

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Parish Priest

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Please leave a detailed Message

Fourth Sunday of Lent

15 March 2015, Year B



ANGELICO, Fra, Entombment
1438-40

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: Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Entrance Antiphon: CF. Isa 66:10-11. Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

No Mass Intention

SUNDAY 8:30am

Fay Durbidge

10:00am

For The Parish

Monday: 8:00am Monday of 4th Week of Lent

No Mass Intention

Tuesday: 8:00am ST. PATRICK

No Mass Intention

Wednesday 8:00am Wednesday of 4th Week of Lent

No Mass Intention

Thursday 8:00am ST. JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY

No Mass Intention

Friday 8:00am Friday of 4th Week of Lent

No Mass Intention

Saturday 8:30am Saturday of 4th 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: Rita Saliba, Fay Durbidge

ROSARY AND BENEDICTION:

Saturday at 5.15pm

ROSARY STATUE:

Grenville & Shirley Satur - 15th March 2015

Pat & Ken Fleming - 22nd March 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, Romanie & Roland Oliveux, 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 \$938.05

**DONATIONS AND FUND-RAISING:
PA SYSTEM PROJECT:**

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS BANKED \$

TOTAL DONATIONS: \$4966.75

SKY YOUTH GROUP:

Wednesday 3:00 pm- 5:00 pm in the 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

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.

DWF APPEAL: Our quota of \$2,769.00 was met. Thank you for your kind donations.

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

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR THE EASTER:

Any parishioner who would like to sing with the choir for any/all of the Easter Liturgies, we practice each Saturday morning following the 8.30am Mass. It would be wonderful to have a full choir to lead the congregation during this special time, beginning with Palm Sunday. If you have any queries please speak to Anna or Rubina or just come along and join us.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Holy Thursday 2nd April 2015
Mass of the Lord's Prayer 7:00pm

Good Friday 3rd April 2015
Stations of the Cross 10:00am

Good Friday 3rd April 2014
Celebrations of the Lord's Passion 3:00pm

Holy Saturday 4th April 2015
Easter Vigil 8:00pm

Easter Sunday 5th April 2015
Masses 8:30am, 10:00am
Polish Mass 12:00pm

INSTITUTE FOR MISSION

LIFE & FAITH: Lenten mini-retreat.

Open to all adults, including young adults. Make sure to invite someone, Catholic or not, who could use some time out with you.

Wednesday 25th March. 7:30pm. Holy Spirit, St. Clair.

SmartLoving Workshop.

Sacred Heart Parish, Luddenham/Warragamba is hosting a SmartLoving Workshop on Sunday 22nd March, 2 – 5pm. Holy Family School Hall, 32 Willowdene Avenue, Luddenham
For more information and Bookings, please call Jess 02 9319 6280

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

Vatican City, 11 March 2015 (VIS) – The value and importance of grandparents in the family was the theme of Pope Francis' catechesis during this Wednesday's general audience in St. Peter's Square.

Firstly, Francis affirmed that he was able to identify with grandparents as he is of the same age. "When I was in the Philippines, the people called me 'Lolo Kiko', or rather, 'Grandpa Francis'", he said, emphasising that although society tends to reject the elderly, the Lord does not: on the contrary, He calls us to follow Him in all stages of life as old age too "contains a grace and a mission, a true vocation".

"However, it is not yet the time to 'set down our oars'", he said. "This period of life is different to those that preceded it, without doubt; we must also reinvent it a little since our societies are not yet ready spiritually or morally to accord it its full value. Previously, in fact, it was not normal to have so much free time; today far more so. And even Christian spirituality has been taken a little by surprise, and has had to delineate a spirituality for the elderly. But thanks to God there is no lack of testimonies from elderly saints!".

The Pope gave the example of the elderly Simeon and Anna, who awaited the arrival of Jesus in the temple for many years, and who were resigned to dying before seeing Him, even though that long wait had occupied all their lives and had been their most important commitment. However, when Mary and Joseph arrived in the Temple in compliance with the Law, the burdens of age and their long wait disappeared in an instant. "They recognised the Child, and discovered a new strength, for a new task: to give thanks and to bear witness to this Sign of God. Simeon improvised a beautiful hymn of jubilation and Anna became Jesus' first preacher, as Luke tells us in his Gospel: she began 'to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem'".

"Dear grandparents, dearly elderly", exclaimed the Pope, "let us follow in the wake of these extraordinary old people! Let us too become poets of prayer: let us acquire the taste for seeking new words, reappropriating those that the Word of God teaches us. The prayer of grandparents and the elderly is a great gift for the Church. It is a great injection of wisdom for all society, especially for those who are too busy, too encumbered, too distracted. Someone has to sing the signs of God for these people too, to proclaim the signs of God.

Let us look at Benedict XVI, who has chosen to spend the final part of his life in prayer and in listening to God. Olivier Clement, a great believer from the last century, of Orthodox tradition, said, "A civilisation where one does not pray is a civilisation in which old age no longer has any meaning. And this is terrifying: more than anything we need the elderly who pray, because old age was given to us for this".

"We are able to thank the Lord for the favours received, and fill the emptiness of ingratitude that surrounds us. We can intercede for the expectations of the new generations and give dignity to the memory and sacrifices of those past. We can remind the ambitious young that a life without love is arid. We can say to the fearful young that anguish about the future can be defeated. We can teach the young who are too wrapped up in themselves that there is more joy in giving than in receiving. Grandparents form the permanent 'choir' of a great spiritual shrine, where prayer of supplication and hymns of praise support the community that works and struggles in the field of life".

Likewise, "prayer incessantly purifies the heart. Praise and supplication to God prevent the hardening of the heart in resentment and selfishness. How sad it is to see the cynicism of an elderly person who has lost the sense of his or her own testimony, who is disdainful towards the young and does not communicate the wisdom of a lifetime! Instead, it is beautiful to see the encouragement that an elderly person is able to transmit to the young in search of the meaning of faith and life. It is truly the mission of grandparents, the vocation of the elderly. The words of the elderly hold something special for the young. And they know this. The words my grandmother wrote to me on the day of my priestly ordination I still carry with me now, in my breviary; I often read them and this does me good".

"How I would like to see a Church that challenges the throwaway culture with the superabundant joy of a new embrace between the young and the elderly! And this is what I ask of the Lord today: this embrace", concluded the Holy Father.

NEWS

The Prefecture of the Papal Household has announced today that on 2 April, Holy Thursday, Pope Francis will visit the Rebibbia New Complex Prison to meet with detainees.