

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## Third Sunday of Lent

8 March 2015, Year B



BASSANO, Jacopo, The Purification of the Temple  
c. 1580

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

Baptism. Marriage Please contact the Parish Office

### 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:** *Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.*

**Entrance Antiphon:** cf. Ps 24:15-16. 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 Monday of 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent

No Mass Intention

**Tuesday:** 8:00am Tuesday of 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent

No Mass Intention

**Wednesday** 8:00am Wednesday of 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent

No Mass Intention

**Thursday** 8:00am Thursday of 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent

Dec. Members of CWL

**Friday** 8:00am Friday of 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent

No Mass Intention

**Saturday** 8:30am Saturday of 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

Fr. Andrew will anoint personally if the need arises. Please see Father to arrange an anointing.

#### RECENTLY DECEASED:

**DECEASED ANNIVERSARY: Members of St. Vincent de Paul and Catholic Women's League.**

#### ROSARY AND BENEDICTION:

Saturday at 5.15pm

#### ROSARY STATUE:

**Grenville & Shirley Satur - 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

#### 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.

**For 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, Lawrence Devitt, Dianne Devitt, John McCahon, Allan 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, Jack and Stella Kane, Janet Boreham & George Colville.

**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 ENVELOPES:** BANKED \$1019.00

### **DONATIONS AND FUND-RAISING:**

#### **PA SYSTEM PROJECT:**

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS BANKED \$17.15

TOTAL DONATIONS: \$.4966.75

### **SUNDAY MORNING CUPPA:**

AFTER 10:00AM MASS:

### **SKY YOUTH GROUP:**

Wednesday 3:00 pm- 5:00 pm in Parish Hall.

### **FIRST RECONCILIATION:**

Registration: 15 February 2015

Reconciliation: 28 March 2015, 9:00 am

### **FIRST COMMUNION:**

Registration: 19 April 2015

First Communion: 7 June 2015, 10:00 am

### **CONFIRMATION:**

Registration: 14 June 2015

Confirmation: 1 October 2015, 7:00 pm

### **FRIDAYS OF LENT:**

6:15 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

### **DWF COLLECTION:**

Our DWF collection for works of our Diocese.

Our goal for this quarter is: \$2,769.00

So far we collected: \$ 2231.05

Thank you for your generosity!

We are currently updating our parish records at St. Joseph's and would appreciate if you could fill in your details (forms are at the back of the Church) and hand it over to the church/parish office

**ALL PIOUS STALL ITEMS WILL BE HALF PRICE UNTIL ALL STOCK IS SOLD.**

### **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.

In these groups we: Pray, Study the Bible, have a Teaching, Reflect & Share our Faith. You are most welcome to join us at any of these groups.

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S WEEK MARCH 8-14**

Dioceses across NSW and the ACT are joining together to celebrate the theme for CSW 2015, which is 'Educating for Today and Tomorrow'.

This ties in with the 50th anniversary of the Declaration on Christian Education,

'Gravissimum Educationis'

Catholic schools enrol about 20 per cent of Australian school students. There are 622

Catholic primary and secondary schools across NSW and the ACT, providing high quality education in a faith-centred environment.

Catholic Schools Week is about strengthening relationships between all those that have a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community– by showcasing what happens in our schools every day.

### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:**

Monthly Meeting Thursday 12th March at 9:00am in the Parish Hall. New members very welcome.

**S.V.D.P. SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2015.** Number of Families assisted 39, visits made 49, assistance with Electricity \$2,500.00, assistance with Water \$Nil, Phone assistance \$250.00, Food Vouchers \$1680.00. Other \$30.00, Medical \$76.00. Voluntary Hours 14:3 hours.

*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.*

## PAPAL ADDRESSES

**General audience: awaken a collective sense of gratitude towards grandparents and the elderly**

Vatican City, 4 March 2015 (VIS) – Grandparents were the focus of this Wednesday's general audience in St. Peter's Square. Continuing his catechesis on the family, today the Pope considered the difficult current situation faced by the elderly, commenting that next week he will present a more positive view of the vocation that corresponds to this stage in life.

Thanks to advances in medical care, the Holy Father observed, life expectancy has increased and there is a far greater number of elderly people, but nevertheless society has not adapted to this change, and has not responded by creating space for them, with the respect and consideration their fragility and dignity demand. "When we are young, we are induced to ignore old age, as if it were an illness to keep at bay; however, once we become old, especially if we are poor, ill and alone, we experience the gaps in a society programmed for efficiency, which as a consequence ignores the elderly".

He recalled the words of Benedict XVI during his visit to a residential home for the elderly: "The quality of a society ... is also judged by how it treats elderly people and by the place it gives them in community life", and exclaimed, "A civilisation can sustain itself if it respects wisdom, the wisdom of the elderly. On the contrary, a civilisation in which there is no place for the elderly or in which they are discarded because they create problems ... carries the virus of death".

He continued, "In the west, scholars present the current century as 'the century of old age: there are fewer children and an increase in elderly people. This imbalance is a great challenge to contemporary society. And yet, a certain culture of profit insists on making the elderly appear to be a burden, an extra weight. They are not only unproductive; they are an encumbrance, and are to be discarded. And discarding them is sinful. We do not dare to say this openly, but it happens. There is something cowardly in this inurement to throwaway culture. We want to remove our growing fear of weakness and vulnerability, but in this way we increase in the elderly the anguish of being inadequately supported and abandoned".

Francis recalled that during his ministry in Buenos Aires he had first hand experience of these problems. "The elderly are abandoned, and not only to material precariousness. They are abandoned as a result of

our selfish inability to accept their limits, which reflect our own limits, in the many difficulties that they must overcome nowadays to survive in a civilization that does not allow them to participate, to have their say, or to be referents according to a consumerist model in which 'only the young can be useful and can enjoy themselves'. The elderly should instead be, for all of society, the reserve of wisdom of our population. How easy it is for our conscience to slumber when there is no love".

In the tradition of the Church, there is "a legacy of wisdom that has always promoted a culture of closeness to the elderly, a willingness to provide affectionate and supportive accompaniment in this final stage of life. This tradition is rooted in the Sacred Scripture". Therefore, "the Church cannot and does not wish to conform to a mentality of impatience, far less indifference and disdain, with regard to old age. We must reawaken our collective sense of gratitude, appreciation and hospitality that enable the elderly to feel like a living part of the community. The elderly are men and women, mothers and fathers who have walked the same road before us, in the same house, in our everyday struggle for a dignified life. They are men and women from whom we have received much. The elderly person is not an alien. We are the elderly: sooner or later but in any case inevitably, even if we do not think about it".

"We are all a little fragile, the elderly", he continued. "Some, however, are particularly weak, many are alone, and affected by illness. Some depend on the indispensable care and attention of others. Will we take a step back for this? Will we abandon them to their fate? A society without closeness, in which gratuitousness and selfless affection – even among strangers – are disappearing, is a perverse society. The Church, faithful to the Word of God, cannot tolerate these degenerations. A Christian community in which closeness and gratuitousness are no longer considered indispensable, would lose its soul with this. Where there is no honour to the elderly, there is no future for the young".

## NEWS

Vatican City, 4 March 2015 (VIS) – The Pope, before general audience, received in the Paul VI Hall the seventy prelates from thirty-five countries attending the 38th Congress of Bishop Friends of the Focolare Movement. The theme of the congress is "Eucharist, mystery of communion".