

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8th September 2024, Year B/2



GRECO, El, Christ Healing the Blind Man, 1567

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

During Morning Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
(Please let the Priest know.)

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: You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right;
Treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		† Rosie Grima
SUNDAY	8:30am		† Odile St Lambert & Kim Nelson
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	23 rd Week Ordinary Time	† Salvador Daria Toledo
Tuesday	8:00am	23 rd Week Ordinary Time	Living & †† Dec. Members of the McIlvenna, Colreavy, Dobranski, McCaffrey & Lahood Families
Wednesday	8.00am	23 rd Week Ordinary Time	† Bishop Edward Kelly
Thursday	8.00am	Most Holy Name of Mary	† Rosie Grima
Friday	8.00am	St John Chrysostom	† Bishop Geoffrey Robinson
Saturday	8.30am	EXULTATION OF THE CROSS	†† Klemens & Thea Blazek

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. Please speak to the Priest.

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 3rd November

Sessions: After 10am Mass, at 11.30am.

Please keep our children in your prayers.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Dolora Santiago, Rosie Grima, Hiroaki Matsuzawa, Anafo Abangya

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR: Odile St Lambert, Kim Nelson, Salvador Daria Toledo, Dec. Mem. of the McIlvenna, Colreavy, McCaffrey, Dobranski & Lahood Families, Bishop Edward Kelly, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Klemens & Thea Blazek

POPE FRANCIS' SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS

For the Cry of the Earth

Let us pray that each of us listens with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Sr Louisa, Carolina Q. Alvarez, Jonathon Ansell, Tania Blazek, Tony Bogdanovic, Margaret Colville, Frances Gunn, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Nympha Miller, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Benjamin Santiago, Shayla, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Cynthia Sulvita, Charley Tonna, Maureen van Hoogenest, 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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$715**
 Loose: \$776.80
 Tap & Go: \$200
 Smart Facility: \$270
St Joseph Statue Donations Total: \$8744

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

Donations from the Tap & Go & two Smart terminals at the door, go towards the 2nd Collection. Donations from the Smart terminal at the creche go towards Special Project Donations.

BIBLE STUDY

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

PARISH LUNCH

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Our next Lunch will be this Wednesday 11th September at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

If you are new to the Parish, have not registered or want to update your information, please use the QR Code.



PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

We are taking nominations for the Parish Council. Please find the Forms at the back of the Church. They need to be returned by Sunday 15th September.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Calendars are on sale after weekend Masses at \$10 each. They make a lovely Christmas gift.

FATHERS' DAY APPEAL

We collected \$1396.70 in our Fathers' Day Appeal to support our retired Priests. Thank you for your generosity.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY

Our Diocese is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. You can find out more at: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN

There are copies of the plan at the back of the Church.

APPLE PHONE & WATCH FOUND

We have had an iPhone and an Apple watch handed in. Please speak to Father or call into the Parish Office if you have lost either.

MEN AT THE SHRINE

Wednesday 11th September at Mt Schoenstatt. See the flyer on the noticeboard for further information.

WOMEN'S RECOLLECTION

Women's Recollection is on Thursday 19th September. Morning Session is held at St Joseph's from 10am. Evening Session is at Montgrove College from 7pm. See the Flyer at the back of the Church for details.

MOUNT DRUITT SOUTH PARISH FETE

The Sacred Heart Parish fete will be held on Sunday 15 September at Sacred Heart Primary School, Mt Druitt, from 10am to 3pm. Activities include a White Elephant stall, jumping castle, chocolate wheel and showbags. For more information, contact the Parish Office on (02) 9832 3896.

WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?

A gift in your Will is an enduring way to give thanks to God and share your blessings beyond your lifetime. During *Include a Charity Week*, we invite you to consider a gift in your Will to our parish or a Catholic ministry in our Diocese. For information go to: parracatholic.org/giftsinWills

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 – Saturday 28th September from 10am to 3pm at Our Lady of the Rosary, St Marys.

These Modules are 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/?series=safeguarding-training>

For any questions, please email Maria Kervin, at maria.kervin@parracatholic.org

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' ANGELUS

Sunday 1st September 2024

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today (last Sunday), in the Gospel of the liturgy (cf. *Mk* 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23), Jesus speaks about the pure and the impure: a matter very dear to his contemporaries, which was linked principally to the observance of rites and rules of behaviour, to avoid any contact with things or persons considered unclean and, if this happened, to erase the "stain" (cf. *Lev* 11-15). Purity and impurity were almost an obsession for some religious of those times.

Some scribes and Pharisees, obsessive, strict observers of such norms, accuse Jesus of allowing his disciples to eat with unwashed hands, without washing their hands. And Jesus takes this reproach on the part of the Pharisees to His disciples to talk to us about the meaning of "purity".

Purity, Jesus says, is not linked to external rites, but is first and foremost linked to inner dispositions, interior dispositions. To be pure, therefore, it is no use washing one's hands several times if one then, within the heart, harbours evil feelings such as greed, envy or pride, or evil intentions such as deceit, theft, betrayal and slander (cf. *Mk* 7:21-22). Jesus draws attention to the need to beware of ritualism, which does not make one grow in goodness; on the contrary, this ritualism can sometimes lead one to neglect, or even justify, in oneself and in others, choices and attitudes contrary to charity, which wound the soul and close the heart.

And this, brothers and sisters, is important for us too: one cannot, for example, leave Holy Mass and, still in front of the church, stop and gossip wickedly and mercilessly about everything and everyone. That chatter that ruins the heart, that ruins the soul. And you can't do this! If you go to Mass and then do these things at the entrance, it is a bad thing! Or to show oneself to be pious in prayer, but then treat one's own relatives at home with coldness and detachment, or neglect their elderly parents, who are in need of help and company (cf. *Mk* 7:10-13). This is a double life, and one cannot do this. And this is what the Pharisees did. External purity, without good attitudes, merciful attitudes towards others. One cannot be apparently very decent to

everyone, and perhaps even do a bit of voluntary work and some philanthropic gestures, but then inwardly cultivate hatred towards others, despise the poor and the least, or behave dishonestly in one's work.

In acting in this way, the relationship with God is reduced to external gestures, and within one remains impervious to the purifying action of His grace, indulging in thoughts, messages and behaviour without love. We are made for something else. We are made for the purity of life, for tenderness, for love.

Let us ask ourselves, then: do I live my faith in a consistent manner, that is, what I do in Church, do I try to do outside in the same spirit? By my sentiments, words and deeds, do I make what I say in prayer tangible in closeness and respect for my brothers and sisters? Let us think about this.

And may Mary, Mother most pure, help us to make our life, in heartfelt and practiced love, worship pleasing to God (cf. *Rm* 12:1).

After the Angelus

Dear brothers and sisters!

I pray for the tormented Ukrainian people, hard hit by attacks on the energy infrastructure. Besides causing deaths and injuries, they have left over a million people without electricity and water. Let us remember that the voice of the innocent is always heard by God, who does not remain indifferent to their suffering!

I once again turn my thoughts with concern to the conflict in Palestine and Israel, which risks spreading to other Palestinian cities. I appeal for the negotiations to continue and for an immediate ceasefire, the release of hostages, and relief to the people of Gaza, where many diseases are also spreading, such as poliomyelitis. May there be peace in the Holy Land, may there be peace in Jerusalem! May the Holy City be a place of encounter where Christians, Jews and Muslims feel they are respected and welcomed, and no-one questions the Status Quo in the respective Holy Places.

Tomorrow I will begin an Apostolic Journey in several countries in Asia and Oceania. Please, pray for the outcome of this journey!