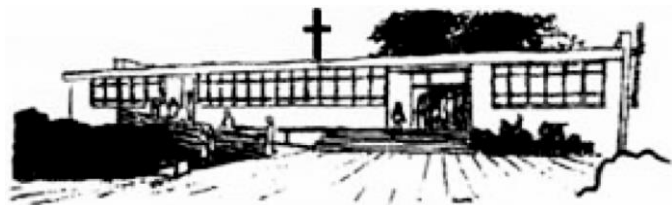


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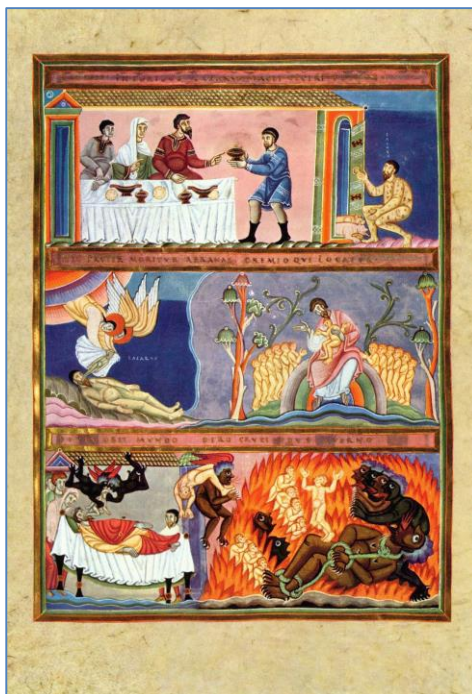
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Please leave a detailed Message

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25th September 2016, Year C/2



Meister des Codex Aureus Epternacensis

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

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

Address: 12-22 Richmond Rd, PO Box 39, Kingswood, NSW 2747 Telephone: 02 4721 4080; Fax: 02 4721 0089

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: All that You have done to us, O Lord, You have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against You and not obeyed Your commandments.
But give glory to Your name and deal with us according to the bounty of Your mercy.

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Intentions of Mary & Jonni Dallat

SUNDAY 8:30am

Sydney Francis Galway (Dec. Ann.)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am Ordinary Time

Nive & Milica (Birthdays)

Tuesday: 8:00am St Vincent de Paul

Intentions of the Awalla Family

Wednesday 8:00am St Dominic Ibanez de Erquicia,
St James Kyushei Tomonaga & St Lawrence Ruiz

Nive & Milica (Birthdays)

Thursday 8:00am ST MICHAEL, ST GABRIEL & ST RAPHAEL

Intentions of the Rusnak Family

Friday 8:00am St Jerome

Intentions of the O'Connell Family

Saturday 8:30am St Theresa of the Child Jesus

Intentions of the Ellsmore 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: Waleria Olencewicz, Jan Zarzecki, Noel John, Zenobia Wantuch

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY: Sydney Francis Galway, Greta Colville

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.

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$1046.00

Loose: \$404.85

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.

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.

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 28th 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!

During October you will be asked 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.

ST. MATTHEW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH WINDSOR:

Fundraising Dinner Dance

14TH October 2016. Time: 6:30 at Windsor RSL Club
Tickets \$100. Please ring Windsor Parish for more information 4577 3073

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

GENERAL AUDIENCE:

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

We heard the passage of Luke's Gospel (6:36-38) from which the motto of this Extraordinary Holy Year is taken: Merciful as the Father. The complete expression is: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (v. 36). It is not a slogan for effect, but a commitment of life. To understand this expression well, we can compare it with the parallel one in Matthew's Gospel, where Jesus says: "You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (5:48). In the so-called Sermon on the Mount, which opens with the Beatitudes, the Lord teaches that perfection consists in love, fulfillment of all the precepts of the Law. In this same perspective, Saint Luke specifies that perfection is merciful love: to be perfect means to be merciful. Is a person who is not merciful perfect? No! Goodness and perfection are rooted in mercy. God is certainly perfect. However, if we consider Him in that way, it becomes impossible for men to strive to that absolute perfection. Instead, having Him before our eyes as merciful enables us to understand better in what His perfection consists and it spurs us to be like Him, full of love, of understanding and of mercy. But I wonder: are Jesus' words realistic? Is it really possible to love as God loves and to be merciful as He is?

If we look at the history of salvation, we see that the whole of God's revelation is an incessant and tireless love for men: God is like a father or a mother who loves with unfathomable love and pours it out abundantly on every creature. Jesus' death on the cross is the summit of God's history of love for man. A love that is so great that only God can realize it. It is evident that, compared to this love that has no measure, our love will always be defective. However, when Jesus asks us to be merciful as the Father, He does not think of the quantity! He asks His disciples to become sign, channels, and witnesses of His mercy.

And the Church cannot but be the sacrament of mercy of God in the world, at all times and towards the whole of humanity. Hence, every Christian is called to be a witness of mercy, and this happens on the path of holiness. We think of the many Saints that became merciful because they let their heart be filled by divine mercy. They gave flesh to the Lord's love, pouring it out on the many needs of suffering humanity. In this flowering of so many forms of charity it is possible to perceive the reflections of the merciful face of Christ. We ask ourselves: What does it mean for disciples to be merciful? Jesus explains it with two verbs: "forgive" (v. 37) and "give" (v. 38).

Mercy is expressed, first of all, in forgiveness: "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven" (v.37). Jesus does not intend to subvert the course of human justice, however, He reminds the disciples that to have

fraternal relations it is necessary to suspend judgments and condemnations. Forgiveness, in fact, is the pillar that governs the life of the Christian community, because in it is shown the gratuitousness of the love with which God loved us first. A Christian must forgive! — but why? Because he has been forgiven. All of us who are here, today, in the Square, have been forgiven. No one, in his life, has not been in need of God's forgiveness. And because we have been forgiven, we must forgive. We recite it every day in the Our Father: "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us," that is, forgive the offenses, forgive many things, because we have been forgiven so many offenses, so many sins. And so it is easy to forgive: if God has forgiven me, why should I not forgive others? Am I greater than God? This pillar of forgiveness shows us the gratuitousness of the love of God, who loved us first. It is a mistake to judge and condemn a brother that sins, not because one does not want to recognize the sin, but because to condemn the sinner breaks the bond of fraternity with him and scorns God's mercy, who, instead, does not want to give up on any of His children. We do not have the power to condemn our brother who errs; we are not above him: instead we have the duty to restore him to the dignity of a child of the Father and to accompany him on his journey of conversion.

To His Church, to us, Jesus indicates a second pillar: "give." To forgive is the first pillar; to give is the second pillar. "Give, and it will be given to you [...] For the measure you give will be the measure you get back" (v. 38). God gives well beyond our merits, but He will be even more generous with all those who on earth were generous. Jesus does not say what will happen to those that do not give, but the image of the "measure" constitutes an admonition: with the measure of love we give, it is we ourselves who decide how we will be judged, how we will be loved. If we look well there is a coherent logic: in the measure that one receives from God, one gives to a brother, and in the measure in which one gives to a brother, one receives from God!

Therefore, merciful love is the only way to go. How much need we all have of being more merciful, of not running down others, of not judging, of not "plucking" others with criticisms, envies and jealousies. We must forgive, be merciful, live our life in love. This love enables Jesus' disciples to not lose the identity received from Him, and to recognize themselves as children of the same Father. Thus, in the love they practice in life, that Mercy is reverberated that will have no end (cf. 1 Corinthians 13:1-12). But do not forget this: mercy and gift; forgiveness and gift, thus the heart widens, it widens in love. Instead, egoism and anger render the heart small, which hardens like a stone. What do you prefer, a heart of stone or a heart full of love? If you prefer a heart full of love, be merciful!

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