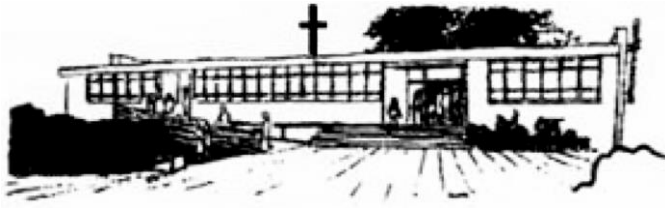


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

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Assistant Priest

Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

31st October 2021, Year B/1



Fra Angelico, Predella of the San Domenico Altarpiece Fiesole (detail)

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

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94 Joseph Street
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Telephone: 4726 4200; **Fax:** 4731 1432

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Responsorial Psalm: I love You, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Colin O'Flynn (Recently Dec.)

SUNDAY 8:30am

Hagob Arik (Deceased Ann.)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday	8:00am	ALL SAINTS	All Souls
Tuesday	8:00am	ALL SOULS	All Souls
Wednesday	8.00am	ST MARTIN DE PORRES	All Souls
Thursday	8.00am	St Charles Borromeo	All Souls
Friday	8.00am	31st Week Ordinary Time	All Souls
Saturday	8.30am	St Alphonsus Navarrete & Companions	All Souls

LIVE STREAM OF MASSES

Only the weekend Masses will be livestreamed. For the link please visit: <http://stjosephskingswood.org/>

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Colin O'Flynn, Joseph Brady

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Hagob Arik,
Leticia De Guzman

NOVEMBER MASSES

During November, one Mass per day, as announced will be celebrated for our deceased loved ones whose names are recorded in the Remembrance Book or on the Envelopes. You can email us the names and forward your donations online. 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: Next Sunday 7th November at 12 noon with Bishop Vincent in the COLA at Wollemi College. Please pray for our children and their families

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Zig Barglik, 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, Mary Woodward.

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: \$1980.05**
 Loose: \$719.95
 Tap & Go: \$140
 Donations: \$10

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.

WORLD MISSION

Thank you to all who gave generously to the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok to help them continue their life-giving program at the Mothers and Babies Home, which supports vulnerable mothers and babies.

INSTALLATION OF ACOLYTES

Please pray for our Seminarians Tom Green and David Sebastian, who are being installed as Acolytes by Bishop Vincent here at St Joseph's this weekend.

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.

We plan to restart the survey in December when majority of the restrictions will be lifted. St Joseph pray for us.

PLENARY COUNCIL RESOURCE WEBSITE

To stay involved in the Plenary Council, which is exploring the future of our Church visit parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/ for information.

PARISH CHURCHES OPEN

The Church is now open for the celebration of Mass and for the Sacraments as we have reached 80% vaccination rate in New South Wales. The 4sq- metre rule applies, so we can admit 80 people into the Church.

QR Code check-in is mandatory for all who enter the Church. Please confirm your check-in with one of the ushers.

The QR 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.

There is no registration for Weekday Masses.

Registered Bookings will be taken for weekend Masses. 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 booking 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. Outside seating will also be available.

There is no Congregational Singing and Masks are Compulsory. Sanitiser is available for use on entry.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS GENERAL AUDIENCE

Galatians 13: The Fruit of the Spirit

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Saint Paul's preaching is completely centred on Jesus and his Paschal Mystery. In fact, the Apostle presents himself as a witness of Christ, and Christ crucified (cfr. *1 Cor 2:2*). He reminds the Galatians, tempted to base their religiosity on the observance of precepts and traditions, that the centre of salvation and faith is the death and resurrection of the Lord. He does so by placing before them the reality of the cross of Jesus. He writes thus: "Who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified?" (*Gal 3:1*).

Today, there are many who still seek religious security rather than the living and true God, focusing on rituals and precepts instead of embracing God's love with their whole being. Paul asks the Galatians to return the God who gives us life in Christ crucified. He testifies to this in the first person: "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (*Gal 2:20*). And towards the end of the Letter, he affirms: "Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (6:14).

If we lose the thread of the spiritual life, if a thousand problems and thoughts assail us, let us heed Paul's advice: let us place ourselves in front of Christ Crucified, let us begin again from Him. Let us take the Crucifix in our hands, holding it close to our heart. Or we can even take some time in adoration before the Eucharist, where Jesus is Bread broken for us, Crucified, Risen, the power of God who pours out his love into our hearts.

Guided by Saint Paul, let us ask ourselves: what happens when we meet Jesus Crucified in prayer? The same thing that happened under the cross: Jesus gave up his Spirit (cfr. *Jn 19:30*), that is, he gives his own life. And the Spirit which flows forth from Jesus' Passover is the origin of the spiritual life. The Holy Spirit changes the heart, not the things that we do. It was the awareness that the Holy Spirit had descended over everyone, and that His grace was at work without excluding anyone, that convinced even the most reluctant of the Apostles that the Gospel was meant for everyone and not for a privileged few. And those who seek security, the small group, the things that were clear as they were back then, they live "as it was back then", they distance themselves from the Spirit, they do not permit the freedom of the Spirit to enter into them. Thus, the life of the community is regenerated in the Holy Spirit; and it is always thanks to Him that we nourish our Christian lives and continue to engage in our spiritual battle.

It is the spiritual combat that is another important teaching in the Letter to the Galatians. The Apostle

presents two opposing fronts: the "works of the flesh" and the "fruit of the Spirit". The works of the flesh are behaviours that are contrary to the Spirit of God. The Apostle calls them works of the flesh not because there is something erroneous or bad about our human bodies. He insisted on the reality of the human flesh that Christ brought to the cross! Flesh is a word that indicates the person's earthly dimension, following worldly instincts and closing the door to the Spirit who lifts us up and opens us up to God and others. Paul lists the works of the flesh which refer to the selfish use of sexuality, to magical practices connected with idolatry and to all that undermines interpersonal relationships such as "enmity, jealousy, dissension, divisions, factions, envy..." (cfr. *Gal 5:19-21*).

The fruit of the Spirit, instead, is "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (*Gal 5:22-23*), as Paul says. Christians, who in baptism have "put on Christ" (*Gal 3:27*), are called to live as such. It can be a good spiritual exercise, for example, to read Saint Paul's list and take a look at our own behaviour to see if it corresponds, if we are truly living according to the Holy Spirit, if we are bearing these fruits. These fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control: does my life bear these fruits? Is it the Spirit who gives? For example, the first three that are listed are love, peace and joy: a person in whom the Holy Spirit dwells can be recognized by these traits. A person who is in peace, who is joyful and who loves. With these three traits, the Spirit is seen.

The Apostle's teaching poses quite a challenge for our communities too. Sometimes, those who approach the Church get the impression that they are dealing with a dense mass of rules and regulations: but no, this is not the Church! The beauty of faith in Jesus Christ cannot be grasped on the basis of so many commandments or of a moral vision developed in many layers which can make us forget the original fruitfulness of love nourished by prayer from which peace and joyful witness flow. In the same way, the life of the Spirit, expressed in the Sacraments, cannot be suffocated by a bureaucracy that prevents access to the grace of the Spirit, the initiator of conversion of heart. And how many times we ourselves, priests or bishops, follow so much bureaucracy to give a sacrament, to welcome people, so that people say: "No, I do not like this", and they do not go, and many times they do not see in us the power of the Spirit who regenerates, who makes everyone new. We therefore have the huge responsibility of proclaiming Christ crucified and risen, enlivened by the breath of the Spirit of love. For it is this Love alone that possesses the power to attract and change the human heart. Thank you.