

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1 May 2016, Year C/2



DUCCIO di Buoninsegna, Christ Taking
Leave of the Apostles (scene 4), 1308-11

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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LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		No Mass Intention
SUNDAY	8:30am		No Mass Intention
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday:	8:00am	St. Athanasius	No Mass Intention
Tuesday:	8:00am	St. Philip & St. James	No Mass Intention
Wednesday	8:00am	6 th Week of Easter	No Mass Intention
Thursday	8:00pm	6 th Week of Easter or Vincent Ferrer	Dec. Members of CWL
Friday	8:00am	6 th Week of Easter	No Mass Intention
Saturday	8:30am	6 th Week of Easter	Dec. Member SVDP

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: Members of Catholic Women's League, Members of St. Vincent de Paul.

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 MAY:

Universal: That, rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our neighbours who suffer, especially the sick and the poor.

Evangelization: That Mary's intercession may help Christians in secularized cultures be ready to proclaim Jesus.

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 Isbitski, Rosslyn Talbot & 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 \$ 848.00

LOOSE: \$ 474.20

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:

First Communion: 29 May 2016

Confirmation: 22 November 2016

Registration: 28 August 2016

SKY YOUTH GROUP:

Will resume Wednesday 4th May 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm.



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.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

On Friday 29 April Parish Pastoral Council met in the Parish Presbytery. Agenda for this meeting is posted in the bulletin board. For details of the Meeting please consult the Parish Council Members. Approved Agenda from the last Meeting is available in the Parish Office.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM:

Tuesday 3rd May. Topic: "Images and Frameworks for Understanding Grief". **Venue:** 38 Prince Street, Blacktown. **Time:** 10:30am - 12:30pm. **Cost:** \$5. **Registration:** Rita. Ph: 8822 2222

Email: soloparentservices@ccss.or.au



Weekend 15/16 May Sesi Devine and Dylan Nelson will be asking for your support to cover the costs of their pilgrimage to Poland for World Youth Day. There will be an exit collection at all Masses on this weekend. Please support them.



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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 every days' morning adoration we finish with special prayers to gain a plenary indulgence.

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:

1st & 3rd Tuesdays 1:30pm at 1/23 Walter Street, Kingswood. Dianne - 4731 3685.

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.

FAIRFIELD PATRICIAN BROTHERS OLD BOYS 38TH ANNUAL REUNION:

27th May 2016. 7pm. Cabra-Vale Diggers Club. Further information: Royce Burkett 0425 323 080 or Kevin 9727 8574. All ex-students welcome.

PENTECOST VIGIL:

Saturday 14th May after 6:00pm Mass until 9:00pm. All are most welcome.

INTERNATIONAL DAY:

PARISH AND SCHOOL COMBINED:

Sunday 15th May after 10:00am Mass. Please have flags at Church by Saturday morning to be displayed. Please bring a national dish to share.

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

GENERAL AUDIENCE:

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Today we reflect on the parable of the Good Samaritan (cf. Luke 10:25-37). A Doctor of the Law puts Jesus to the test with this question: "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" (v. 25). Jesus asks him to give the answer himself, and he gives it perfectly: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind: and your neighbor as yourself" (v. 27). Then Jesus concludes: "do this, and you will live" (v. 28).

Then that man poses another question, which becomes very valuable for us: "who is my neighbor?" (v. 29), and he infers: "my parents? My fellow countrymen? Those of my religion? ..." In sum, he wants a clear rule that enables him to classify others in "neighbor" and "non-neighbor," in those who can become neighbors and those who cannot become neighbors.

And Jesus answers with a parable, placing at the scene a priest, a Levite and a Samaritan. The first two are figures linked to the worship of the Temple; the third is a schismatic Jew, considered as a foreigner, pagan and impure, namely the Samaritan. On the road from Jerusalem to Jericho, the priest and the Levite come across a dying man, that brigands had assaulted, robbed and abandoned. In similar situations, the Lord's Law foresaw the obligation to help him, but both passed beyond without stopping. They were in a hurry ... The priest perhaps looked at his watch and said: "But I'll be late for Mass ... I must say the Mass." The other one said: "But, I don't know if the Law allows me, because there is blood there and I will be impure ..." They go on another way and do not approach him.

And here the parable offers us a first teaching: it is not automatic that one who frequents God's house and knows His mercy is able to love his neighbor. It is not automatic! One can know the whole Bible, one can know all the liturgical rubrics, one can know all the theology, but from knowing, loving is not automatic: loving has another way, intelligence is needed but also something more ... The priest and the Levite saw, but ignored; looked but did not provide. Yet true worship does not exist if it is not translated into service to one's neighbor. Let us never forget it: in the face of the suffering of so many people destroyed by hunger, by violence and by injustices, we cannot remain spectators. What does it mean to ignore man's suffering? It means to ignore God! If I do not approach that man, or that woman, that child, that elderly man or elderly woman that is suffering, I do not come close to God.

But let us come to the center of the parable: the Samaritan, that is, in fact, the one who was scorned, the one on whom no one would have wagered anything and who, nevertheless, also had his commitments and his things to do — when he saw the wounded man, he did not pass beyond like the other two, who were linked to the Temple, but "he had compassion" (v. 33). So says the Gospel: "he had compassion," that is, his heart, was moved; he was moved

within! See the difference. The other two "saw," but their hearts remained closed, cold. Instead, the Samaritan's heart was attuned to God's heart itself. In fact, "compassion" is an essential characteristic of God's mercy. God has compassion for us. What does it mean? He suffers with us; He feels our sufferings. Compassion means: "to share with." The word indicates that something within us moves and trembles on seeing man's ill. And in the gestures and the actions of the Good Samaritan we recognize God's merciful action in the whole history of salvation. It is the same compassion with which the Lord comes to meet each one of us: He does not ignore us, He knows our sorrows; He knows how much we need help and consolation. He comes close to us and never abandons us. Each one of us should ask himself the question and answer in his heart: "Do I believe this? Do I believe that the Lord has compassion for me, just as I am, a sinner, with so many problems and so many things?" Think of this and the answer is: "Yes!" But each one must look into his heart to see if he has faith in this compassion of God, of the good God who comes close, who heals us, who caresses us. And if we refuse Him, He waits: He is patient and is always at our side.

The Samaritan behaved with true mercy: he dressed that man's wounds, he took him to the inn, took personal care of him and provided for his assistance. All this teaches us that compassion, love, is not a vague feeling, but it means to take care of the other even to paying in person. It means to commit oneself, taking all the necessary steps to "come close" to the other, to the point of identifying oneself with him "you shall love your neighbor as yourself." Behold the Lord's Commandment.

The parable having ended, Jesus turns around the question of the Doctor of the Law and asks him: "Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" (v. 36) Finally, the answer is unequivocal: "The one who showed mercy on him" (v. 27) At the beginning of the parable, for the priest and the Levite their neighbor was the dying man; at the end <of the parable> it is the Samaritan who came close. Jesus turns the perspective around: not to classify others to see who is a neighbor and who is not. You can become a neighbor to anyone you meet in need, and you will be so if you have compassion in your heart, that is, if you have that capacity to suffer with the other.

This parable is a stupendous gift for all of us, and also a commitment! Jesus repeats to each one of us what He said to the Doctor of the Law: "Go and do likewise" (v. 37). We are all called to follow the same path of the Good Samaritan, who is a figure of Christ: Jesus bent over us, made Himself our servant, and thus He saved us, so that we too are able to love as He loved us, in the same way.

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