISSOT, James, He Sent Them Out Two by Two, 1886-96

### 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:** As for me, in justice I shall behold Your face;  
I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.

**First Reading:** Amos 7:12-15

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, show us Your mercy and love, and grant us Your salvation.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 1:3-14

**Gospel:** Mark 6:7-13

### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Piotr Blazek

**SUNDAY** 8:30am

†† Piotr & Anna Blazek

10:00am

For the Parish

**Monday** 8:00am

St Bonaventure

† Salvador Daria Toledo

**Tuesday** 8:00am

Our Lady of Mt Carmel

† Mavis Murphy

**Wednesday** 8.00am

Bl Ceslaus of Poland

Josephine Schoemaker (Quick Recovery & God's Intervention in her Life)

**Thursday** 8.00am

15<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time

† Golby Crowhurst

**Friday** 8.00am

15<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time

† Steve Vines

**Saturday** 8.30am

Mass of the Virgin Mary

Fr Benedict Mackenzie (Birthday Blessings)

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

For an hour before the 8am Masses during the week and before the 8.30am Masses at the weekend. Confessions are also available during Adoration.

### BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2024

**Confirmation:** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

**Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session:** 21<sup>st</sup> July

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Peter Gale, Salvador Daria Toledo, Steve Vines, Atilano Asuncion

### DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Piotr & Anna Blazek, Mavis Murphy, Golby Crowhurst

### POPE FRANCIS' JULY INTENTIONS

#### For the Pastoral Care of the Sick

Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, bestows the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Sr Louisa, Jonathon Ansell, Tony Bogdanovic, Margaret Colville, Frances Gunn, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Nympha Miller, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Shayla, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Cynthia Sulvita, Charley Tonna, Maureen van Hoogenvest, David Wakeling, Mary Woodward.

**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.

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## PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

**SECOND COLLECTION:**    **Envelopes: \$840**  
                                  **Loose:     \$680.35**  
                                  **Tap & Go: \$210**  
                                  **Smart Facility: \$245**

**St Joseph Statue Donations Total: \$7935**

**First Collection** contributions go to the Diocese to support our Priests.

**Second Collection** contributions go directly to the Parish to support day to day operation of the Parish.

### **TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES**

All contributions go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection.

### **BIBLE STUDY**

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

### **PARISH LUNCH**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome.

### **ST JOSEPH STATUE**

Our St Joseph's statue and the grotto will be blessed by Bishop Vincent on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August after he celebrates the 10am Mass. Thank you for your ongoing donations.

### **INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR**

Our International Food Fair is on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August after 10am Mass. If you would like to help at a food stall or contribute in any way (set up, pack up, cook, etc.), please speak to one of the Parish Councillors or ring the Parish Office.

**If you are unable to cook but would like to donate a cake mix, please leave it at the back of the Church.**

### **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.

### **CLEANING THE LORD'S HOUSE & GROUNDS**

We desperately need people to help us clean the Church and Grounds on a Saturday and the Parish Hall on a Tuesday morning. Most of us are in our 70s and 80s now and while we are still willing to work, we need assistance. Please ring Clare on 0432 668 724 or the Parish Office.

### **DIOCESAN KIDS' VOICES ART COMPETITION**

Enter our Art Competition for Kids and Young People. This is an opportunity for children and young persons to let us know how we can make them feel safe in their Parish community. Great prizes to be won. Competition closes 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Find out more at <https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/kids-voices-art-competition/> or see flyer on the noticeboard.

### **ST ELIZABETH CONVENT**

Sisters from St Elizabeth Convent at Minsk, Belarus will be visiting us on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July. They will be selling religious articles and souvenirs before and after morning Mass to support vulnerable people they take care of. Please support their valuable work.

### **STELLA MARIS – SEA SUNDAY**

Next Sunday we have a collection for Sea Sunday, when we pray and support all those who live and work at sea. Please be generous. You may also donate at [www.stellamarisaustralia.org](http://www.stellamarisaustralia.org)

### **TOONGABBIE LEGAL CENTRE**

Toongabbie Legal Centre is an unfunded registered charity which is run by a group of volunteer legal practitioners, law students and other professionals, who give free legal advice. TLC is open from 6pm to 9pm on Thursdays and 9am to 1pm on Saturdays, at St Anthony's at 27 Aurelia Street, Toongabbie.

Blacktown Legal Centre is open from 6pm to 8.30 pm on Thursdays and from 10am to 1pm on Saturdays, at ACU Campus, 22 Main Street, Blacktown.

For information: [www.tlc.asn.au](http://www.tlc.asn.au)

### **SAFEGUARDING TRAINING**

#### **Safeguarding Mandatory Training.**

Under the Children's Guardian Act 2019 and the NSW Child Safe Standards all volunteers in Parish Ministry are Mandatory Reporters and are required to have completed their Safeguarding Training.

**Modules 1-3** – For new Volunteers who have not completed any safeguarding Training.

**Modules 4/5** – Renewal for those who completed Modules 1-3 two years ago.

For the direct link to training dates and to register:

<https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>

To complete the modules online go to

<https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

For any questions, please email Maria Kervin, at [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org)

## CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

## POPE FRANCIS' ANGELUS

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Last Sunday's Gospel (Mk 6:1-6) tells us about the disbelief of Jesus's fellow villagers. After preaching in other villages in Galilee, Jesus returned to Nazareth where he had grown up with Mary and Joseph; and, one sabbath, he began to teach in the synagogue. Many who were listening asked themselves: "Where does he get all this wisdom? But, isn't he the son of the carpenter and Mary, that is, of our neighbours that we know so well?" (cf. vv. 1-3). Confronted with this reaction, Jesus confirms the truth that had even become a part of popular wisdom: "A prophet is not without honour, except in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house" (v. 4). We say this many times...

Let us reflect on the attitude of Jesus's fellow villagers. We could say they *knew Jesus, but they did not recognise him*. There is a difference between knowing and recognizing. In essence, this difference makes us understand that we can know various things about a person, form an idea, rely on what others say about that person, we might perhaps meet that person every now and then in the neighbourhood; but all that is not enough. This is a *knowledge*, I would say ordinary, superficial, that does not *recognise* the uniqueness of the person. We all run this risk: we think we know so much about a person and we use labels and close the person within our own prejudices. Jesus's fellow villagers knew him for thirty years in the same way and they thought they knew everything! "But isn't this the boy we saw growing up, the son of the carpenter and Mary? Where do these things come from?". The distrust...in reality, they never realised who Jesus truly was. They remained at the exterior level and refused what was new about Jesus.

And here, we enter into the true crux of the problem: when we allow *the convenience of habit* and *the dictatorship of prejudice* to have the upper hand, it is difficult to open ourselves to what is new and allow ourselves to be amazed. It often happens in life that we seek from our experiences and even from people only what conforms to our own ideas and ways of thinking so as never to have to make an effort to change. And this can even happen with God, and even to us believers, to us who think we know Jesus, that we already know so much about Him and that it is enough to repeat the same things as always. And this is not enough with God. But without openness to

what is new and listen well, faith becomes a tiring litany that slowly dies out and becomes a social habit.

Amazement happens when we meet God: "I met the Lord". But we read in the Gospel: many times the people who encountered Jesus and recognised him felt *amazed*. And we, by encountering God, must follow this path: to feel amazement. It is like the guarantee certificate that the encounter is true and not habitual.

Why didn't Jesus's fellow villagers recognise and believe in Him? They did not know the mystery of the Incarnation, and they did not accept the mystery: they did not know it. They did not know the reason and they thought it was scandalous that the immensity of God should be revealed in the smallness of our flesh, that the Son of God should be the son of a carpenter, that the divine should be hidden in the human, that God should inhabit a face, the words, the gestures of a simple man. This is the scandal: the incarnation of God, his concreteness, his 'daily life'. And God became concrete in a man, Jesus of Nazareth, he became a companion on the way, he made himself *one of us*. "You are one of us", we can say to Jesus. What a beautiful prayer! It is because one of us understands us, accompanies us, forgives us, loves us so much. In reality, an abstract, distant god is more comfortable, one that doesn't get himself involved in situations and who accepts a faith that is far from life, from problems, from society. Or we would even like to believe in a 'special effects' god who does only exceptional things and always provokes strong emotions. Instead, God incarnated Himself: God is humble, God is tender, God is hidden, he draws near to us, living the normality of our daily life.

And then, the same thing happens to us like Jesus's fellow villagers, we risk that when he passes by, we will not recognize him. I repeat that beautiful phrase from Saint Augustine: "I am afraid of God, of the Lord, when he passes by". But, Augustine, why are you afraid? "I am afraid of not recognising him. I am afraid when the Lord passes by." We do not recognize him, we are scandalised by Him, we think with our hearts about this reality.

Now, in prayer, let us ask the Madonna, who welcomed the mystery of God in her daily life in Nazareth, for eyes and hearts free of prejudices and to have eyes open to be amazed: "Lord that we might meet you!", and when we encounter the Lord there is this amazement. We meet him in the normal: eyes open to God's surprises, at His humble and hidden presence in daily life.