

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18th September 2016, Year C/2



CAMPI, Vincenzo, St Matthew and the Angel, 1588

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. Patricia Carr – Acting 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: 8:30am – 1:30pm

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.

Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor.

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Mr & Mrs Waters (Deceased Ann.)

SUNDAY 8:30am

Yaroslav Klukow (Deceased Ann.)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am Ordinary Time

Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday: 8:00am St Andrew Kim Taegon,
St Paul Chong Hasang & Companions

Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday 8:00am ST MATTHEW

Rick Amaya (Recently Deceased)

Thursday 8:00am Ordinary Time

Souls in Purgatory

Friday 8:00am St Pius of Pietrelcina

Mary Gale (Deceased Anniversary)

Saturday 8:30am Mass of the Virgin Mary

Intentions of the Rusnak Family

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:

Entrance: 618 Offertory: 586
Communion: 443 Reflection: 555
Recessional: 381

RECENTLY DECEASED: Michael Croft, Rick Amaya, Patrick Phelan, Waleria Olencewicz

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY: Mr & Mrs Waters, Yaroslav Klukow, Mary Gale

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 & 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.

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$986.00

Loose: \$415.35

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 12th October after the school holidays.

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.



JUBILEE 800 1216 - 2016
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.

INVITATION TO CELEBRATE 800TH

JUBILEE YEAR OF THE DOMINICANS

Guest Speaker: Fr Benedict McKenzie FSF

Topic: 'Fraternity & Friendship'

Date: 22nd September 2016 at 700pm

Venue: Parish Hall

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.

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.

SEWING CLASSES

You are kindly invited to sewing classes. First meeting Wednesday 28 September from 9:30am to 10:00 am in the Old Parish Office building. The initial meeting will be about organization of the further meetings (times and days for the classes).

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.

ROSARY IN OCTOBER:

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

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.

During this Jubilee, we have reflected many times on the fact that Jesus expresses Himself with unique tenderness, a sign of the presence and goodness of God. Today, we reflect on a moving passage of the Gospel (cf. Matthew 11:28-30), in which Jesus says: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. [...] Learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (vv. 28-29). The Lord's invitation is surprising: He calls to follow him simple people, who are burdened by a difficult life; He calls persons to follow him who have so many needs and He promises them that in Him they will find rest and relief. The invitation is addressed in an imperative way: "come to me," "take up my yoke" and learn from me." If only all leaders of the world could say this! Let us try to understand the meaning of these expressions.

The first imperative is "Come to me." Turning to those who are exhausted and oppressed, Jesus presents himself as the Servant of the Lord described in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. The passage of Isaiah states thus: "The Lord has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him that is weary" (50:4). To these wearied of life, the Gospel puts side by side the poor (cf. Matthew 11:5) and the little ones (cf. Matthew 18:6). They are those who cannot count on their own means, or on important friendships. They can only trust in God. Conscious of their humble and miserable condition, they know they depend on the Lord's mercy, expecting from Him the only help possible. In Jesus' invitation they finally find the answer to their waiting: by becoming His disciples they receive the promise of finding rest for their whole life. A promise that at the end of the Gospel is extended to all people: "Go therefore - Jesus says to the Apostles - and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). By receiving the invitation to celebrate this Year of Grace of the Jubilee, pilgrims throughout the world cross the Door of Mercy open in Cathedrals, in Shrines, in so many churches of the world, in hospitals, in prisons. Why do they cross this Door of Mercy? To find Jesus; to find Jesus' friendship; to find the rest that only Jesus gives. This path expresses the conversion of every disciple who decides to follow Jesus. And conversion consists always in discovering the Lord's mercy. It is infinite and inexhaustible: great is the Lord's mercy! Therefore, by crossing the Holy Door we profess "that love is present in the world and that this love is more powerful than every sort of evil, in which man, humanity, the world are involved" (John Paul II, Encyclical Dives in Misericordia, 7).

The second imperative says: "Take my yoke." In the context of the Covenant, the biblical tradition uses the image of the yoke to indicate the close bond that links the people to God and, consequently, submission to His will expressed in the Law. In controversy with the scribes and Doctors of the Law, Jesus puts His yoke on the disciples, in which the Law finds its fulfilment. He wishes to teach them that they will discover God's will through His person: through Jesus, not through laws and cold prescriptions which Jesus Himself condemns. Suffice it to read Matthew's chapter 23. He is at the center of their relation with God; He is in the heart of the relations between the disciples and places Himself as fulcrum of each one's life. Thus, by receiving "Jesus' yoke"

every disciple enters into communion with Him and is rendered a participant in the mystery of His cross and of His destiny of salvation.

Ensuing is the third imperative: "Learn from me." Jesus projects to His disciples a path of knowledge and of imitation. Jesus is not a teacher who imposes on others with severity burdens that He does not carry: this was the accusation He made to the Doctors of the Law. He addresses the humble and little ones, the poor and the needy because He Himself made Himself little and humble. He understands the poor and the suffering because He Himself is poor and tried by sorrows. Jesus did not follow an easy way to save humanity; on the contrary, his path was painful and difficult. As the Letter to the Philippians reminds: "He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (2:8). The yoke that the poor and the oppressed bear is the same yoke that He bore before them: therefore, it is a light yoke. He bore on His back the pains and sins of the whole of humanity. Therefore, for the disciple to receive Jesus' yoke means to receive His revelation and to accept it: in Him God's mercy took on men's poverties, thus giving all the possibility of salvation. But why is Jesus capable of saying these things? Because He made Himself everything to all, close to all, to the poorest! He was a Pastor among the people, among the poor: He worked the whole day with them; Jesus was not a prince. It is bad for the Church when the Pastors become princes, far from the people, far from the poorest: this is not Jesus' spirit. Jesus reproaches these Pastors, and of them Jesus said to the people: "do what they say, but not what they do."

Dear brothers and sisters, for us too there are moments of tiredness and disappointment. Then let us remember these words of the Lord, which give us so much consolation and make us understand if we are putting our strength at the service of the good. In fact, sometimes our exhaustion is caused by having put our trust in things that are not essential, because we have distanced ourselves from what is really valuable in life. The Lord teaches us not to be afraid to follow Him, because the hope we place in Him will not be disappointed. Therefore, we are called to learn from Him what it means to live of mercy, to be instruments of mercy. To live of mercy, to be instruments of mercy: to live of mercy and to feel oneself needy of Jesus' mercy, and when we feel ourselves in need of forgiveness, of consolation, let us learn to be merciful with others. By keeping our gaze fixed on the Son of God we understand what a long way we still have to go but, at the same time, He infuses in us the joy of knowing that we are walking with Him and we are never alone - courage, therefore, courage! Let us not have taken from us the joy of being disciples of the Lord. "But Father, I am a sinner, what can I do?" "Let the Lord look at you, open your heart, feel His look upon you, His mercy, and your heart will be filled with joy, with the joy of forgiveness, if you come close and ask for forgiveness." Let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of the hope of living this life together with Him and with the strength of His consolation. Thank you.