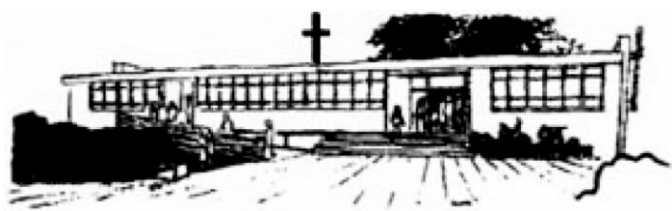


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

Assistant Priest

Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 02 9673 5046

Please leave a detailed Message

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

28 February 2016, Year C/2



BOUTS, Dieric the Elder
Moses and the Burning Bush, 1465-70

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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LITURGY**LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS****Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is kind and merciful.**Entrance Antiphon:** My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.**VIGIL SATURDAY****6:00pm****No Mass Intention****SUNDAY 8:30am****No Mass Intention****10:00am****For the Parish****Monday: 8:00am 3rd Week of Lent****No Mass Intention****Tuesday: 8:00am 3rd Week of Lent****No Mass Intention****Wednesday 8:00am 3rd Week of Lent****Thelma McSpadden****Thursday 8:00am 3rd Week of Lent****Dec Members CWL****Friday 8:00am St. Casimir****No Mass Intention****Saturday 8:30am 3rd Week of Lent****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:****John Francis Ryan, Thelma McSpadden,
Dec. Members of Catholic Women's League****ROSARY AND BENEDICTION:**

Saturday at 5:15pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Fridays of Lent 7:00pm

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 FEBRUARY:**Universal:** That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.**Evangelization:** That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.**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, Bus Maybaum, Valerie Davies, Janet Boreham, Anne Tucker, Raymond Waters, Francene Flannery, Jason Isbitsk, Rosslyn Talbot, Johnson Talia & 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

PARISH AND DIOCESE

WEEKLY

SECOND COLLECTION: ENVELOPES \$ 1085.00
LOOSE: \$ 455.25

DONATIONS AND FUND-RAISING:

THIS WEEK DONATIONS: \$

SUNDAY MORNING CUPPA:

After 10:00am Mass.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM:

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 19 March 2016

Registration: 14 February 2016 and first session

First Communion: 29 May 2016

Registration: 3 April 2016

Confirmation: 22 November 2016

Registration: 28 August 2016

SKY YOUTH GROUP:

Wednesday 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

For visitation to Kingswood Nursing Home.
Enquiries to Nadia Ph: 4731 3819 from 4:00pm.
Leave message if necessary.

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND:

A Collection will be taken up this weekend Our quota is \$2709.00
Our total to date is \$ 1,531.95
Thank you for your generosity.

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday 9th March at 7:00pm

SCHOOL MASS:

Sunday 6th March at 10:00am, followed by a sausage sizzle, morning tea, classroom visits and book fair.

PLEASE NOTE:

Please be careful when driving out from Church after morning Mass. Speed limit is 5-10kph

12 HOURS ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Jesus Youth Australia, will be sponsoring an Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph's. **Beginning Friday 4 March after the Stations of the Cross. Ending before 8:30am Mass on Saturday** All are welcome to join in this event at anytime day or night. Plan of the Adoration on the posters and flyers.



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 20 November 2016.



JUBILEE 800 1216 - 2016
ORDER OF PREACHERS

www.stjoseph800.org

GIFT OF THE PLENARY INDULGENCE

Pope Francis has granted a special jubilee indulgence for the faithful praying in a Dominican church. That is why everyday's morning adoration we finish with special prayers to gain a plenary indulgence.



Two Pilgrimages from the Diocese of Parramatta
P1 Mission Immersion in Phillipines and P2 Footsteps of St. John Paul II are available to enrol. Please see brochures and posters.

PRAYER GROUPS RESUME IN FEBRUARY.

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.

WORLD

In a historic first, Pope Francis on Friday met with Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirill. The Feb. 12 meeting took place in Havana, Cuba, a stop added at the start of the Holy Father's Feb. 12-17 trip to Mexico. In addition to meeting privately, Pope Francis and Patriarch Kirill signed a joint declaration. Part 2 of the declaration is below (continuation from the last Sunday bulletin).

11. We lift our prayers to Christ, the Saviour of the world, asking for the return of peace in the Middle East, "the fruit of justice" (Is 32:17), so that fraternal co-existence among the various populations, Churches and religions may be strengthened, enabling refugees to return to their homes, wounds to be healed, and the souls of the slain innocent to rest in peace.

We address, in a fervent appeal, all the parts that may be involved in the conflicts to demonstrate good will and to take part in the negotiating table. At the same time, the international community must undertake every possible effort to end terrorism through common, joint and coordinated action. We call on all the countries involved in the struggle against terrorism to responsible and prudent action. We exhort all Christians and all believers of God to pray fervently to the providential Creator of the world to protect His creation from destruction and not permit a new world war. In order to ensure a solid and enduring peace, specific efforts must be undertaken to rediscover the common values uniting us, based on the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

12. We bow before the martyrdom of those who, at the cost of their own lives, have given witness to the truth of the Gospel, preferring death to the denial of Christ. We believe that these martyrs of our times, who belong to various Churches but who are united by their shared suffering, are a pledge of the unity of Christians. It is to you who suffer for Christ's sake that the word of the Apostle is directed: "Beloved ... rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly" (1 Pet 4:12-13).

13. Interreligious dialogue is indispensable in our disturbing times. Differences in the understanding of religious truths must not impede people of different faiths to live in peace and harmony. In our current context, religious leaders have the particular responsibility to educate their faithful in a spirit which is respectful of the convictions of those belonging to other religious traditions. Attempts to justify criminal acts with religious slogans are altogether unacceptable. No crime may be committed in God's name, "since God is not the God of disorder but of peace" (1 Cor 14:33).

14. In affirming the foremost value of religious freedom, we give thanks to God for the current unprecedented

renewal of the Christian faith in Russia, as well as in many other countries of Eastern Europe, formerly dominated for decades by atheist regimes. Today, the chains of militant atheism have been broken and in many places Christians can now freely confess their faith. Thousands of new churches have been built over the last quarter of a century, as well as hundreds of monasteries and theological institutions. Christian communities undertake notable works in the fields of charitable aid and social development, providing diversified forms of assistance to the needy.

Orthodox and Catholics often work side by side. Giving witness to the values of the Gospel they attest to the existence of the shared spiritual foundations of human co-existence.

15. At the same time, we are concerned about the situation in many countries in which Christians are increasingly confronted by restrictions to religious freedom, to the right to witness to one's convictions and to live in conformity with them. In particular, we observe that the transformation of some countries into secularized societies, estranged from all reference to God and to His truth, constitutes a grave threat to religious freedom. It is a source of concern for us that there is a current curtailment of the rights of Christians, if not their outright discrimination, when certain political forces, guided by an often very aggressive secularist ideology, seek to relegate them to the margins of public life.

16. The process of European integration, which began after centuries of blood-soaked conflicts, was welcomed by many with hope, as a guarantee of peace and security. Nonetheless, we invite vigilance against an integration that is devoid of respect for religious identities. While remaining open to the contribution of other religions to our civilization, it is our conviction that Europe must remain faithful to its Christian roots. We call upon Christians of Eastern and Western Europe to unite in their shared witness to Christ and the Gospel, so that Europe may preserve its soul, shaped by two thousand years of Christian tradition.

17. Our gaze is also directed to those facing serious difficulties, who live in extreme need and poverty while the material wealth of humanity increases. We cannot remain indifferent to the destinies of millions of migrants and refugees knocking on the doors of wealthy nations. The unrelenting consumerism of some more developed countries is gradually depleting the resources of our planet. The growing inequality in the distribution of material goods increases the feeling of the injustice of the international order that has emerged. (To be continued)