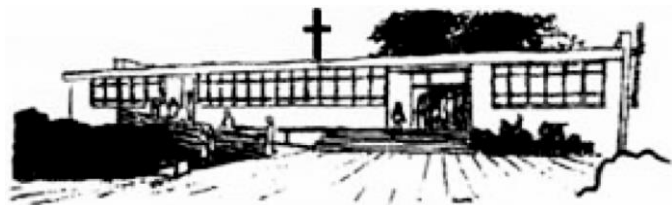


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

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Please leave a detailed Message

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2nd October 2016, Year C/2



Fra Angelico, Annunciation

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm (Mass in Polish)
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

Mr John Laffan – Acting Principal

School Office Times

8:30 am - 4:00 pm - Monday to Friday

Address

94 Joseph Street
Kingswood, NSW 2747

Telephone: 4732 3999; **Fax:** 4731 1432

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon:

Within Your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist Your will.
For You have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
You are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY 8:30am

John Curtain

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am Ordinary Time

Nive & Milica (Birthdays)

Tuesday: 8:00am ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

John Wyse (Deceased Anniversary)

Wednesday 8:00am Ordinary Time

Nive & Milica (Birthdays)

Thursday 8:00am Ordinary Time

Dec Members of Catholic Women's League

Friday 8:00am OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Patrick Gale (Deceased Ann.)

Saturday 8:30am Mass of the Virgin Mary

Nive & Milica (Birthdays)

ADORATION CHAPEL:

Open during office hours or speak to Fr Andrew to arrange another time.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please contact the Parish Office or one of the priests.
In the case of Emergency please call the emergency number at the front of this bulletin.

HYMNS FOR WEEKEND MASSES:

Processional: 520 Offertory: 162
Communion: Screen Reflection: 454
Recessional: 569

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jan Zarzecki, Zenobia Wantuch, Noel John, Anna Blazek

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY: John Wyse, Patrick Gale, John Curtain, Dec. Members of C.W.L.

PRAYER FOR FAITH IN OUR FUTURE:

Gracious God, source of all life, you call us together in faith and love as the Diocese of Parramatta.

As one body in Christ, may we respond to your Word, attend to the signs of the times, and live as your disciples in word and deed.

Renew our hearts in your Holy Spirit to grow and share our faith with the world; give us courage and grace to live faith in our future.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

POPE FRANCIS' OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTIONS

Universal: That journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics.

Evangelization: That World Mission Day may renew within all Christian communities the joy of the Gospel and the responsibility to announce it.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, Alistair McArthur, Dianne Devitt, John McCahon, Kathryn Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Debbie O'Connor, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, Gisela Drobiszewski, Charles Timmins, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Valerie Davies, Janet Boreham, Raymond Waters, Francene Flannery, Jason Isbitski, Rosslyn Talbot, David Jenkins, Noeline Cruzado & Les Smith.

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.

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$806.00

Loose: \$428.95

First Collection contributions go to the Diocese to support the priests working in the Parish.

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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM:

Confirmation: 22 November 2016

SKY YOUTH GROUP:

Youth Group will resume after the school holidays on Wednesday 12th October.

LEGION OF MARY - 'Mary Seat of Wisdom'

Meetings are held every Tuesday from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the old office building. All persons interested in meeting and participating in Legion's activities are most welcome.



YEAR OF MERCY

Pope Francis has called on the whole Church to celebrate an extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. The Jubilee commenced on 8th December 2015 and will close on the Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe 20th November 2016.



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ORDER OF PREACHERS

www.stjoseph800.org

GIFT OF THE PLENARY INDULGENCE

Pope Francis has granted a special Jubilee Plenary Indulgence, on usual conditions, for the faithful praying in a Dominican church. That is why every days' morning adoration we finish with special prayers.

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays after Mass—9am to 10am in Parish Hall. Aloma 4731 8102; Teresa—4731 4222

2nd & 4th Thursday 7:00pm at 2/40 Single Road, South Penrith. Elaine—4736 8162.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday 7th October from 4.00pm to 10.00pm. All are most welcome.

ROSARY IN OCTOBER:

During this month of October, the Statue of Our Lady will be on the Sanctuary and we will have Benediction and the Rosary after 8:00am Mass each weekday morning. Everyone is most welcome!

During this month feel free to fill in the form at the back of the Church if you are interested in having Our Lady's Statue and the Rosary in your home for a week at the time, beginning in November.

NOVEMBER MASSES:

When you fill out your November Mass Envelope place it in the basket at the back of the Church, and please be sure to fill in the Remembrance Book with the names of your friends and relatives.

SEWING CLASSES

You are kindly invited to sewing classes. At the first meeting Thursday 13th October 9.30am to 10:00 am in the Old Parish Office building we will organize times and days for further meetings.

LIFTED LIVE IN THE FORECOURT

Celebrate the feast of John Paul II. Meet Bishop Vincent. Live music, singers and dancers. Saturday 22nd October 7-10pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. See Poster on Notice Board.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT ST. JOSEPH'S

If you are planning to baptize your child at St. Joseph's here is some useful information. First of all congratulations on your decision to share your faith with your child. We will be happy to have your child baptized at our Parish. If you are a regular Parishioner, please contact Parish Office. If you live outside of the Parish and are not a regular Parishioner, please contact your local Parish and obtain a Letter of Permission to have your child baptized at St. Joseph's. Then please contact our Parish office to schedule the Sacrament.

Godparents must be: minimum 16 years of age, a practising Catholic and Confirmed. If married they have to be validly married in the Catholic Church.

Following proclamation of the Privacy Act 1988 at the end of 2001, a privacy policy has been developed in accordance with Diocesan norms and has been approved by the Parish Priest. A copy is available from the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

GENERAL AUDIENCE:

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

The words that Jesus pronounces during His Passion find their culmination in forgiveness:

Jesus forgives: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). They are not just words, because they become a concrete act of forgiveness offered to the "good thief," who was beside Him. Saint Luke talks about two evildoers crucified with Jesus, who turn to Him with opposite attitudes.

The first insults Him, as all the people insulted Him, as the leaders of the people did, but this poor man, driven by despair, says: "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" (Luke 23:39). This cry testifies to the anguish of man in face of the mystery of death and the tragic awareness that only God can be the liberating answer: therefore, it is unthinkable that the Messiah, the one sent by God, can be on the cross without doing anything to save Himself. And they did not understand this. They did not understand the mystery of Jesus' sacrifice. And, instead, Jesus has saved us by staying on the cross. All of us know that it is not easy to "stay on the cross," on our small crosses of every day. He stayed on this great cross, in this great suffering, and He saved us there; He showed us His omnipotence there and He forgave us there. Fulfilled there was His self-giving of love; from it flows forever our salvation. By dying on the cross, innocent between two criminals, He attests that God's salvation can reach any man in any condition, even the most negative and painful. God's salvation is for all; no one is excluded. It is offered to all.

Hence, the Jubilee is a time of grace and mercy for all, good and evil, those who are healthy and those who suffer.

Remember that parable that Jesus tells on the celebration of the marriage of the son of a powerful man of the earth: when those invited did not want to go, he said to his servants: "Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find" (Matthew 22:9). We are all called: the good and the evil. The Church is not just for the good and for those who seem to be good or believe they are good; the Church is for all, and even preferably for the evil, because the Church is mercy. And this time of grace and mercy reminds us that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ! (cf. Romans 8:39). To those who are nailed on a hospital bed, to those living closed in a prison, to those who are trapped by wars, I say: look at the Crucified One; God is with you, He stays with you on the cross and offers Himself to all of us as Savior. To you who suffer so much I say, Jesus is crucified for you, for us, for all. Allow the strength of the Gospel to penetrate your heart and to console you; may it give you hope and the profound certainty that no one is excluded from His forgiveness. But you can ask me: "But tell me, Father, does one who has done the worst things in life have the possibility of being forgiven?" Yes! Yes, no one is excluded from God's forgiveness. He must only approach Jesus repentant and with the desire to be embraced by Him.

This was the first evildoer. The other is the so-called "good thief." His words are a wonderful model of repentance, a concentrated catechesis to learn to ask Jesus for forgiveness. First, he turns to his companion: "Do you not fear God, since

you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" (Luke 23:40). Thus he highlights the point of departure of repentance: fear of God, no: filial fear of God. It is not fear but that respect that is due to God because He is God. It is a filial respect because He is Father. The good thief recalls the fundamental attitude that opens to trust in God: the awareness of His omnipotence and His infinite goodness. It is this confident respect that helps to make room for God and to entrust oneself to His mercy.

Then, the good thief declares Jesus' innocence and confesses his guilt openly: "We indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong" (Luke 23:41). Therefore Jesus is there, on the cross, to be with the guilty: through this closeness He offers them salvation. What is a scandal for the leaders and for the first thief, for those who were there, who made a mockery of Jesus, this is, instead, the foundation of the latter's faith. And thus the good thief becomes a witness of Grace; the unthinkable has happened: God has loved me to such a point that He died on the cross for me. The faith itself of this man is the fruit of Christ's grace: his eyes contemplate in the Crucified One God's love for him, poor sinner. It is true, he was a thief, he was a robber, he robbed all his life. But at the end, repentant of what he had done, looking at Jesus so good and merciful, he succeeded in stealing Heaven for himself: this was indeed a good thief!

Finally, the good thief turns directly to Jesus, invoking His help: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom" (Luke 23:42). He calls Him by His name, "Jesus," with confidence, and so he confesses what that name indicates: "the Lord saves": this is what the name "Jesus" means. That man asks Jesus to remember him. How much tenderness there is in this expression, how much humanity! It is the human being's need not to be abandoned, that God be always close to him. Thus, a man sentenced to death becomes a model of the Christian who entrusts himself to Jesus. A man sentenced to death is a model for us, a model for a man, for a Christian who entrusts himself to Jesus; and also a model of the Church that so often in the liturgy invokes the Lord saying: "Remember ... Remember your love ..."

While the good thief speaks of the future: "when you enter into your Kingdom," Jesus' answer is not long in coming; he speaks of the present: "today you will be with me in Paradise" (v. 43). In the hour of the cross, Jesus' salvation reaches its culmination, and His promise to the good thief reveals the fulfilment of His mission: that is to save sinners. At the beginning of His ministry, in the synagogue of Nazareth, Jesus proclaimed "release to the captives" (Luke 4:18); at Jericho, in the house of the public sinner Zacchaeus, He declared that "the Son of man - namely He - came to seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19:9). On the cross, His last act confirms the realization of this salvific plan. From the beginning to the end He revealed Himself Mercy, He revealed Himself the definitive and unrepeatable incarnation of the Father's love. Jesus is truly the face of the Father's mercy. And the good thief called Him by name: "Jesus." It is a brief invocation, and we can all do it many times during the day: "Jesus," simply "Jesus." And do so during the whole day.