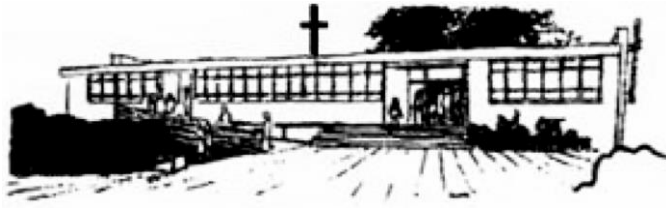


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

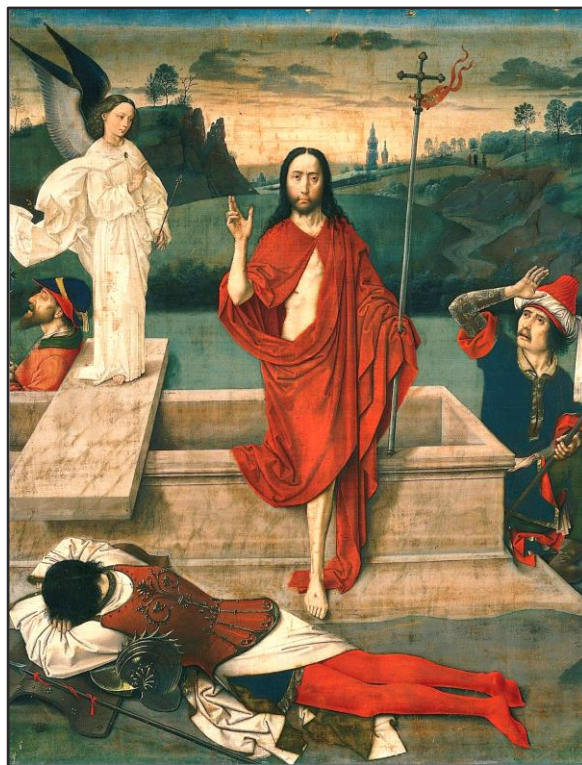
Assistant Priest

Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

18th April 2021, Year B/1



Dierick Bouts, Resurrection circa 1455

Sunday Masses:
Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm Live Stream
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

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

Address

94 Joseph Street
Kingswood, NSW 2747

Telephone: 4726 4200; Fax: 4731 1432

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

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of His name.
O render Him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let Your face shine on us.

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Ardashes & Alice Keshishian (Dec. Ann.)
SUNDAY	8:30am		Sister Mary Joseph (Deceased Ann.)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	3 rd Week of Easter	For the Mikulic Family
Tuesday	8:00am	St Agnes of Montepulciano	Gemma Singson (Recently Deceased)
Wednesday	8.00am	St Anselm	For the Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	8.00am	3 rd Week of Easter	For the Mikulic Family
Friday	8.00am	St Adalbert	Gabriel Ghougassian (Deceased Ann.)
Saturday	8.30am	3 rd Week of Easter	Rico San Agustin (Recently Deceased)

LIVE STREAM OF WEEKEND MASS AT 6PM

The 6pm Vigil on Saturday evening will continue to be livestreamed every Weekend and will be available online through to Sunday.

Please visit our website:

<http://stjosephskingswood.org/> or type in your browser: bit.ly/stjoe

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Gemma Singson, Rico San Agustin

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY: Sister Mary Joseph, Ardashes & Alice Keshishian, Gabriel Ghougassian

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2021

First Communion: Sunday 6th June

Confirmation: Sunday 7th November

Registration & 1st Session: 1st August

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' APRIL INTENTIONS

Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorship, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Zig Barglik, Joy Cavanagh, Brian Colbert, Kevin Collins, Margaret Colville, Valerie Davis, Katalin Domotor, Marie Donaldson, Frances Gunn, Nora Hehir, Andrew Isbitski, Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Shayla, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Barbara Thompson, Kelly Tonna, Kathryn Tuckwell.

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: \$880**
 Loose: \$184.60
 Tap & Go: \$130
Total Donations for Chalice & Paten: \$1481.95

OUR JUBILEE CHALICE

Our new Chalice depicts the symbols of the writers of the Gospel around the outside:

St Matthew – Divine Man/Angel

St Mark – Winged Lion

St Luke – Winged Ox

St John – Rising Eagle

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 CELL GROUP

Every 1st & 3rd Monday of the month in the Parish Centre at 7pm. Please ring Jim on 0478 027 210 with any questions.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is every Wednesday at 9.15am. Please bring your Sunday Missal with you. All welcome.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group recommences Wednesday 21st April from 3pm to 5pm. Young People from Year 6 to 18 years old are most welcome.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Young Adults Group, from 18 to 35 years old, meets this Friday 23rd April at 6.45pm. For more information type bit.ly/YASJK into your browser.

PARISH MOVIE

Next Movie is Sunday 2nd May at 2pm.

PARISH LUNCH

2nd Wednesday of the month. Our next lunch is on 12th May at 12noon at the Colonial Hotel at Werrington. If anyone needs a lift please get in touch with the Parish Office. All are most welcome.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Meet 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month at 12pm. Ring Delfin for details on 0478 784 885.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please return your boxes to Church. We have banked \$2523.70 to date. Thank you for your generosity.

GOOD FRIDAY/HOLY LAND APPEAL

We have collected \$844.30 for the Holy Land. Thank you for your generosity.

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

We have our CatholicCare appeal again this week to make up our quota of \$4834. We have collected \$3670 so far. Please be generous. The Special Collection Box is at the back of the Church or donate at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal.

PRIVATE PRAYER AND MASS BOOKINGS

Following the 2 sq. metres per person, 150 people are allowed in our Church from Friday 12th February. Priest and Essential Workers excluded.

Private Prayer – QR Code is preferable for signing in. Sign-in sheets are also provided prior to entry to provide your contact details for Private Prayer.

Weekend Masses – Bookings are required. To register please ring the Parish by calling 4721 4080 during Office hours or ring 0423 725 148 outside Office hours.

You will need to provide your name and contact details when registering. Your presence will be confirmed as you arrive at the Church. Walk-ins are permitted, subject to available vacancies up to the 150 capacity, in which case we ask you to sign in using the QR Code if possible.

Weekday Masses - There is no registration for weekday Masses.

Please use the QR Code and show the Usher that you have been CHECKED IN. If you do not have a phone with you, please sign in on sheets provided at the entrance of the Church.

When attending Mass, please keep these rules:

- There will be no procession of gifts, no passing of hymn books or collection plates.
- The sign of peace will be given without hand-to-hand contact.
- Holy communion may be received on the hand. If receiving on the tongue you must approach the Priest after everyone has received by hand.
- Masks are recommended but not compulsory.

Hand Sanitisers are available in the Church. Door handles, pens and surfaces are sanitised regularly.

For details visit <http://stjosephskingswood.org/>

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

The Church, Teacher of Prayer

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

The Church is a great school of prayer. Many of us learned how to whisper our first prayers on our parents' or grandparents' laps. We might, perhaps, cherish the memory of our mommy and daddy who taught us to say our prayers before going to bed. These moments of recollection are often those in which parents listen to some intimate secret and can give their advice inspired by the Gospel. Then, as they grow up, there are other encounters, with other witnesses and teachers of prayer. This is good to remember.

The life of a parish and every Christian community is marked by liturgical moments and moments of community prayer. We become aware that the gift we received with simplicity in infancy is a great heritage, a rich inheritance and that the experience of prayer is worth deepening more and more. The garment of faith is not starched, but develops with us; it is not rigid, it grows, even through moments of crisis and resurrection. There is no growth without experiencing crisis because crises make you grow. And the breath of faith is prayer: we grow in faith inasmuch as we learn to pray. After certain passages in life, we become aware that without faith we could not have made it and that our strength was prayer – not only personal prayer, but also that of our brothers and sisters, and of the community that accompanied and supported us, of the people who know us, of the people we ask to pray for us.

For this reason, too, communities and groups dedicated to prayer flourish in the Church. Some Christians even feel the call to make prayer the primary action of their day. There are monasteries, convents, hermitages in the Church where persons consecrated to God live. They often become centres of spiritual light. They are centres of community prayer that radiate spirituality. They are small oases in which intense prayer is shared and fraternal communion is constructed day by day. They are cells that are vital not only for the ecclesial fabric, but that of society itself. Praying and working in community keeps the world going. It is a motor!

Everything in the Church originates in prayer and everything grows thanks to prayer. When the Enemy, the Evil One, wants to combat the Church, he does so first by hindering them from praying. For example, we see this in certain groups who agree about moving ecclesial reform forward, changes in the life of the Church and all the organizations, it is the media that informs everyone... But prayer is not evident, there is no prayer. We need to change this; we need to make this decision that is a bit tough. But where is prayer? And prayer is what opens the door to the Holy Spirit, who

inspires progress. Changes in the Church without prayer are not changes made by the Church. They are changes made by groups. And when the Enemy – as I said – wants to combat the Church, he does it first of all by inhibiting prayer. If prayer ceases, for a little while it seems that everything can go ahead like always but after a short time, the Church becomes aware that it has become like an empty shell, that it has lost its bearings, that it no longer possesses its source of warmth and love. Holy women and men do not have easier lives than other people. Even they actually have their own problems to address, and, what is more, they are often the objects of opposition. But their strength is prayer. They always draw from the inexhaustible “well” of Mother Church. Through prayer they nourish the flame of their faith, as oil used to do for lamps. And thus, they move ahead walking in faith and hope. The saints, who often count for little in the eyes of the world, are in reality the ones who sustain it, not with the weapons of money and power, but with the weapon of prayer.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus poses a dramatic question that always makes us reflect: “When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” (*Lk 18:8*), or will he find only organizations, who do charitable works and many things, or will he find faith? “When the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?” This question comes at the end of a parable that demonstrates the need to pray with perseverance without getting tired (see vv. 1-8). Therefore, we can conclude that the lamp of faith will always be lit on earth as long as there is the oil of prayer. The question that we Christians need to ask ourselves is: Do I pray? Do we pray? How do I pray? Like parrots or do I pray from my heart? How do I pray? Do I pray, certain that I am in the Church and that I pray with the Church? Or do I pray a bit according to my ideas and then make my ideas become prayer? This is a pagan prayer, not Christian. The lamp of faith will always be lit on earth as long as there is the oil of prayer.

And this is the Church's essential task: to pray and to teach how to pray. To transmit the lamp of faith and the oil of prayer from generation to generation. The lamp of faith that illuminates fixes things as they truly are, but it can only go forward with the oil of faith. Otherwise, it is extinguished. Without the light of this lamp, we would not be able to see the path of evangelization, or rather, we would not be able to see the path in order to believe well; we would not be able to see the faces of our brothers and sisters to draw near and serve; we would not be able to illuminate the room where we meet in community. Without faith everything collapses; and without prayer faith is extinguished. Faith and prayer together. There is no other alternative. For this reason, the Church, as the house and school of communion, is the house and school of faith and prayer.