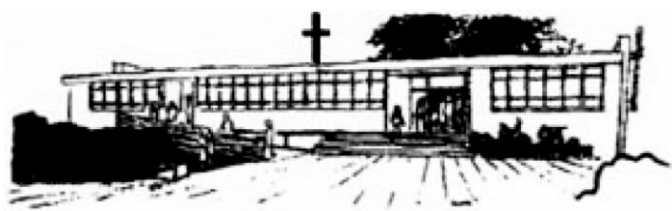


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Please leave a detailed Message

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

10 April 2016, Year C/2



DUCCIO di Buoninsegna  
Appearance on Lake Tiberias (panel 3), 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

Telephone: 4732 3999; Fax: 4731 1432

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

## LITURGY

### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, you will show us the path of life.

**Entrance Antiphon:** Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

#### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

No Mass Intention

#### SUNDAY

8:30am

No Mass Intention

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday:

8:00am

St. Stanislaus

No Mass Intention

Tuesday:

8:00am

3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Easter

No Mass Intention

Wednesday

8:00am

3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Easter

No Mass Intention

Thursday

8:00pm

Bl Peter Gonzalez (St. Elmo)

No Mass Intention

Friday

8:00am

3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Easter

No Mass Intention

Saturday

8:30am

3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

#### ACOLYTES MEETING:

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 10:00am with Fr. Andrew. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

#### 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 APRIL:

**Universal:** That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.

**Evangelization:** That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church.

**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 \$ 726.00

LOOSE: \$ 364.00

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

**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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:**

Relationship enrichment for married couples.

24 - 26 June at Mt. Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville NSW. Bookings online at

[www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or Bill and Ardell Sharpe on 02 4283 3435 or [wsharpe@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wsharpe@bigpond.net.au)



**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.**



**JUBILEE 800** 1216 - 2016  
**ORDER OF PREACHERS**

[www.stjoseph800.org](http://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.

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST:**

If you would like to volunteer to help with our Parish Youth Group on Wednesdays of the school weeks please contact Fr. Andrew or the Parish Office. Help would include: opening Parish Hall 2:30 pm, Supervising signing in and out of young people attending the meetings, preparing afternoon tea, organizing cleaning after the meetings and locking up the Hall approx. 5:30pm.

**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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## CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

### GENERAL AUDIENCE

Vatican City, 6 April 2016 – Following the recent cycle of catechesis of the Wednesday general audience, focusing on God's mercy in the Old Testament, this morning the Holy Father began a reflection on how Jesus brought this to completion. "Jesus makes visible a love that is open to all, without limits. A pure, gratuitous and absolute love. A love that culminates in the Sacrifice of the Cross. The Gospel is truly the 'Gospel of Mercy', because Jesus is mercy".

The four Gospels confirm that Jesus, before commencing His ministry, wished to receive baptism from St. John the Baptist, an event that conveys the orientation of all of Christ's mission. Indeed, He is not presented to the world in the splendour of the temple, although He could have done so, and He is not announced by the sound of trumpets ... and neither does He come in the guise of a judge. Instead, after thirty years of life hidden away in Nazareth, Jesus went to the river Jordan, along with many of His people, and He lined up with the sinners to be baptised. Therefore, from the beginning of His ministry, He presented Himself as the Messiah who takes upon Himself the human condition, moved by solidarity and compassion".

In the synagogue of Nazareth Jesus reaffirms that everything He achieved after baptism was the fulfilment of the initial plan: "to bring to all the love of God Who saves", explained the Pope. The importance of Jesus' gesture is not immediately understood by those who were present on the banks of the River Jordan, but only by the Father, Who declares "'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased'. 'In this way, the Father confirms the path that the Son has undertaken as the Messiah, while the Holy Spirit descends upon Him in the form of a dove. Thus, one might say, Jesus' heart beats in unison with the heart of the Father and of the Spirit, showing all humanity that salvation is the fruit of God's mercy".

On the Cross we may contemplate even more clearly the great mystery of this love. As He is about to die, innocent, for us sinners, He implores the Father, "Forgive them, for they know not what they do". "On the Cross, Jesus presents to God's mercy the sin of the word, and with this all our sins. Nothing and no-one is excluding from this sacrificial prayer of Jesus. This means that we must not fear being recognised as and confessing ourselves as sinners, as every sin was brought to the Cross by the Son. And when we confess and repent, entrusting ourselves to Him, we are sure of being forgiven. The sacrament of Reconciliation restores to everyone the strength of the forgiveness that springs from the Cross and renews in our life the grace of mercy that Jesus obtained for us. We must not fear our miseries: the power of the love of the

Crucified is boundless and endless. And this mercy cancels out our miseries".

In this Jubilee Year, concluded Francis, "let us ask of God the grace to experience the power of the Gospel: the Gospel of mercy that transforms, that makes us enter into God's heart, that makes us capable of forgiving and looking to the future, with greater goodness. If we welcome the Gospel of Christ, crucified and resurrected, all our life will be shaped by the strength of His love that renews"

### NEWS

Vatican City, 3 April 2016 – After celebrating Holy Mass, Pope Francis prayed the Regina Coeli with the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square. Before the Marian prayer, on the day that is "the heart of the Holy Year of Mercy", he recalled all the populations that thirst for reconciliation and peace.

"I think in particular, here in Europe, of the drama of those who suffer the consequences of the violence in Ukraine, of those who remain in lands devastated by hostilities that have already claimed thousands of lives, and of all those, over a million, who have been displaced as a result of the grave ongoing situation there. The affected are primarily the elderly and children. In addition to accompanying them in my constant thought and prayers, I wish to promote humanitarian aid for them. A special collection for this cause will be held in all the Catholic churches throughout Europe on Sunday, April 24. I invite the faithful to participate in this initiative by contributing generously. This gesture of charity, as well as alleviating material suffering, will also express to Ukraine my personal closeness and that of the Church as a whole. I strongly hope that this will promote peace and respect for rights, without further delays, in this sorely-tried land".

"And while we pray for peace", he added, "let us recall that tomorrow will be the United Nations International Day of Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action. Too many people continue to be killed and maimed by these terrible weapons, and brave men and women risk their lives to clear the land of mines. Please, let us renew our commitment to a world without landmines!".

Vatican City, 6 April 2016 – After the catechesis of the general audience, the Pope mentioned that today is the United Nations International Day of Sport for Development and Peace. "Sport is a universal language that brings peoples closer and can contribute to facilitating encounter and overcoming conflicts. I therefore encourage sport to be experienced as a school of virtue in the complete growth of individuals and communities", he said.