

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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



Christ Flanked by St Peter, St Paul, St Andrew & St Luke, 1220, Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls

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  
Kingswood, NSW 2747

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# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Entrance Antiphon:** All the earth shall bow down before You, O God,  
and shall sing to You, shall sing to Your name, O Most High!

**First Reading:** 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19

**Responsorial Psalm:** Here I am, Lord; I come to do Your will.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

**Gospel:** John 1:35-42

### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Justin Jose

**SUNDAY** 8:30am

Malcolm Mackenzie (Birthday Blessings)

10:00am

For the Parish

**Monday** 8.00am 2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time †† For the Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday** 8:00am 2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time Leanne Mackenzie (Birthday Blessings)

**Wednesday** 8.00am St Anthony Birthday Blessings & Graces

**Thursday** 8.00am St Margaret of Hungary Peter Gale (For his Health)

**Friday** 8.00am 2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time †† For the Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday** 8.30am Mass of the Virgin Mary † Josephine Attard

### BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to one of the Priests or ring the Parish Office.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Teresita De Jesus, Kevin Collins

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2024

**Reconciliation:** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

**Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session:** 11<sup>th</sup> February

**First Communion:** Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

**Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session:** 7<sup>th</sup> April

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

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

### DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Justin Jose, Josephine Attard, Souls in Purgatory

All sessions follow 10.00am Mass at 11.30am in the Parish Hall

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There is an opportunity to spend time with the Lord 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 let the Priest know.

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

**SICK LIST: (Due to privacy laws) If you have anyone for the sick list, 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

#### For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

**SECOND COLLECTION:**    **Envelopes: \$680**  
                                         **Loose:     \$451.65**  
                                         **Tap & Go: \$220**  
                                         **Smart Facility: \$210**  
**St Joseph Statue Donations Total: \$3935**

### TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

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

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.

### BIBLE STUDY

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> February at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome.

### SUNDAY MORNING TEA

Morning Tea resumes this Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January after 10am Mass. Thank you Ian and Kaitlin.

### ST JOSEPH STATUE

Fr Andrew has ordered our Statue, which we hope to have blessed on the Feast of St Joseph, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024. We will inform you about the final cost once it is available. Donations can be placed in the silver "Donation Box" at the back of the Church. Thank you for your donations.

### PARRAMATTA MENS' ROSARY

'Witness and Pray' with us every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month at 10.30am in front of St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in February 2024 for anyone interested in serving in Liturgical Ministry. If you are interested in attending contact the Parish Office.

### MAMRE SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP

CatholicCare Playgroup, which is free, commences Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February from 10am to 12 noon at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Road, Orchard Hills. For enquiries ring 8843 2506.

### DIOCESAN SYNOD REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

The Diocesan Synod Report is now available for download. The newly released Diocesan Synod Report offers a summary of our first Diocesan Synod assembly, held from October 13-15, 2023, its preparatory stages, in-depth details of the proceedings, and insights from delegates. Download your copy from the Parramatta Synod website now: [www.parracatholic.org/synod/resources](http://www.parracatholic.org/synod/resources)

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES IN 2024

Visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website. For more information, email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

### DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA TRIBUNAL

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm for enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Interviews are being conducted in person with Zoom and telephone appointments available in certain circumstances. Please contact the Tribunal office on (02) 8838 3480 or email [tribunal@parracatholic.org](mailto:tribunal@parracatholic.org).

### 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.

**Cycle 1 Mandatory Modules 1-3 Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February** – 9.30am-2.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown

#### Cycle 2 Renewal Mandatory Modules 4-5

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> (4) & 29<sup>th</sup> (5) February** – 7-8.30pm at St Nicholas of Myra, 326 High St, Penrith

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – 10am-1.30pm at Holy Spirit Parish, Corner of Todd Road & Moore Street, St Clair

If you would like to complete your 6 points online go to at <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' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Cycle of Catechesis: Vices and Virtues

3. Gluttony

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

In our journey of catechesis on vices and virtues, Today we will take a look at the vice of gluttony. Gluttony.

What does the Gospel tell us about it? Let us look at Jesus. His first miracle, at the wedding at Cana, reveals His sympathy towards human joys: He is concerned that the feast should end well and gives the bride and groom a large quantity of very good wine. In all His ministry, Jesus appears as a prophet who is very distinct from the Baptist: while John is remembered for his asceticism – he ate what he found in the desert – Jesus is instead the Messiah whom we often see at the table. His behaviour causes scandal in some quarters, because not only is He benevolent towards sinners, but He even eats with them; and this gesture demonstrated His readiness for communion and closeness with everyone.

But there is even more. Although Jesus' attitude towards the Jewish precepts reveals His full submission to the Law, He nonetheless shows Himself to be sympathetic towards His disciples: when they are found wanting, because they pluck grain out of hunger, He justifies them, recalling that even King David and his companions took the sacred bread (cf. *Mk* 2:23-26). And Jesus affirms a new principle: the wedding guests cannot fast when the bridegroom is with them. Jesus wants us to be joyful in His company – He is like the bridegroom of the Church; but He also wants us to participate in His sufferings, which are also the sufferings of the small and the poor. Jesus is universal.

Another important aspect. Jesus eliminates the distinction between pure and impure foods, which was a distinction made by the Jewish law. This is why Christianity does not consider unclean foods. And on this, Jesus says clearly that what makes something good or bad, let us say, the bad thing about food, is not the food in itself but the relationship we have with it. And we see this when a person has a disordered relationship with food; we see how they eat, they eat hastily, as though with the urge to be full but without ever being sated. They do not have a good relationship with food, they are slaves to food. And Jesus values food and eating, also within society,

where many imbalances and many pathologies manifest themselves. One eats too much, or too little. Often one eats in solitude. Eating disorders – anorexia, bulimia, obesity – are spreading. And medicine and psychology are trying to tackle our poor relationship with food. A poor relationship with food produces all these illnesses, all of them.

They are illnesses, often extremely painful, that are mostly linked to sufferings of the psyche and the soul. There is a connection between psychological imbalance and the way food is consumed. The way we eat is the manifestation of something inner: a predisposition to balance or immoderation; the capacity to give thanks or the arrogant presumption of autonomy; the empathy of those who share food with the needy, or the selfishness of those who hoard everything for themselves. This question is so important. Tell me how you eat, and I will tell you what kind of soul you possess. In the way we eat, we reveal our inner selves, our habits, our psychological attitudes.

The ancient Fathers gave the vice of gluttony the name “gastrimargia” – gastrimargy, a term that can be translated as “folly of the belly”. Gluttony is a “folly of the belly”. There is also this proverb, that we should eat to live, not live to eat – “a folly of the belly”. It is a vice that latches onto one of our vital needs, such as eating. Let us beware of this.

If we interpret it from a social point of view, gluttony is perhaps the most dangerous vice, which is killing the planet. Because the sin of those who succumb before a piece of cake, all things considered, does not cause great damage, but the voracity with which we have been plundering the goods of the planet for some centuries now is compromising the future of all. We have grabbed everything, in order to become the masters of all things, whereas everything had been consigned to our custody, not for us to exploit. Here, then, is the great sin, the fury of the belly is a great sin: we have abjured the name of men, to assume another, “consumers”. Today we speak like this in social life, consumers. We did not even notice when someone had started to give us this name. We were made in order to be “Eucharistic” men and women, capable of giving thanks, discreet in the use of the land, and instead the danger is that we turn into predators; and now we are realizing that this form of “gluttony” has done a great deal of harm to the world. Let us ask the Lord to help us on the road to sobriety, so that the many forms of gluttony do not take over our life. Thank you.