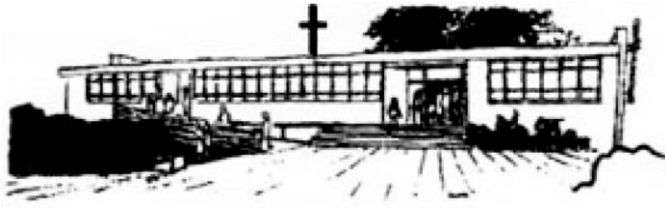


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

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EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

28th November 2021, Year C/2



ANGELICO, Fra, Annunciation, 1442-43

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm – Livestreamed

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: To You, I lift up my soul, O my God! In You I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in You be put to shame.

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Responsorial Psalm: To You, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		All Souls
SUNDAY	8:30am		All Souls
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	1 st Week of Advent	All Souls
Tuesday	8:00am	ST ANDREW	All Souls
Wednesday	8.00am	1 st Week of Advent	Bronislaw & Stanislaw Blazek (Dec. Ann.)
Thursday	8.00am	1 st Week of Advent	Bronislaw, Stanislaw & Witold Blazek (DA)
Friday	8.00am	St Francis Xavier	For God's Precious Infants
Saturday	8.30am	1 st Week of Advent	Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Friday 24th December: Vigil Mass at 6pm
 Saturday 25th December: Midnight Mass
 Saturday 25th December: Morning Mass at 9am
 Reconciliation for Christmas: Monday 20th December
 9am-12noon & 5-7.30pm

Please note that there is no evening Mass on Saturday 25th December.

Sunday 26th December, Masses are 8.30am and 10.00am.

Please register for all Masses over the Christmas weekend. Registrations are also available online on the parish website under Christmas 2021 schedule.

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Bronislaw, Stanislaw & Witold Blazek,
 Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

LIVESTREAM OF MASS

Saturday Vigil 6pm Mass will be the only Mass livestreamed at <http://stjosephskingswood.org/>.

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' NOVEMBER INTENTION

People Who Suffer from Depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

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

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$693**
 Loose: \$211.15
 Tap & Go: \$330
 Donations: \$50

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)

CALLING FOR SRE VOLUNTEERS

Do you have at least 1 hour per week to spare?

Do you love working with children?

Do you love sharing the Word of God?

Then this may be for you.

Here at St Joseph's we now have 6 Primary Schools and 1 High School in which to teach Scripture.

At present we have 5 Teachers to cover these schools, which is not enough.

Call the Parish Office if you are interested and for more information. "Trust in the Lord" and bring more labourers for the harvest.

CLEANING THE LORD'S HOUSE

We are desperately short of people to clean the Church. If you can contribute an hour of your time, individually or as a family, on a Friday or Saturday morning it would be most appreciated. Please ring Clare on 0432 668 724.

CAMPION COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAM

11th – 14th or 18th – 21st January 2022. Great program for those 16 to 20 years. Free to attend thanks to generous donors, but spaces are limited. Ring 9896 9303 or study@campion.edu.au

A NEW CHURCH FOR ST JOSEPH'S

In this, the Year of St Joseph, our Parish Saint, and having celebrated the 50th Anniversary of our Parish let's consider the advantages of a new church. We will restart the survey this weekend until Christmas.

St Joseph pray for us.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donation of \$487.45.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This weekend we have the Bishop's Christmas Appeal. No mother and child should be homeless and without support at Christmas. CatholicCare's Houses to Homes provides hope for vulnerable women and children facing hardship and abuse. Your donation today will help change the lives of homeless young women, who like Mary, seek a safe haven to raise their newborn child. Please give generously.

Our quota is \$3509. Place envelopes in the box at the back of the Church or contribute online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

All Parish Volunteers are required to do the Safeguarding Training either online or face to face. Three Tuesdays from 14th to 28th June at 7pm in 2022 are booked for face-to-face training. Ring the Parish Office with your enquiries and/or to book for these sessions.

PARISH CHURCHES ARE OPEN

We can now admit 150 people in the Church applying the 2sq metre rule.

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

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. Bookings are voluntary for weekend Masses, except for the Christmas Weekend. The first 150 will be admitted into the Church, but to be assured of a place in the Church please be on time. Masks are Compulsory. Sanitiser is available for use on entry.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH
CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS GENERAL AUDIENCE
St Joseph Catechesis – 2. In his Salvation History

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Last week we began a cycle of catecheses on Saint Joseph – the year dedicated to him is coming to an end. Today we will continue this journey, focusing on his role in salvation history.

Jesus in the Gospels is indicated as the “son of Joseph” (Lk 3:23; 4: 22; Jn 1:45; 6:42) and the “carpenter’s son” (Mt 13:55; Mk 6:3). Narrating Jesus’ childhood, the Evangelists Matthew and Luke dedicate space to the role of Joseph. Both of them compile a “genealogy” to highlight the historicity of Jesus. Addressing himself above all to the Judeo-Christians, Matthew starts from Abraham and ends up at Joseph, defined as “the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ” (1:16). Luke, on the other hand, goes all the way back to Adam, beginning directly with Jesus, who “was the son of Joseph”, but specifies: “as was supposed” (3:23). Therefore, both Evangelists present Joseph not as the biological father, but in any case, as fully the father of Jesus. Through him, Jesus fulfils the history of the covenant and salvation between God and humanity. For Matthew this history begins with Abraham; for Luke, with the very origin of humanity, that is, with Adam.

The evangelist Matthew helps us to understand that the person of Joseph, although apparently marginal, discreet, and in the background, is in fact a central element in the history of salvation. Joseph lives his role without ever seeking to take over the scene. If we think about it, “Our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines. ...

How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small ways, and in everyday ways, how to accept and deal with a crisis by adjusting their routines, looking ahead and encouraging the practice of prayer. How many are praying, making sacrifices and interceding for the good of all” (Apostolic Letter *Patris corde*, 1). Thus, everyone can find in Saint Joseph, the man who goes unnoticed, the man of daily presence, of discreet and hidden presence, an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of difficulty. He reminds us that all those who are seemingly hidden or in the “second row” are unparalleled protagonists in the history of salvation. The world needs these men and women: men and women in the second row, but who support the development of our life, of every one of us, and who with prayer, and by their example, with their teaching, sustain us on the path of life.

In the Gospel of Luke, Joseph appears as the *guardian of*

Jesus and of Mary. And for this reason, he is also “the Guardian of the Church”: but, if he was the guardian of Jesus and Mary, he works, now that he is in heaven, and continues to be a guardian, in this case of the Church, for the Church is the continuation of the Body of Christ in history, even as Mary’s motherhood is reflected in the motherhood of the Church. In his continued protection of the Church – please do not forget this: today, Joseph protects the Church – and by continuing to protect the Church, he continues to protect *the child and his mother*” (*ibid.*, 5). This aspect of Joseph’s guardianship is the great answer to the story of Genesis. When God asks Cain to account for Abel’s life, he replies: “Am I my brother’s keeper?” (4: 9). With his life, Joseph seems to want to tell us that we are always called to feel that we are our brothers and sisters’ keepers, the guardians of those who are close to us, of those whom the Lord entrusts to us through many circumstances of life.

A society such as ours, which has been defined as “liquid”, as it seems not to have consistency... I will correct the philosopher who coined this definition and say: more than liquid, gaseous, a properly gaseous society. This liquid, gaseous society finds in the story of Joseph a very clear indication of the importance of human bonds. Indeed, the Gospel tells us the genealogy of Jesus, not only for a theological reason, but also to remind each one of us that our lives are made up of bonds that precede and accompany us. The Son of God chose to come into the world by way of such bonds, the way of history: he did not come down into the world by magic, no. He took the historic route we all take.

Dear brothers and sisters, I think of the many people who find it difficult to find meaningful bonds in their lives, and because of this they struggle, they feel alone, they lack the strength and courage to go on. I would like to conclude with a prayer to help them, and all of us, to find in Saint Joseph an ally, a friend and a support.

Saint Joseph,
you who guarded the bond with Mary and Jesus,
help us to care for the relationships in our lives.
May no one experience that sense of abandonment
that comes from loneliness.
Let each of us be reconciled with our own history,
with those who have gone before,
and recognise even in the mistakes made
a way through which Providence has made its way,
and evil did not have the last word.
Show yourself to be a friend to those who struggle
the most, and as you supported Mary and Jesus in
difficult times, support us too on our journey. Amen.