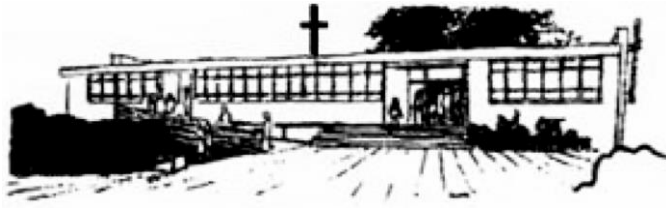


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

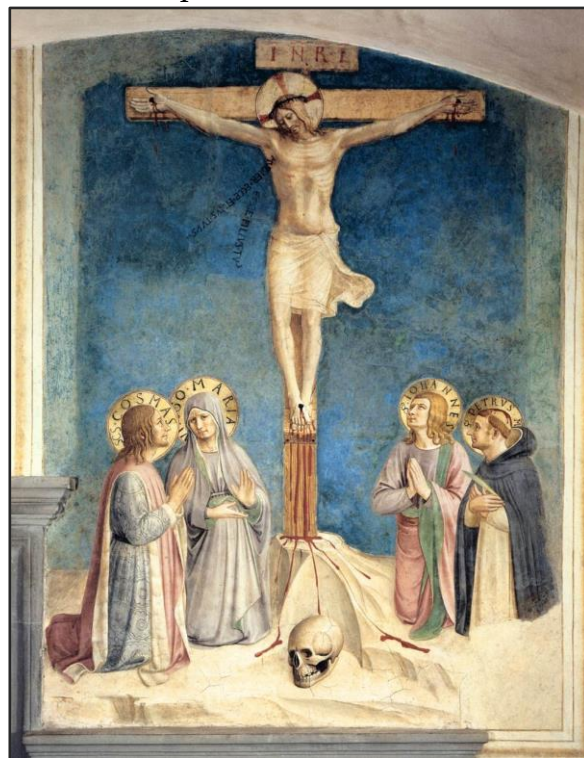
Assistant Priest

Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12th September 2021, Year B/1



Fra Angelico - Crucifixion (Cell 38) 1441 and 1442

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

Mrs. Patricia Reilly – Principal

School Office Times

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

Address

94 Joseph Street
Kingswood, NSW 2747

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

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am – 2:00pm and Friday: 9.00am – 1:00pm

Address: 12 Richmond Road, PO Box 39, Kingswood, NSW 2747 Telephone: 02 4721 4080; Fax: 02 4721 0089

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord to those who wait for you, that Your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of Your servant, and of Your people Israel.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9

Responsorial Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Second Reading: James 2:14-18

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Colin O'Flynn (Recently Deceased)
SUNDAY	8:30am		Colin O'Flynn (Recently Deceased)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	St John Chrysostom	Norm McLaurin (Deceased Ann.)
Tuesday	8:00am	EXULTATION OF THE CROSS	Klemens & Thea Blazek (Dec. Ann.)
Wednesday	8.00am	Our Lady of Sorrows	Noel John (Deceased Ann.)
Thursday	8.00am	St Cornelius & St Cyprian	Alina Zawadzki, Klemens & Thea Blazek
Friday	8.00am	24th Week Ordinary Time	Sateniq Kherlakian (Deceased Ann.)
Saturday	8.30am	St Juan Macias	Tomas Belderol (Deceased Ann.)

LIVE STREAM OF MASSES

All Masses are being livestreamed at present, while we experience lockdown.
Please visit us at: <http://stjosephskingswood.org/>

RECENTLY DECEASED: Colin O'Flynn, Noel Rice

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES: Norm McLaurin, Noel John, Alina Zawadzki, Klemens & Thea Blazek, Sateniq Kherlakian, Tomas Belderol

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2021

Confirmation: Sunday 7th November

Sessions: Sundays at 11.30am via Zoom

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I long for You in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart
as though You have already come.
I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

POPE FRANCIS' SEPTEMBER INTENTION

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Zig Barglik, Joseph Brady, Joy Cavanagh, Kevin Collins, Margaret Colville, Katalin Domotor, Marie Donaldson, Frances Gunn, Nora Hehir, Andrew Isbitzki, Jason Isbitzki, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Shayla, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Margaretha Sultana, Barbara Thompson, Kelly Tonna.

SICK LIST: Due to privacy laws, if you have anyone for the sick list, please 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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$480**
 Loose: \$115
 Tap & Go: \$20

TAP AND GO DONATION FACILITY

Tap once to donate \$10; tap twice to donate \$20 etc. up to \$150. All contributions go to the 2nd Collection.

PARISH DONATIONS

For online donations using your credit/debit card please visit the payment link on our parish website <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/StJosephsCatholicChurchKingswood>

If you wish to donate by electronic bank deposit (EFT) please note our bank details below:

2nd Collection and Parish Donations

BSB: 067 950
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 00000396
ACCOUNT NAME: KINGSWOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH
REFERENCE: (Initial & surname/Envelope number)

1st Collection (To Support the Priests of the Diocese)

BSB: 067 950
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 00004265
ACCOUNT NAME: PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN CLERGY
REFERENCE: 6019 St Joseph's (Your name)

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY – 12TH SEPTEMBER

The Parish of St Joseph's and the Diocese of Parramatta are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday

BISHOP'S FATHERS DAY APPEAL

Thank you for caring for our retired clergy with such generosity. We have raised about \$60,000, about a third of our target. Donations for this appeal are still most welcome at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal

AFGHANISTAN REFUGEES

Major Australian church denominations and Christian organisations have come together to urge the Prime Minister to provide a special intake of an additional 20,000 refugees fleeing Afghanistan and support the ongoing wellbeing of all Afghan refugees and their families. To sign the petition go to www.unitedforafghanistan.com/?partner=diocesepararamatta

A NEW CHURCH FOR ST JOSEPH'S

In this, the Year of St Joseph, our Patron Saint, and having celebrated the 50th Anniversary of our Parish, let's communicate and consider the advantages of having a new Church here at St Joseph's and how we can make it possible.

Please feel free to give your thoughts and opinions on the Survey, which is available on the Parish website. St Joseph pray for us.

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY ENROLMENTS 2022

Please contact the School Office on 4726 4200 for information on enrolment for next year.

'THE WELL' OFFERS SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT DURING LOCKDOWN

Need some inspiration and spiritual encouragement during lockdown? Why not check out The Well? The Diocese's 'on demand' streaming site has a ton of video and prayer resources for you to explore and engage with during this difficult time. Check it out on www.thewell.org.au

NO PRIVATE PRAYER OR MASS BOOKINGS

From Friday 25th June no public Masses have been permitted and this will continue until lockdown is lifted.

When the Lockdown has been lifted, everyone coming to St Joseph's will be required to use the QR Code before entering the Church, Office, Hall or Parish Centre. This will include those attending Masses or Private Prayer in the Church and any Volunteers working in the Parish.

If you do not have a phone, please contact the Usher or the Parish Office to enter your details electronically.

Registered Bookings will continue to be taken, but to be assured of a place in the Church please be on time, as your place is only valid until Mass starts, at which time others who arrive early and have not registered will be entitled to your place in the Church.

**NOTICE FROM PARRAMATTA DIOCESE
DUE TO COVID-19, PUBLIC MASSES
AND CHURCH BUILDINGS ARE
CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
CHURCHES ARE NOT BEING CLOSED.
BUILDINGS ARE BEING CLOSED.
YOU ARE THE CHURCH!
YOU ARE TO REMAIN OPEN.**

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS GENERAL AUDIENCE

Galatians: 7. Foolish Galatians

Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

We continue the explanation of the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians. What we are studying is what Saint Paul says in a very serious conflict with the Galatians. And it is also the Word of God, because it entered the Bible. They are not things that someone makes up. It is something that happened in that time and which can repeat itself. This is simply a catechesis on the Word of God expressed in the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians. In the previous catechesis we saw how Paul shows the first Christians of Galatia how dangerous it is to leave the path they have started to travel by welcoming the Gospel. Indeed, the risk is that of giving in to formalism, which is one of the temptations that leads to hypocrisy. Giving in to formalism, and denying the new dignity they have received: the dignity of those redeemed by Christ. So far, Paul has spoken of his life and his vocation: of how God's grace has transformed his existence, placing it completely at the service of evangelisation. At this point, he directly challenges the Galatians: he places before them the choices they have made and their current condition, which could nullify the experience of grace they have lived.

And the terms the Apostle uses to address the Galatians are certainly not courteous. In the other Letters it is easy to find the expressions such as "Brothers" or "dear friends"; here no, because he is angry. He says "Galatians" generically and on two occasions calls them "foolish", which is not a polite term. He does so not because they are not intelligent, but because, almost without realizing it, they risk losing the faith in Christ that they have received with so much enthusiasm. They are foolish because they are unaware that the danger is that of losing the valuable treasure, the beauty, of the newness of Christ. The Apostle's wonder and sadness are clear. Not without bitterness, he provokes those Christians into remembering his first proclamation, with which he offered them the possibility of attaining a new, hitherto unhopd-for freedom.

Paul poses questions to the Galatians, with the intention of shaking up their consciences. They are rhetorical questions, because the Galatians are well aware that their coming to faith in Christ is the fruit of the grace received through the preaching of the Gospel. He takes them back to the starting point of the Christian vocation. The word they had heard from Paul focused on God's love, fully manifested in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Paul could not have found a more convincing expression of what he had probably repeated to them several times in his preaching: "It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I

now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me" (*Gal 2: 20*). Paul did not want to know other than the crucified Christ (cf. *1 Cor 2: 2*). Paul's intention is to compel Christians to realise what is at stake, so they do not allow themselves to be enchanted by the voice of the sirens who want to lead them to a religiosity based solely on the scrupulous observance of precepts.

The Galatians understood what Paul was referring to. They had experience of the action of the Holy Spirit in their communities: as in the other Churches, charity and the various charisms had manifested themselves among them too. What they had experienced was the fruit of the newness of the Spirit. At the beginning of their coming to faith, was the initiative of God, not of men. The Holy Spirit had been the agent of their experience; to put Him in the background now in order to give primacy to their own works would be foolhardy. Holiness comes from the Holy Spirit and is the gratuitousness of redemption by Jesus: this justifies us.

Saint Paul invites us to reflect how we live our faith? Does the love of Christ, crucified and risen again, remain at the centre of our life as the wellspring of salvation? Are we attached to the precious treasure of Christ, or do we prefer something that attracts us momentarily but then leaves us empty inside? Let us keep the certainty that, even when we are tempted to turn away, God still continues to bestow His gifts. Throughout history, even today, things happen that resemble what happened to the Galatians. People come and say, "Holiness is in these precepts, in these things, you must do this and that", and propose an inflexible religiosity that takes away from us that freedom in the Spirit that Christ's redemption gives us. Beware of the rigidity they propose. Behind every inflexibility there is something bad, which is not the Spirit of God. And for this reason, this Letter will help us not to listen to these fundamentalist proposals that set us back in our spiritual life and will help us go ahead in the paschal vocation of Jesus. This is what the Apostle reiterates to the Galatians when he reminds them that the Father "supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you" (3:5). He speaks in the present tense, he does not say "the Father has supplied you with the Spirit", no: he says – "supplies"; he does not say, "has worked", he says "works". God does not abandon us but rather abides with us in His merciful love. He is like that father who went up onto the terrace every day to see if his son was returning: the love of the Father never tires of us. Let us ask for the wisdom always to be aware of this reality, and to turn away the fundamentalists who propose to us a life of artificial asceticism, far removed from the resurrection of Christ. Asceticism is necessary, but wise asceticism, not artificial.