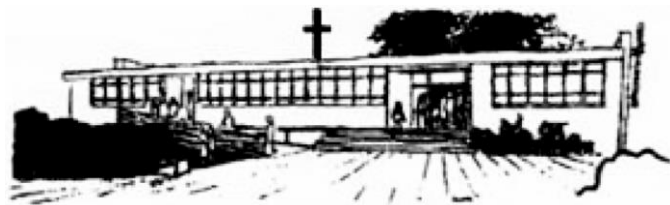


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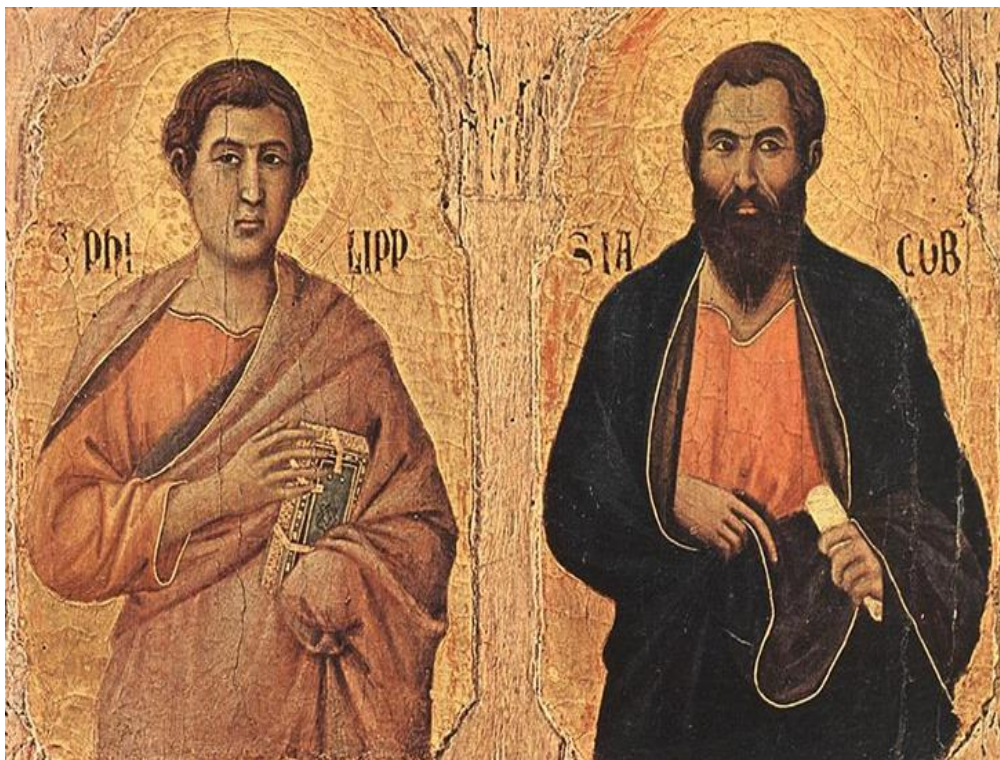
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EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148 (Calls Only)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

28th April 2024, Year B/2



St Philip and St James Icon

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 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

Ms. Jennifer Crowley - Principal

School Office Times

8:30 am - 4:00 pm - Monday to Friday

Address

94 Joseph Street
Kingswood, NSW 2747

Telephone: 4726 4200; **Fax:** 4731 1432

www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am - 2:00pm and Friday: 9:00am - 1:00pm

Address: 12 Richmond Rd, PO Box 39, Kingswood, NSW 2747 Telephone: 02 4721 4080

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for He has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations He has shown His deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise You, Lord, in the assembly of Your people.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Orlando Surace (Deceased's Birthday)

SUNDAY 8:30am

Maxwell & Claudia Peace

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8.00am ST CATHERINE OF SIENA † Thea Schoemaker

Tuesday 8:00am St Pius V Patrician Brothers from Granville

Wednesday 8.00am St Joseph the Worker Michael Holstein (For his Health & Family)

Thursday 8.00am St Athanasius † Salvador Daria Toledo

Friday 8.00am ST PHILIP & ST JAMES For God's Precious Infants

Saturday 8.30am 5th Week of Easter Dec. Mems. of St Vincent de Paul Society

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

For an hour before the 8am Masses during the week and before the 8.30am Masses at the weekend. Confessions are also available during Adoration. Please let the Priest know.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Salvador Daria Toledo

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR: Orlando Surace, Thea Schoemaker, Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2024

First Communion: Sunday 2nd June

Sessions: Sundays after 10am Mass at 11.30am

Confirmation: Sunday 3rd November

Registration & 1st Session: 21st July

POPE FRANCIS' APRIL INTENTIONS

For the Role of Women

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Sr Louisa, Jonathon Ansell, Tony Bogdanovic, Marianne Callaghan, Margaret Colville, Frances Gunn, Maureen van Hoogenvest, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Shayla, Benjamin Santiago, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Cynthia Sulvita, Charley Tonna, David Wakeling, Mary Woodward.

SICK LIST: (Due to privacy laws) If you have anyone for the sick list, 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: \$750**
 Loose: \$890
 Tap & Go: \$230
 Smart Facility: \$370
St Joseph Statue Donations Total: \$5965

TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

All contributions go to the 2nd Collection.

BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday at 9.15am in the Parish Hall. All are most welcome.

PARISH LUNCH

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 8th May at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome.

SRE VOLUNTEERS

We desperately need volunteers to share the Word of God with the children in our schools. On the weekend of 4th/5th May we will be having a recruitment drive for CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) Volunteers. Please visit our table for information, resources and to donate to our ministry.

ST JOSEPH STATUE

There has been a delay in the arrival of our statue of St Joseph. We pray it will be here soon and we will then arrange a date to have it blessed. Thank you for your ongoing donations.

BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

We collected \$1314.60 last weekend. We will have another collection this weekend to make up our quota. We are blessed to have the opportunity to actively contribute to the formation of our future priests as disciples of Jesus and 'fishers of people'. Please be generous.

GRACE & SILENCE RETREAT FOR WOMEN

For single women aged 20 to 40, discerning their vocation in life. From 9.30am to 4.30pm 5th May and 2nd June at Bethany, Mt Schoenstatt, 301 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Cost is \$25 per day. For catering purposes, registrations close a week prior to each event. For details, contact Hannah on 0433 443 384.

PARRAMATTA MEN'S ROSARY

Every 1st Saturday of the month at 10.30am in front of St Patrick's Cathedral.

SHALOM WORLD AUSTRALIA

This weekend Shalom World Australia will give a presentation explaining their forms of media coverage, which include news, prayer and entertainment channels and a magazine.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL NSW

Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW in celebrating Pentecost Eve "Anointing" on Saturday 18th May at Servants of Jesus Centre 15 Park Road Seven Hills for an afternoon of Praise & Worship, Testimonies and Prayer Ministry from 4-7pm hosted by youth from different streams. Booking is essential at <https://www.trybooking.com/CPMXQ?qr=true>
Any inquires: email@ccrnsw.org.au

MISSION ENHANCEMENT SOUL FOOD

The Mission Enhancement Team's Soul Food Podcast features life & faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen for FREE via our website on: www.parracatholic.org/resources/soul-food

HEALING, SIGNS & WONDERS

4th May from 9am to 5pm at 15 Park Road, Seven Hills. Damien Stayne, a Catholic Lay Minister from the UK, has an international ministry of preaching, physical healing and imparting the love of God. See flyer on the noticeboard to register.

CENTRAL EUROPE 2025 WITH FR JOSEPH LAM

You are invited to learn more about the trip at St Finbar's Catholic Parish Hall, Glenbrook at 6.30am on Monday 29th April 2024. Register your interest with June june.rubytravels@gmail.com or 0401 895 998.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding Mandatory Training.

Under the Children's Guardian Act 2019 and the NSW Child Safe Standards **all** volunteers in parishes are required to complete their Safeguarding Training.

Cycle 1 Training – Modules 1-3 – May dates to be announced.

Cycle 2 Training – Modules 4 & 5 – Saturday 27 April at Our Lady of the Way Parish, Emu Plains.

For the direct link to training dates and to register: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Go to <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au> if you would like to complete the modules online.

For any questions please email Maria Kervin, at maria.kervin@parracatholic.org

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE**Wednesday 24th April 2024****Cycle of Catechesis. Vices and Virtues.****16. The Life of Grace According to the Spirit**

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

In recent weeks we have reflected on the cardinal virtues: prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. As we have emphasized several times, these four virtues belong to a very ancient wisdom that predates even Christianity. Even before Christ, honesty was preached as a civic duty, wisdom as the rule for actions, courage as the fundamental ingredient for a life that tends towards the good, and moderation as the necessary measure not to be overwhelmed by excesses. This patrimony of humanity that is so ancient has not been replaced by Christianity, but focused on, enhanced, purified, and integrated in the faith.

There is therefore in the heart of every man and woman the capacity to seek the good. The Holy Spirit is given so that those who receive it can clearly distinguish good from evil, have the strength to adhere to good by shunning evil, and, in so doing, achieve full self-realization.

But in the journey that we are all making towards the fullness of life, which belongs to the destiny of every person – the destiny of each person is to be full of life – the Christian enjoys special assistance from the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Jesus. It is implemented through the gift of three other, distinctly Christian virtues, which are often mentioned together in the New Testament writings and that we often speak of together: faith, hope and charity.

Christian writers soon called them “theological” virtues, insofar as they are received and lived out in relationship with God, to differentiate them from the other four, called “cardinal” insofar as they constitute the “hinge” of a good life. These three are received in Baptism and come from the Holy Spirit. The one and the other, both the theological and the cardinal, put together in so many systematic reflections, have thus composed a wonderful septenary, which is often contrasted with the list of the seven deadly sins. This is how the Catechism of the Catholic Church defines the action of the theological virtues: “the theological virtues are the foundation of Christian moral activity; they animate it and give it its special character. They inform and give life to all the moral virtues. They are infused by God into the souls of the faithful to make them capable of acting as his children and of meriting

eternal life. They are the pledge of the presence and action of the Holy Spirit in the faculties of the human being” (n. 1813).

While the risk of the cardinal virtues is of generating men and women who are heroic in doing good, but all alone, isolated, the great gift of the theological virtues is existence lived in the Holy Spirit. The Christian is never alone. He does good not because of a titanic effort of personal commitment, but because, as a humble disciple, he walks in the footsteps of Jesus, the Master. He goes forward on the way. The Christian has the theological virtues, which are the great antidote to self-sufficiency. How often do certain morally irreproachable men and women run the risk of becoming conceited and arrogant in the eyes of those who know them! It is a danger that the Gospel rightly warns us against, when Jesus advises the disciples: “You too, when you have done all that you have been commanded, say, ‘We are useless servants. We have done what we ought to have done’” (Lk 17:10). Pride is a poison, a powerful poison: a drop of it is enough to spoil a whole life marked by goodness. A person may have performed a mountain of good deeds, may have reaped accolades and praise, but if he has done all this only for himself, to exalt himself, can he still call himself a virtuous person? No!

Good is not only an end, but also a means. Goodness needs a lot of discretion, a lot of kindness. Above all, goodness needs to be stripped of that sometimes too cumbersome presence that is our ego. If we perform every action in life only for ourselves, is this motivation really so important? The poor “I” takes hold of everything and thus pride is born.

To correct all these situations, which sometimes become painful, the theological virtues are of great help. They are especially so in times of falling, because even those with good moral intentions sometimes fall. We all fall in life, because we are all sinners. Just as even those who practice virtue daily sometimes make mistakes; we all make mistakes in life: intelligence is not always clear, will is not always firm, passions are not always governed, courage does not always overcome fear. But if we open our hearts to the Holy Spirit – the Master of the interior life – He revives the theological virtues in us: then, if we have lost confidence, God reopens us to faith; with the strength of the Spirit, if we have lost confidence, God reopens us to faith; if we are discouraged, God awakens hope in us; and if our heart is hardened, God softens it with His love. Thank you.