



# St Kieran's Parish – Osborne Park

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C  
Father's Day – 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING:

Wisdom 9:13–18

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17

Response: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

### SECOND READING:

Philemon 9–10, 12–17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you,

to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So, if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 118:135

Alléluia, alléluia !

Let your face shine on your servant and teach me your laws.

Alléluia !

### GOSPEL:

Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way, and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So, in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PARISH SCHEDULE	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
8:00am	Mass
6:30pm	Mass
7:30pm	Mass (longer liturgy)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	
8.00am	Mass
9:00am	Mass
10:15am	Mass (Italian)
11.15am	Mass (Brazilian-every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	
8:00am	Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
8:00am	Mass
<b>THURSDAY</b>	
7:30am	Adoration
8:00am	Mass
<b>FRIDAY</b>	
8:00am	Mass
<b>BAPTISM</b>	
1 <sup>ST</sup> & 3 <sup>RD</sup> Sunday	11:15am/During any mass Or by appointment
<b>CONFESSION</b>	
Saturday 8:20am & 6:00pm/ by appointment	
<b>WEDDINGS &amp; FUNERALS</b>	
By appointment	
<b>PARISH CONTACTS</b>	
Parish Priests	Fr. Wilson Donizzetti Fr. Oscar Aguilera Fr. Gionata Pagani
Parish Co-ordinator	Judith Tresham
Parish Secretary	Margaret Leonard Pat Richards
Safeguarding Officer	Rose Arto
Parish Hall bookings	Judith: 0437908793
<b>PARISH OFFICE HOURS</b>	
Monday & Wednesday	Closed
Tuesday	8.30am - 12.30pm
Thursday	12.30pm – 4:00pm
Friday	10.00am – 2:30pm
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MASS INTENTIONS		
Sat	6:30pm	Luciano Cattaruzza (1year) Coral Kerr Dante & Domenico Lombardo, Calogero Letizia Carlo & Dorina (15th Wedding Anniv)
	7:30pm	
Sun	8:00am	
	9.00am	Anna Lenzo (1mth) Giuseppe Topini (1mth) Charles & Yvette Richards Judy Mobbs (Thanksgiving)
	10:15am	
	11:15am	
READERS		
Sat	6:30pm	Adriano Sanzone
	7:30pm	Neocatechumenal Way
Sun	8.00am	Anne & Greg Diamond
	9:00am	Josefa Hazebroek & Zoran Vukojevic
	10:15am	Italian Mass
	11:15am	Brazilian Mass (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month)
SERVERS/ACOLYTE		
Sat	6:30pm	Izzy, Elyssa, Emma, Alexandra, Carlos & Chloe <b>Brad</b>
	7:30pm	
Sun	8:00am	Joseph, Jonathan & Gebriel
	9:00am	Abigail, Ahinsa, Grace, Luke & Tess <b>Eugene, Pedro &amp; Brendon</b>
	10:15am	<b>Giovanni</b>
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		
Sun	9.00am	Josie & Maria

#### YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR PARISH

Our Plan-giving is an essential part of the parish financial needs. Talk to either Phil, Eugene or Judith Tresham to know more about it and be part of our plan-giving. You can either contribute weekly or monthly through our parish online accounts. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

*Thank you!*

# What It Means to Love God

Only God will satisfy a heart like David's. And David was a man after God's own heart. That's the way we were created to be. This is the essence of what it means to love God: to be satisfied in him. In him — not just his gifts, but God himself, as the glorious person that he is! Loving God will include *obeying* all his commands; it will include *believing* all his word; it will include *thanking* him for all his gifts. But all that is overflow. The essence of loving God is admiring and *enjoying* all he is. And it is this enjoyment of God that makes all our other responses truly glorifying to him. We all know this intuitively as well as from Scripture. Do we feel most honoured by the love of those who serve us from the constraints of duty, or from the delights of fellowship? My wife is most honoured when I say, "It makes me happy to spend time with you." My happiness is the echo of her excellence. And so, it is with God. He is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in him. None of us has arrived at perfect satisfaction in God. I grieve often over the murmuring of my heart when I lose some earthly comfort or convenience. But I have tasted that the Lord is good. By God's grace I now know the fountain of everlasting joy. And so I love to spend my days luring people into joy until they say with me, "One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple" (Ps 27:4).



## Congratulations Father Oscar on Your 20th Anniversary as a Priest!

On behalf of the entire St Kieran community, we extend our deepest gratitude and warmest congratulations to you, Father Oscar, as you celebrate 20 years of faithful service in the priesthood. Your unwavering dedication, compassion, and spiritual leadership have been a guiding light to so many. Through your words, actions, and presence, you have nurtured our parish with love, wisdom, and strength. You have walked with us in times of joy and sorrow, always offering comfort, hope, and encouragement. Thank you for the countless ways you have supported and uplifted our community. May God continue to bless you abundantly in your ministry and may the next chapter of your journey be filled with peace, joy, and continued inspiration.

With heartfelt appreciation and love,  
**Fr. Wilson / St Kieran Community**

## PARISH EVENTS

If you are unable to attend mass due to ill health and would like to receive communion at home, please contact **Eugene Tresham** on **0420 936 988** to arrange.

### Thank You to All Who Helped Build the New St Joseph's Chapel

With grateful hearts, we extend our deepest thanks to each and every one of you who contributed to the building of our new St Joseph's Chapel. Whether through your time, talents, prayers, or generous support, your dedication has made this sacred space a reality. This chapel stands as a testament to the faith, unity, and love that define our community. It is more than just tiles, bricks and mortar—it is a place where hearts will be lifted, prayers will be shared, and God's presence will be felt for generations to come. May St Joseph continue to guide and bless all who enter this holy place, and may your kindness and commitment be richly rewarded. With sincere appreciation,  
**Fr. Wilson / Osborne Park Parish – St Kieran**

### Celebrations- Sunday 7th September 2025

Vicar General visiting St Kieran Parish for Blessing of St Joseph Statue.

Opening of St Joseph Chapel.

Rev Fr Oscar- 20th anniversary priesthood.

Father's Day

Finally, completion of our Hall Kitchen Renovation.

### Mass Celebration for the Birth of Mother Mary- Monday 8th September 2025

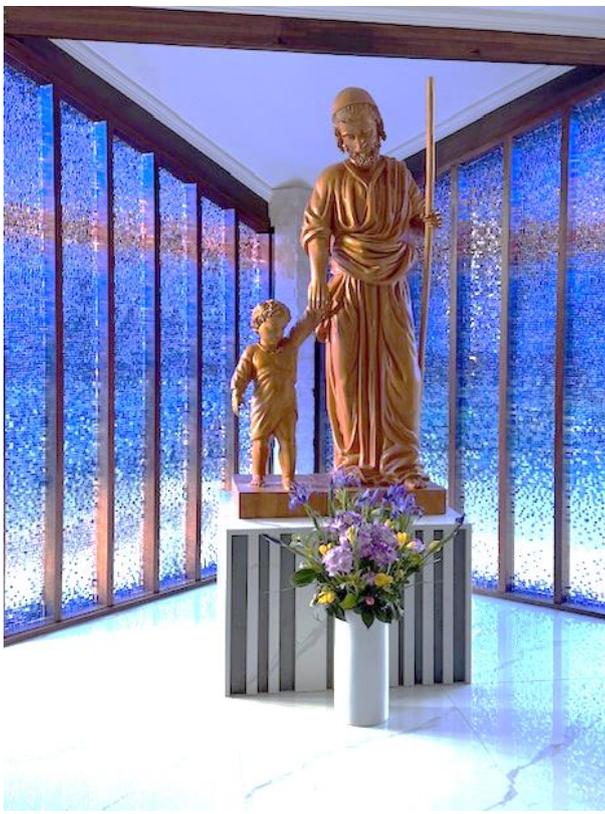
To celebrate this feast day, there will be an 8am Mass at St Kieran Church.

### Special Parish Morning Tea on Sunday 14th September 2025.

In remembrance of our parishioner Osmund Perera, a special morning tea will be held on Sunday 14th September after the 9am mass. Parishioners are invited to join this special morning tea to celebrate the life of Osmund.

### Very Rev Fr Vincent Glynn.

We extend our warmest gratitude to the Vicar General for joining us on this special occasion to bless the statue of St Joseph and officially open the St Joseph Chapel. Your presence and prayers brought deep meaning to the day, and we are truly thankful for the reverence and care shown in helping us honour St Joseph. The newly blessed statue and chapel now offer our parish a sacred space for peace, reflection, and devotion. May St Joseph continue to guide and protect our community.



### St Joseph spouse, father protector and saint

It is a curious thing, is it not, that the greatest male saint in all the history of the Church was not a bishop, nor a prophet, nor a warrior, but a husband, a layman, and a simple worker with calloused hands. That alone should give us pause. For Joseph stands as a universal figure—accessible to all precisely because he is ordinary. In him, the extraordinary hides itself in the folds of the common, as God so often chooses to do. Now, the Gospels tell us very little of him. In fact, not a single word of Joseph is recorded. He is silent. But his silence is not emptiness; it is the silence of one who listens, and in listening, obeys. He does not blaze forth with speeches or mighty deeds. Instead, like the best of saints, he disappears into the mission entrusted to him. Saints are not those who press themselves into the spotlight, but those who let the light of Another shine through them. Joseph is that saint par excellence. A man betrothed yet confronted with the most bewildering of mysteries—that his bride is with child, and he is not the father. By the measure of Mosaic Law, the outcome is grim, and Joseph knows it. But he does not press the Law to its cruel conclusion. Instead, he chooses mercy, intending to release Mary quietly, to spare her the fate of shame and death. Here, in Joseph, we see

righteousness married to compassion. In him, justice and mercy meet and kiss. He embodies that delicate balance which is the very heartbeat of God. Yet there is another dimension to this man. He is a dreamer. God speaks to him not in the thunder of Sinai but in the quiet murmur of dreams. And Joseph listens. Dreams in the Scriptures are never mere flights of fancy—they are the whispers of Heaven, openings into a deeper perception of reality. Think of Jacob and his ladder, or Joseph of Egypt, or Daniel in Babylon. Dreams are the language of those who dare to imagine new possibilities, who are open to what the world calls impossible. Joseph is one such man. He listens to dreams—and he obeys them. And what a mission those dreams unveil! He must protect Mary and her Child—the two most important persons in the whole history of salvation. He must guide them into Egypt, then back to Nazareth, shielding them from Herod's murderous rage. The weight of the world—indeed, the safety of the Savior Himself—rests upon his quiet vigilance. And in this task, Joseph becomes not only guardian of the Holy Family but protector of the whole Church, the mystical Body of Christ. Small wonder the Church calls him the patron of the universal Church. What then do we learn from this silent man? That true fatherhood is not mere biology but steadfast love, vigilance, and sacrifice. Joseph's fatherhood mirrors the very heart of God the Father—unfailing, steadfast, protective. As spouse, he reflects fidelity, peace, and a love that does not shout but endures. His strength is quiet; his obedience is unflinching; his love is selfless. And in all these, Joseph shows us the peculiar grandeur of holiness—that greatness is not in making much of oneself, but in giving oneself away for those entrusted to one's care. Thus St. Joseph, without words, preaches one of the most eloquent sermons in the history of the Church. His life tells us that sanctity is found not in the extraordinary deed, but in the extraordinary faithfulness to ordinary duties. And that, perhaps, is why he appeals to us all—husbands and workers, dreamers and protectors alike.