

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26 June 2016, Year C/2



DUCCIO di Buoninsegna, Christ Taking Leave of the Apostles,

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

Mrs. Franziska Jackson – 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, Thursday 9:00am – 2:00pm and Friday: 8:30am – 1:30pm

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Responsorial Psalm: You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

No Mass Intention

SUNDAY 8:30am

Vivian Bertrand

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday: 8:00am Ordinary Time

Sylvio Dumas

Tuesday: 8:00am St. Irenaeus

Therese Dumas

Wednesday 8:00am St. Peter and St. Paul

Terrence O'Flynn

Thursday 8:00am Ordinary Time

Gerard Anthony Portelli

Friday 8:00am Ordinary Time

Keith McSpadden

Saturday 8:30am Mass of the Virgin Mary

No Mass Intention

ADORATION CHAPEL:

Open during office hours or speak to Father 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

**Vivian Bertrand, Sylvio Dumas,
Therese Dumas, Terrence O'Flynn,
Keith McSpadden, Gerard Anthony Portelli.**

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' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE:

Universal: That the aged, marginalized, and those who have no one may find—even within the huge cities of the world—opportunities for encounter and solidarity.

Evangelization: That seminarians and men and women entering religious life may have mentors who live the joy of the Gospel and prepare them wisely for their mission.

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, Mavis Murphy, Valerie Davies, Janet Boreham, Anne Tucker, Raymond Waters, Francene Flannery, Jason Isbitski, Rosslyn Talbot, David Jenkins & Noeline Cruzado.

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 DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: ENVELOPES \$ 924.00

LOOSE: \$ 314.90

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

Registration: 28 August 2016

SKY YOUTH GROUP:

Wednesday 29th June 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm.

LEGION OF MARY:

Newly formed Presidium of *"Mary Seat of Wisdom"* in our Parish would like to invite you to join them. Meetings are held on 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 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 morning 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.



3rd July - WYD Commissioning Mass - St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta at 5.00pm with Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS:

Celebrant: Fr. Hugh Thomas SccR. Sunday 26th June 2016 . 2:00pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, St. Marys. All welcome.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION:

This weekend 25/26 June there will be an extra collection for Peter's Pence.

Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH SURVEY:

As a Parish we would like to invite you to participate in the Parish Survey. Your opinion is valuable to us and will allow us to plan for the future at St. Joseph's. Please fill out the form provided from the back of the Church or visit our web page/facebook page to fill out the electronic form. Thank you very much for your participation.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2016/2017:

Please collect from the back of the Church also Tax Receipts for DWF and Caritas donations.

SUICIDE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT:

A Reflection Day - to honour the lives of loved ones. Facilitators: Fr. Stan Lim SJ, St Eileen Quade RSM, Philippa Ford, Ann O'Brien. Saturday 16th July 2016, 10:00am - 4:00pm. St. Joseph's Centre, 64 MacKillop Drive, Baulkham Hills. For bookings and enquiries phone CatholicCare Social Services, 02 8822 2222. Email: enquiries@ccss.org.au

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

GENERAL AUDIENCE:

"Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean," (Luke 5:12) is the request that we heard addressed to Jesus by a leper. This man does not only ask to be cured, but to be "purified," that is, to be healed integrally, in body and in heart. In fact, leprosy was considered a sort of curse from God, of profound impurity. The leper had to keep himself far from everyone; he could not access the Temple or any divine service. He was far from God and far from men. Sad lives these people had!

Despite this, that leper was not resigned either to his sickness or to the dispositions that made of him someone excluded. To reach Jesus, he did not fear to infringe the law and to enter the city – something he should not do, he was prohibited to do –, and, when he found Him "he fell prostrate, pleaded with him, and said, "Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean." (v. 12). All that this man does and says, who was considered impure, is an expression of his faith! He recognizes the power of Jesus: he is sure He has the power to cure him and that all depends on His will. This faith is the strength that enabled him to break every convention and seek the encounter with Jesus and, kneeling before Him, he calls Him "Lord." The leper's supplication shows that when we present ourselves to Jesus long speeches are not necessary. A few words suffice, though accompanied by full confidence in His omnipotence and in His goodness. In fact, to entrust ourselves to the will of God means to submit to His infinite mercy. I will also share something personal with you. In the evening, before going to bed, I pray this brief prayer: "Lord, if you will, you can cleanse me!" And I pray five "Our Fathers," one for each wound of Jesus, because Jesus has purified us with His wounds. But if I do this, you can also do it at home, and say: "Lord, if you will, you can cleanse me!" –and think of Jesus' wounds and say an "Our Father for each one of them. And Jesus always listens to us.

Jesus is profoundly affected by this man; Mark's Gospel underscores that "moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." (1:41). Jesus' gesture accompanies His words and renders His teaching more explicit. Against the dispositions of the Law of Moses, which prohibited coming close to a leper (cf. Leviticus 13:45-46), Jesus stretches His hand and even touches him. How many times we meet a poor man who comes to us! We can

even be generous, we can have compassion, but usually we do not touch him. We offer him money, we throw it there, but we avoid touching his hand. And we forget that that is the body of Christ! Jesus teaches us not to be afraid to touch the poor and the excluded, because He is in them. To touch a poor man can purify us of hypocrisy and render us anxious for his condition. Touch the excluded. Today, I am accompanied here by these youngsters. Many think that it would have been better for them if they had stayed in their land, but they suffered so much there. They are refugees, but so many consider them excluded: Please, they are our brothers! A Christian does not exclude anyone, but gives a place to everyone, allows everyone to come.

After curing the leper, Jesus sternly charges him not to speak about it with anyone, but says to him: "Go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." (v. 14). This disposition of Jesus shows at least three things. The first: the grace that acts in us does not seek sensationalism. It usually moves with discretion and without clamor. To medicate our wounds and to guide us on the way of holiness it works molding patiently our heart on the Lord's Heart, so as to assume increasingly His thoughts and sentiments. The second: by having the healing that happened verified officially by the priests and celebrating an expiatory sacrifice, the leper is readmitted in the community of believers and in social life. His reintegration completes the healing. As he himself had supplicated, now he is completely purified! Finally, by presenting himself to the priests the leper renders them testimony regarding Jesus and His messianic authority. The strength of compassion with which Jesus cured the leper led the faith of this man to open himself to the mission. He was excluded, now he is one of us.

We think of ourselves, of our miseries ... Each one has his own. We think with sincerity. How many times we cover them with the hypocrisy of "good manners." And precisely then, it is necessary to be alone, to kneel before God and pray: "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean!" And do it, do it every evening before going to bed. And now we say together this beautiful prayer: "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean!"

Translation: ZENIT