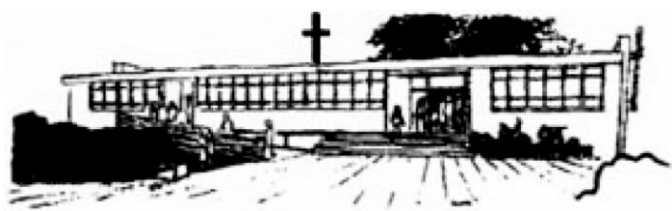


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

3 April 2016, Year C/2



SIGNORELLI, Luca
Christ and the Doubting Thomas, 1477-82

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

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday 9:00am – 2:00pm and Friday: 8:30am – 1:30pm

Address: 12-22 Richmond Rd, PO Box 39, Kingswood, NSW 27 Telephone: 02 4721 4080; Fax: 02 4721 0089

Email: parish@stjosephskingswood.org; Web: www.stjosephskingswood.org; Facebook: [stjosephskingswood](https://www.facebook.com/stjosephskingswood)

LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Entrance Antiphon: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY

8:30am

No Mass Intention

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday: 8:00am Annunciation of the Lord

No Mass Intention

Tuesday: 8:00am 2nd Week of Easter

Christopher Gilbert

Wednesday 8:00am 2nd Week of Easter

No Mass Intention

Thursday 8:00pm St John Baptist de la Salle

Deceased Members of CWL

Friday 8:00am 2nd Week of Easter

No Mass Intention

Saturday 8:30am 2nd Week of Easter

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:

Kevin Murphy, Christopher Gilbert.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS:

Sunday 3rd April at 3:00pm in the Church.

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 MARCH:

Universal: That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

Evangelization: That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.

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, 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 and update it at the end of each month to keep the names on the sick list.

PARISH AND DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: ENVELOPES \$ 1093.20

LOOSE: \$ 551.50

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.

HOLY LAND APPEAL: \$1,389.70

EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$1,035.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM:

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.



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.

PILGRIMAGE TO MT. SCHOENSTATT:

Saturday 16th April after morning Mass we will be going on the Pilgrimage to Mt Schoenstatt, where we will have special Jubilee Prayers and pass through the Holy Door of Mercy. We are taking our own lunch for a picnic in the grounds. Please let the Office know if you are interested so that we will know numbers for hiring a bus.

CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES:

Please return your box as soon as possible to the basket at the back of the church. Thank You.



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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 everyday's 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.

CELEBRATING EARLY YEARS OF MARRIAGE: All married couples and their families celebrating 1st, 5th, 10th, 15th & 20th Wedding anniversaries are invited to a special Diocesan Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Sunday 1st May 2016 at 11am followed by a light lunch. Please contact the office to register your names by 22nd April 2016 or email marriage@ccss.org.au

S.V.D.P. SUMMARY OF THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2016: Number of Families assisted 40, Total visited 40, Assistance with Electricity \$2,200, Food Vouchers \$1471, Transport \$240, Donated items \$60. Duration of visits in minutes 737. God Bless all the Parishioners who assist the St. Vincent de Paul.

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

Pope's Francis Address:

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning,

Today we shall complete the catecheses on mercy in the Old Testament, and do so by meditating on Psalm 51[50], known as the Miserere. It is a penitential prayer in which the request for forgiveness is preceded by the confession of sins and in which the one praying allows himself to be purified by the Lord's love. Thus, he becomes a new creature, capable of obedience, steadfastness of spirit, and of sincere praise.

The "title" that the ancient Hebrew tradition gave to this Psalm refers to King David and his sin with Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite. We are quite familiar with the event. Kind David, called by God to shepherd the people and guide them on the paths of obedience to divine Law, betrayed his mission and, after committing adultery with Bathsheba, has her husband put to death. A terrible sin! The prophet Nathan shows David his sin and helps him to recognize it. It is the moment of reconciliation with God, in confessing his sin. Here David was humble. He showed greatness!

Those who pray with this Psalm are called to feel the same sense of remorse and of trust in God, which David had when he mended his ways and, although the king, he humbled himself without being afraid to confess his crime and show his misery to the Lord, yet confident that the Lord's mercy was assured. What he had done was not a minor sin, a small lie: he had committed adultery and murder!

The Psalm begins with these words of supplication:

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy steadfast love; according to thy abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! (vv. 1-2).

The invocation is addressed to the God of mercy in order that, moved by a love as great as that of a father or mother, he have mercy, that is, grant grace, show his favour with benevolence and understanding. It is a heartfelt plea to God, who alone can free one from sin. Very descriptive images are used: blot out, wash me, cleanse me. Made manifest in this prayer is man's true need: the only thing that we truly need in our life is that of being forgiven, freed from evil and from its consequence of death. Unfortunately, life often makes us experience these situations. In [such circumstances] we must first trust in mercy. God is greater than our sin. Let us not forget this: God is greater than our sin! "Father, I do not know how to say it. I have committed many, serious [sins]!". God is greater than all the sins we can commit. God is greater than our sin. Shall we say it together? All together: "God is greater than our sin!". Once again: "God is greater than our sin!". Once more: "God is greater than our sin!". His love is an ocean in which we can immerse ourselves without fear of being overcome: to God forgiving means giving us the

certainty that he never abandons us. Whatever our heart may admonish us, he is still and always greater than everything (cf. 1 Jn 3:20), because God is greater than our sin.

In this sense, whoever prays with this Psalm seeks forgiveness, confesses his sin, but in acknowledging it celebrates the justice and holiness of God. Moreover he asks to be granted grace and mercy. The Psalmist trusts in the goodness of God. He knows that divine goodness is immensely effective, because [God] creates what he says. He does not hide the sin but destroys and blots it out. He blots it out from the very root, not as they do at the dry cleaners' when we take a suit and they remove a stain. No! God blots out our sin from the very root, completely! Therefore the penitent person becomes pure again; every stain is eliminated and now he is whiter than pure snow. We are all sinners. Is this true? If any of you does not feel you are a sinner, raise your hand.... No one. We all are sinners. We sinners, with forgiveness, become new creatures, filled by the spirit and full of joy. Now a new reality begins for us: a new heart, a new spirit, a new life. We, forgiven sinners, who have received divine grace, can even teach others to sin no more. "But Father, I am weak, I fall, I fall". — "If you fall, get up! Stand up!". When a child falls, what does he do? He raises his hand to mom, to dad so they help him to get up. Let us do the same! If out of weakness you fall into sin, raise your hand: the Lord will take it and help you get up. This is the dignity of God's forgiveness! The dignity that God's forgiveness gives us is that of lifting us up, putting us back on our feet, because he created men and woman to stand on their feet.

The Psalmist says:

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. [...]. Then I will teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners will return to thee" (vv. 10, 13).

Dear brothers and sisters, God's forgiveness is what we all need, and it is the greatest sign of his mercy. It is a gift that every forgiven sinner is called to share with every brother and sister he meets. All those whom the Lord has placed beside us, family, friends, coworkers, parishioners... everyone needs, as we do, the mercy of God. It is beautiful to be forgiven, but you too, if you want to be forgiven, forgive in turn. Forgive! May the Lord allow us, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, to be witnesses to his forgiveness, which purifies the heart and transforms life. Thank you.

I greet the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today's Audience, including those from England, Ireland, Norway, Nigeria, Australia, Indonesia, Pakistan and the United States. In the joy of the Risen Lord, I invoke upon you and your families the loving mercy of God our Father. May the Lord bless you all!