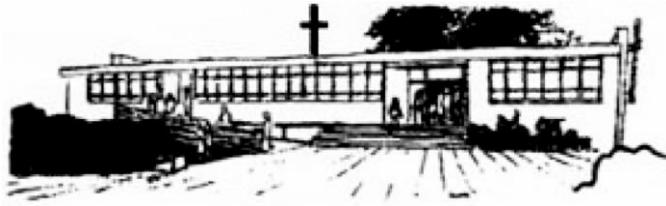


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10th October 2021, Year B/1



ANGELICO, Fra, Virgin Mary Annunciate, 1431-33

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
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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with You is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

Responsorial Psalm: Fill us with Your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

VIGIL SATURDAY

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| | 6:00pm | | Colin O'Flynn (Recently Dec.) |
| SUNDAY | 8:30am | | Diosdado De La Cruz (Dec. Ann.) |
| | 10:00am | | For the Parish |
| Monday | 8:00am | St John XXIII | Colin O'Flynn (Recently Dec.) |
| Tuesday | 8:00am | 28th Week Ordinary Time | Noel Rice (Recently Deceased) |
| Wednesday | 8.00am | 28th Week Ordinary Time | Colin O'Flynn (Recently Dec.) |
| Thursday | 8.00am | 28th Week Ordinary Time | Thanksgiving Mass for Parents' Healing & Husband's New Job |
| Friday | 8.00am | St Teresa of Avila | Colin O'Flynn (Recently Dec.) |
| Saturday | 8.30am | Mass of the Virgin Mary | John Burnitt (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: John Burnitt,
Diosdado De La Cruz, Catalino Baldivia

NOVEMBER MASSES

We are now taking names for November Masses, celebrated for our deceased loved ones. You can email us the names and forward your donations online or drop your envelope to the Office. The names will be written in the Book of Remembrance.

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

POPE FRANCIS' OCTOBER INTENTION

Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$630**
 Loose: \$60
 Tap & Go: \$10
 Donations: \$25

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>

Electronic bank deposit (EFT) 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)

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY ENROLMENTS 2022

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

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

New dates for Zoom Sessions:

Module 1 – Tuesday 9th November at 9.30am or 2pm
Module 2 – Tuesday 16th November at 9.30am or 2pm
Module 3 – Tuesday 23rd November at 9.30am or 2pm
Email Maria at maria.kervin@parracatholic.org with any questions or for information.

OCTOBER IS WORLD MISSION MONTH

In two weeks, Catholic Mission will share the story of Churai, a mother who found her way to the Mothers and Babies Home, run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok. Visit catholicmission.org.au/thailand for more information.

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.

PLENARY COUNCIL RESOURCE WEBSITE

A new website provides resources for Parishioners in Parramatta Diocese to stay involved in the Plenary Council, which is exploring the future of our Church. Visit parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/ for information.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

That Catholic Shop is a go-to shop for Catholic gifts and devotional items. Your purchases will support the work of Aid to the Church in Need. Please visit www.aidtochurch.org

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Provides deeper insights into each other and into married life. See www.engagedencounter.org.au

PARISH CHURCHES TO REOPEN

Bishop Vincent has announced that our Church will reopen when we reach 80% vaccination rate for celebration of Mass & Sacraments.

The church will be open on Monday, 11th October for private prayer only. QR code check-in and masks are mandatory.

The QR Code check-in will also apply to those entering the Office, Hall or Parish Centre 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. You can also apply for a QR Card from Services NSW. If you require any assistance, please contact the Parish Office.

Registered Bookings will be taken for weekend Masses when we have an official date for opening. The first 80 to register will be admitted into the Church, 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.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS GENERAL AUDIENCE

Galatians 10: Christ Has Set Us Free

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

In the Letter to the Galatians Saint Paul wrote immortal words on Christian freedom. Today, we will reflect on this topic: Christian freedom.

Freedom is a treasure that is truly appreciated only when it is lost. For many of us who are used to being free, it often appears to be an acquired right rather than a gift to be preserved. How many misunderstandings there are around the topic of freedom, and how many different views have clashed over the centuries!

In the case of the Galatians, the Apostle could not bear that those Christians, after having known and accepted the truth of Christ, allowed themselves to be attracted to deceptive proposals, moving from freedom to slavery: from the liberating presence of Jesus to slavery to sin, to legalism, and so forth. Even today, legalism is one of our problems for so many Christians who take refuge in legalism, in sophistry. Paul therefore invites the Christians to remain firm in the freedom they had received in baptism, without allowing themselves to be put once again under the “yoke of slavery” (*Gal 5:1*). He is aware that some “false brothers” have crept into the community to “spy on our freedom which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage” (*Gal 2:4*) – to turn backward. Paul cannot tolerate this. A proclamation that would preclude freedom in Christ would never be evangelical. I might be Pelagian or Jansenist or something like that, but not evangelical. You can never force in the name of Jesus; you cannot make anyone a slave in the name of Jesus who makes us free. Freedom is a gift which was given to us in baptism.

Saint Paul’s teaching about freedom is positive. The Apostle proposes the teaching of Jesus that we find in the Gospel of John as well: “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free” (8:31-32). Therefore, the call is above all to remain in Jesus, the source of truth who makes us free. Christian freedom, therefore, is founded on two fundamental pillars: first, the grace of the Lord Jesus; second, the truth that Christ reveals to us and which is He himself.

First of all, it is a *gift from the Lord*. The freedom that the Galatians had received – and we like them in our baptism – is the fruit of the death and resurrection of Jesus. The Apostle concentrates his entire proclamation on Christ, who had liberated him from the bonds of his past life: only from Him do the fruits of the new life according to the Spirit flow. In fact, the truest freedom, that from slavery to sin, flows from the Cross of Christ. We are free from slavery to sin by the Cross of Christ. Right there, where Jesus allowed himself to be nailed,

making himself a slave, God placed the source of the liberation of the human person. This never ceases to amaze us: that the place where we are stripped of every freedom, that is, death, might become the source of freedom. But this is the mystery of God’s love! It is not easily understood, but it is lived. Jesus himself had proclaimed it when he said: “For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life, that I may take it again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again” (*Jn 10:17-18*). Jesus achieves complete freedom by giving himself up to death; He knows that only in this way could he obtain life for everyone.

Paul had experienced first-hand this mystery of love. He says to the Galatians: “I have been crucified with Christ” (*Gal 2:19*). In that act of supreme union with the Lord, he knew he had received the greatest gift of his life: freedom. On the Cross, in fact, he had nailed “his flesh with its passions and desires” (5:24). We understand how much faith filled the Apostle, how great was his intimacy with Jesus. And while, on the one hand, we know this is what we are missing, on the other hand, the Apostle’s testimony encourages us to progress in this life of freedom. The Christian is free and should be free.

The second pillar of freedom is *the truth*. In this case it is necessary to remember that the truth of faith is the reality of the living Christ, who touches the daily and overall meaning of personal life. How many people there are who have never studied, who do not even know how to read and write, but who have understood Christ’s message well, who have this freedom that makes them free. It is Christ’s wisdom that has entered them through the Holy Spirit in baptism. How many people do we find who live the life of Christ better than great theologians. Freedom transforms a person’s life and directs it toward the good. To be truly free, we not only need to know ourselves on the psychological level, but to practice truth in ourselves on a more profound level, to open ourselves to the grace of Christ. Truth must disturb us. There are Christians who are never restless: their lives are always the same, there is no movement in their hearts. Restlessness is a sign that the Holy Spirit is working inside us and freedom comes from the grace of the Holy Spirit. Freedom must constantly question us, so that we might always plunge deeper into what we really are. In this way we will discover that the journey of truth and freedom is one that lasts a lifetime. Remaining free is arduous, but it is not impossible. This is a journey on which the Love that comes from the Cross guides and sustains us: the Love that reveals truth to us and grants us freedom. This is the way to happiness. Freedom makes us free, makes us joyful, makes us happy.