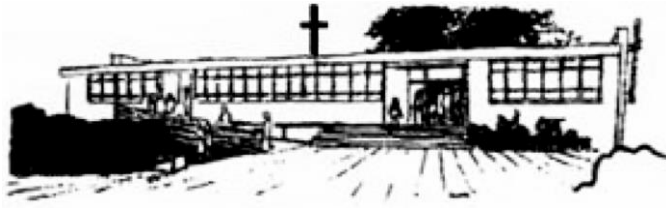


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

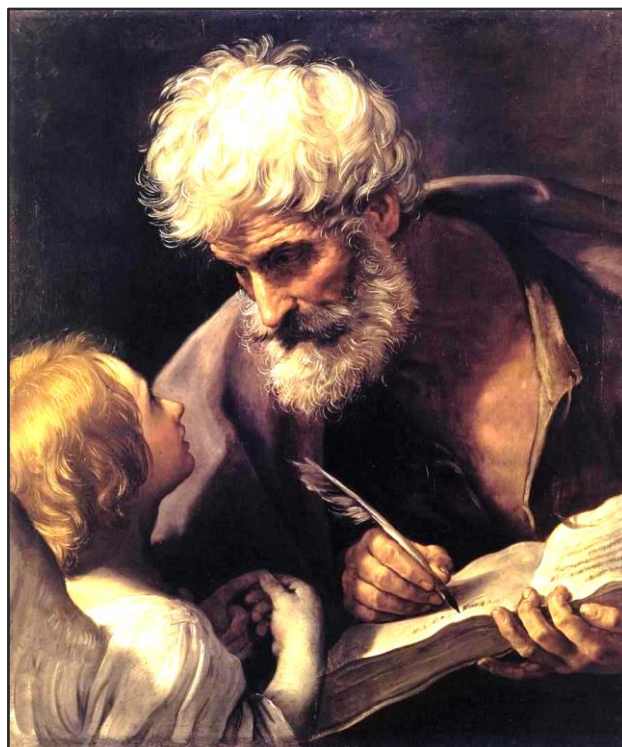
Assistant Priest

Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19th September 2021, Year B/1



Guido Reni, St Matthew and the Angel (1635-1640)

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: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to Me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord upholds my life.

Second Reading: James 3:16 – 4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Birthday Blessings for Aloma
SUNDAY	8:30am		Colin O'Flynn (Recently Deceased)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	St Andrew Kim Taegon, St Paul Chong Hasang & Companions	Anna Blazek (Deceased Ann.)
Tuesday	8:00am	ST MATTHEW	Fr Andrew (Birthday Blessings)
Wednesday	8.00am	25th Week Ordinary Time	Colin O'Flynn (Recently Deceased)
Thursday	8.00am	St Pius of Pietrelcina	Colin O'Flynn (Recently Deceased)
Friday	8.00am	25th Week Ordinary Time	For the Intentions of the Donor
Saturday	8.30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary	For the Intentions of the Donor

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: Anna Blazek

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.

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.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2021

Confirmation: Sunday 7th November
Sessions: Sundays at 11.30am via Zoom

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.

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PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$1243**
 Loose: \$95
 Tap & Go: \$

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 TRAINING

New dates for Zoom Sessions:

Module 1 – Tuesday 12th October at 7pm

Module 2 – Tuesday 26th October at 7pm

Module 3 – Tuesday 9th November at 7pm

There is still space at the 2pm sessions in October.

Email Maria at maria.kervin@parracatholic.org for information.

CHARISMATIC HEALING SERVICE

Theme: Jesus Heals Today

Sunday 19th September at 2.30pm Please contact Disciples of Jesus on 0410 475 723 for Zoom details.

FATHER JOSEPH LAM'S BOOK

"I Will Cause My Spirit to Enter You and You Shall Live" Biblical Theological Essays on the Pandemic. Fr Joe has written this book of reflections to help people cope with being locked out of their church and even to find goodness from the pandemic.

Cost is \$9.99 plus postage and proceeds go to the Clergy Support Foundation.

Email Fr Joe at joseph.lam@parracatholic.org to order your copy.

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: 8. We are Children of God

Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Let us continue our journey in deepening our faith in the light of the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians. The Apostle is insistent with those Christians so they would not forget the novelty of God's revelation that had been proclaimed to them. Paul emphasises that faith in Jesus Christ has allowed us to truly become children of God and also his heirs. We Christians often take for granted this reality of being God's children. Instead, it is good to remember with gratitude the moment in which we became such, the moment of our baptism, so as to live the great gift we received with greater awareness. If I were to ask you today, "which of you knows the exact date of your baptism?" I do not think there would be too many hands raised.... Yet, it is the day on which we were saved, it is the day on which we became children of God. That day should be remembered each year

Once "faith has come" in Jesus Christ (v. 25), a radically new condition was created that leads to divine sonship. The sonship of which Paul speaks is no longer a general one involving all men and women insofar as they are sons and daughters of the same Creator. No, in the passage we have heard, he affirms that faith allows us to be children of God "*in Christ*" (v. 26). Not just children of God, like everyone: all men and women are children of God, all of them, regardless of the religion we embrace. No. But "*in Christ*", this is what makes the difference for Christians, and this happens only by participating in Christ's redemption, and in us in the sacrament of baptism: this is how it begins. Jesus became our brother, and by his death and resurrection he has reconciled us with the Father. Anyone who accepts Christ in faith, has "put on" Christ and his filial dignity through baptism (cf. v. 27).

In his Letters, Saint Paul makes reference to baptism more than one time. For him, to be baptized was the same as taking part effectively and truly in the mystery of Jesus. For example, in the *Letter to the Romans*, he would even go so far as to say that in baptism we have died with Christ and have been buried with him so as to live with him (cf. 6:3-14). This is the grace of baptism: to participate in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Baptism, therefore, is not merely an external rite. Those who receive it are transformed deep within, in their inmost being, and possess new life, which is precisely what allows them to turn to God and call on him with the name of "Abba", that is, "daddy".

The Apostle audaciously confirms that the identity received with baptism is so completely new that it prevails over the differences that exist on the *ethnic-religious* level. That is, he explains it thus: "There is

neither Jew nor Greek", even on the social plain, "there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female" (*Gal 3:28*). For Paul, to write to the Galatians that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek" was equivalent to an authentic subversion in the ethnic-religious sphere. By the fact of belonging to a chosen people, the Jew was privileged over the pagan (cf. *Rom 2:17-20*). Paul himself affirms this (cf. *Rom 9:4-5*). It is not surprising, therefore, that this new teaching by the Apostle could sound heretical. "What, everyone equal? We are different!" Even the second set of equalities, between those who were "free" and those who were "slaves", introduced a shocking perspective. The distinction between slaves and free citizens was vital in ancient society. By law, free citizens enjoyed all rights, while the human dignity of slaves was not even recognized. This happens even today. There are many people in the world, many, millions, who do not have the right to eat, who do not have the right to education, who do not have the right to work. They are the new slaves. They are the ones who live on the margins, who are exploited by everyone. Slavery exists even today – let us think a little bit about this. Human dignity is denied to these people. Thus, finally, equality in Christ overcomes the social differences between the two sexes, establishing an equality between man and woman which was revolutionary at the time and which needs to be reaffirmed even today. How many times we hear expressions that denigrate women! Men and women have the same dignity. And as it has happened in history, even today women do not have the same opportunities as men. We have to read what Paul says: we are equal in Christ Jesus.

As we can see, Paul confirms the profound unity that exists between all the baptized, in whatever condition they are bound to, whether men or women – equal because every one of them is a new creature *in Christ*. Every distinction becomes secondary to the dignity of being children of God, who, through his love, creates a real and substantial equality.

We are, therefore, called in a more positive way to live a new life that roots its foundational expression in being children of God. The differences and contrasts that separation creates should not exist among believers in Christ. Rather, our vocation is that of making concrete and evident the call to unity of the entire human. Everything that exacerbates the differences between people, often causing discrimination, no longer has any basis, thanks to the salvation effected in Christ. What is important is that faith that operates through the Holy Spirit. And our responsibility is that of journeying decisively on this path of equality, that is sustained and was created by the redemption of Jesus. Thank you.