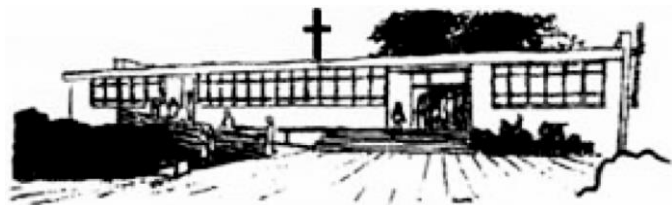


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

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Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 02 9673 5046

Please leave a detailed Message

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4th September 2016, Year C/2



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

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

www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday and 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

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

Responsorial Psalm: In every age, O Lord, You have been our refuge.

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY 8:30am

Conversion of Sinners

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am Ordinary Time

Evelyn Joseph (Deceased Ann.)

Tuesday: 8:00am Bl Michael Czartorysky &
Bl Julia Syanislava Rodzininska

Intentions of the Rusnak Family

Wednesday 8:00am Ordinary Time

Kim Nelson (Deceased Ann.)

Thursday 8:00am Birthday of Bl. Virgin Mary

Angele Ghougassian (Dec. Ann.)

Friday 8:00am Ordinary Time

Intentions of the Ison Family

Saturday 8:30am Mass of the Virgin Mary

Robert Foltan (Deceased Ann.)

ADORATION CHAPEL:

Open during office hours.

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:

Entrance: 641 Offertory: 165
Communion: 459 Reflection: 555
Recessional: 612

RECENTLY DECEASED: Delphine Sarin, James
Jordan, Patrick Phelan, Michael Croft

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

Evelyn Joseph, Kim Nelson, Angele Ghougassian,
Robert Foltan

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' SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS

Universal: That each may contribute to the
common good and to the building of a society that
places the human person at the centre.

Evangelization: That by participating in the
Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians
may become more aware of their mission to
evangelise.

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.

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: \$989.00

Loose: \$392-70

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:

No Youth Group this week. Resumes Wednesday 14th September from 3pm to 5pm in the Parish Hall

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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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.

FATHERS' DAY COLLECTION

Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy will be taken up this weekend 3rd/4th September. Please be generous.

PARISHIONERS AT 8.30AM MASS

Please leave the Church/School Grounds by the Joseph Street Gate to enable the People coming to 10am Mass to enter from Richmond Road. Thank you.

BLESSED MOTHER TERESA CANONISED

Bl Mother Teresa of Calcutta is being canonized by Pope Francis this Sunday in Rome.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples who are married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and any year over are invited to celebrate their journey with other couples and family members at 11 am Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Sunday, 18th September 2016. Please contact the office to register your names by 8th September 2016 or call CatholicCare on 8822 2222 or email marriage@ccss.org.au

EXPLORING OUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS:

What spiritual gifts has the Holy Spirit given to you? What is God's plan for your life? We may have a 'Called and Gifted' Workshop at St. Joseph's to explore these concepts if enough people are interested. Please ring Teresa – Phone: 02 4731 4222 AFTER 4:00pm any day.

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.

In choosing Godparents there are Church regulations which need to be taken into consideration. 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.

THE FAMILY OF MAVIS MURPHY would like to thank Fr. Andrew and Parishioners of St. Joseph's for all the care shown while she was sick, for attending her funeral and for the cards and flowers. Your friendships were appreciated.

Maureen Casey

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

The Gospel we heard shows us a figure that stands out for her faith and courage. It is the woman that Jesus cured from her loss of blood (cf. Matthew 9:20-22). Passing in the midst of the crowd behind Jesus to touch the fringe of his garment, "she said to herself, 'If I only touch His garment, I shall be saved'" (v. 21). How much faith! How much faith this woman had! She reasons thus, because she is animated by much faith and much hope and, with a touch of shrewdness, she does what she has in her heart. The desire to be cured by Jesus is such, as to make her go beyond the prescriptions established by the Law of Moses. For many years, in fact, this poor woman was not simply ill but was regarded as impure because she was suffering from a hemorrhage (cf. Leviticus 15:19-30). Therefore, she is excluded from the liturgies, from conjugal life, and from normal relations with her neighbor. The evangelist Mark adds that she had consulted many doctors, spent all her means to pay them and endured painful cures, but she only got worse. She was a woman discarded by the society. It is important to consider this condition - of being discarded - to understand her state of mind: she feels that Jesus can free her from the ailment and from the state of marginalization and indignity in which she has found herself for years. In a word: she knows, she feels that Jesus can save her.

This case makes one reflect on how woman is often perceived and represented. We are all put on guard, including Christian communities, from views of femininity suffused with damaging prejudices and suspicions of her intangible dignity. In this connection, it is precisely the Gospels that restore the truth and leads back to a liberating point of view. Jesus admired the faith of this woman whom all avoided and transformed her hope in salvation. We do not know her name, but the few lines with which the Gospels describe her encounter with Jesus, delineate an itinerary of faith capable of re-establishing the truth and the grandeur of the dignity of every person. It is in the encounter with Christ that the way of liberation and salvation opens for all, men and women of every place and every time.

Matthew's Gospel says that when the woman touched Jesus' garment, He "turned" and "saw her" (v. 22), and then He addressed her. As we were saying, because of her state of exclusion, the woman acted in a hidden way, behind Jesus, she was a bit afraid, so as not to be seen, because she was a discarded one. Instead, Jesus sees her and His look is not one of reproach, He does not say: "Go away, you are a discarded one!" as if He said: "You are a leper, go away!" No, He does not reproach her but Jesus' look is one of mercy and tenderness. He knows what happened and seeks a personal encounter with her, which deep down the woman desired. This means that,

not only does Jesus receive her but He regards her as worthy of such an encounter to the point of gifting her with His word and His attention.

In the central part of the account, the term salvation is repeated three times. "If I only touch His garment, I shall be saved!" Jesus turned around, saw her and said: "take heart, daughter, your faith has saved you!" And from that instant the woman was saved" (vv. 21-22). This "take heart, daughter" expresses all God's mercy for that person. - and for every discarded person. How many times we feel interiorly discarded because of our sins, we have committed so many, we have committed so many ... And the Lord says to us: "Take heart! Come! I do not consider you a discarded one. Take heart, daughter. You are a son, a daughter." And this is the moment of grace, it is the moment of forgiveness, it is the moment of inclusion in Jesus' life, in the life of the Church. It is the moment of mercy. Today to all of us, sinners, whether we are great or little sinners - but we all are <sinners> to all of us the Lord says: "Take heart, come! You are no longer discarded: I forgive you, I embrace you." Thus is God's mercy. We must have courage and go to Him, ask forgiveness for our sins and go forward - with courage, as this woman did. Then "salvation" assumes many connotations: first of all, it restores health to the woman; then it frees us from social and religious discriminations; in addition, it fulfils the hope that she bore in her heart, banishing her fears and discomfort. Finally, it restores her to the community, liberating her from the need to act in a hidden way. And this last thing is important: a discarded person always acts in a hidden way, sometimes or <during> his whole life: we think of the lepers of those times, of today's homeless ...; we think of sinners, of us sinners: we always do something in a hidden way; we have the need to do something in a hidden way, because we are ashamed of what we are ... And He frees us from this, Jesus frees us and makes us stand: "Arise, come, stand up!" As God has created us: God created us upright, not humiliated - upright. What Jesus gives is total salvation, which reintegrates the woman's life in the sphere of God's love and, at the same time, re-establishes her in her full dignity.

In the end, it is not the garment the woman touched that gave her salvation, but the word of Jesus, received in faith, capable of consoling her, healing her and re-establishing her in her relation with God and with her people. Jesus is the only source of blessing from which salvations flows for all men, and faith is the fundamental disposition to receive it. Once again Jesus, with His behavior full of mercy, indicates to the Church the course to follow to encounter every person, so that each one can be healed in body and spirit and recover the dignity of children of God.