

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21st January 2024, Year B/2



GHIRLANDAIO, Domenico, Calling of the Apostles, 1481, Cappella Sistina, Vatican

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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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: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord all the earth.
In His presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in His holy place.

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Responsorial Psalm: Teach me Your ways, O Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Zygmunt Blazek

SUNDAY 8:30am

Enrique Barcelone (Birthday Blessings)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8.00am 3rd Week in Ordinary Time Angelique Mackenzie (Birthday Blessings)

Tuesday 8:00am Bl Henry Suso † Kurian

Wednesday 8.00am St Francis de Sales Philip Mackenzie (Birthday Blessings)

Thursday 8.00am CONVERSION OF ST PAUL McIlvenna, Dobranski, Colreavy & McCaffrey Families (Living & †† Dec.)

Friday 8.00am AUSTRALIA DAY †† For the Souls in Purgatory

Saturday 8.30am St Timothy & St Titus † Bishop Edward Kelly

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Teresita De Jesus

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR: Zygmunt Blazek, Kurian, Dec. Members of the McIlvenna, Dobranski, Colreavy & McCaffrey Families, Souls in Purgatory, Bishop Edward Kelly

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition: 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2024

Reconciliation: Thursday 21st March

Registration & 1st Session: 11th February

First Communion: Sunday 2nd June

Registration & 1st Session: 7th April

Confirmation: Sunday 3rd November

Registration & 1st Session: 21st July

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

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: \$1925**
 Loose: \$350.15
 Tap & Go: \$170
 Smart Facility: \$415
St Joseph Statue Donations Total: \$4090

TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

All contributions go to the 2nd 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 MOVIE

Sunday 4th February at 1.30pm in the Parish Hall. The movie will be 'Breakthrough'.

PARISH LUNCH

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

SUNDAY MORNING TEA

Morning Tea resumes this Sunday after 10am Mass.

ST JOSEPH STATUE

Fr Andrew has ordered our Statue, which we hope to have blessed on the Feast of St Joseph, 19th March 2024. We will inform you of 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.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in February 2024. This is formation for anyone interested in serving in Liturgical Ministry. If you are interested in attending contact the Parish Office for an Application Form.

MAMRE SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP

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

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES IN 2024

Visit 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 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.

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 5th February – 9.30am-2.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown
Saturday 17th February – Sacred Heart Parish, 9 Ropes Creek Road, Mt Druitt

Cycle 2 Renewal Mandatory Modules 4-5

Thursday 22nd (4) & 29th (5) February – 7-8.30pm at St Nicholas of Myra, 326 High St, Penrith
Saturday 2nd March – 10am-1.30pm at Holy Spirit Parish, Corner of Todd Road & Moore Street, St Clair

For the direct link to training dates and to register: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>

Go to <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au> if you would like to complete the mandatory modules 1-3 online.

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

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday 17th January 2024

Cycle of Catechesis: Vices and Virtues

4. Lust

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Let us continue our journey concerning vices and virtues; and the ancient Fathers teach us that, after gluttony, the second vice that is always crouching at the door of the heart is that of lust, called *porneia* in Greek. While gluttony is voracity with regard to food, this second vice is a kind of 'voracity' with regard to another person, that is, the poisoned bond that human beings have with each other, especially in the sphere of sexuality.

Be careful: in Christianity, there is no condemnation of the sexual instinct. A book of the Bible, the Song of Songs, is a wonderful poem of love between two lovers. However, this beautiful dimension, the sexual dimension, the dimension of love, of our humanity is not without its dangers, so much so that St Paul already had to address the issue in the First Epistle to the Corinthians. St Paul writes: "It is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and of a kind that is not found even among pagans" (5:1). The Apostle's reproach concerns precisely an unhealthy handling of sexuality by some Christians.

But let us look at the human experience, the experience of falling in love. Why this mystery happens, and why it is such a shattering experience in people's lives, none of us know. One person falls in love with another, falling in love just happens. It is one of the most astonishing realities of existence. Most of the songs you hear on the radio are about this: loves that shine, loves that are always sought and never attained, loves that are full of joy, or that torment us to the point of tears.

If it is not polluted by vice, falling in love is one of the purest feelings. A person in love becomes generous, enjoys giving gifts, writes letters and poems. He stops thinking of himself to be completely focused on the other. This is beautiful and if you ask a person in love, "Why you love?" they won't have an answer: In so many ways their love is unconditional, without any reason. You must have patience if that love, which is so powerful, is also a little naive: lovers do not really know the face of the other, they tend to idealise them, they are ready to make promises whose weight they don't immediately grasp. This 'garden' where wonders are multiplied is not, however, safe from evil. It is defiled by the demon of lust, and this vice is particularly odious, for at least two reasons. At least two.

First, because it destroys relationships between peoples. To prove such a reality, unfortunately, the daily news is sufficient. How many relationships that began in the best of ways have then turned into toxic relationships, of possession of the other, lacking respect and a sense of limits? These are loves in which chastity has been missing: a virtue not to be confused with sexual abstinence – chastity is something different from sexual abstinence – but rather must be connected with the will never to possess the other. To love is to respect the other, to seek his or her happiness, to cultivate empathy for his or her feelings, to dispose oneself in the knowledge of a body, a psychology, and a soul that are not our own, and that must be contemplated for the beauty they bear. That is love, and love is beautiful. Lust, on the other hand, makes a mockery of all this: lust plunders, it robs, it consumes in haste, it does not want to listen to the other but only to its own need and pleasure; lust judges every courtship a bore, it does not seek that synthesis between reason, drive and feeling that would help us to conduct existence wisely. The lustful seeks only shortcuts: he does not understand that the road to love must be travelled slowly, and this patience, far from being synonymous with boredom, allows us to make our loving relationships happy.

But there is a second reason why lust is a dangerous vice. Among all human pleasures, sexuality has a powerful voice. It involves all the senses; it dwells both in the body and in the psyche, and this is very beautiful; but if it is not disciplined with patience, if it is not inscribed in a relationship and in a story where two individuals transform it into a loving dance, it turns into a chain that deprives human beings of freedom. Sexual pleasure that is a gift from God is undermined by pornography: satisfaction without relationship that can generate forms of addiction. We have to defend love, the love of the heart, of the mind, of the body, pure love in the giving of oneself to the other. And this is the beauty of sexual intercourse.

Winning the battle against lust, against the "objectification" of the other, can be a lifelong endeavour. But the prize of this battle is the most important of all, because it is preserving that beauty that God wrote into His creation when He imagined love between man and woman, which is for the purpose of using one another, but of loving one another. That beauty that makes us believe that building a story together is better than going in search of adventures – there are so many Don Juans out there; building a story together is better than going in search of adventures; cultivating tenderness is better than bowing to the demon of possession – true love does not possess, it gives itself; serving is better than conquering. Because if there is no love, life is sad, it is sad loneliness.