

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

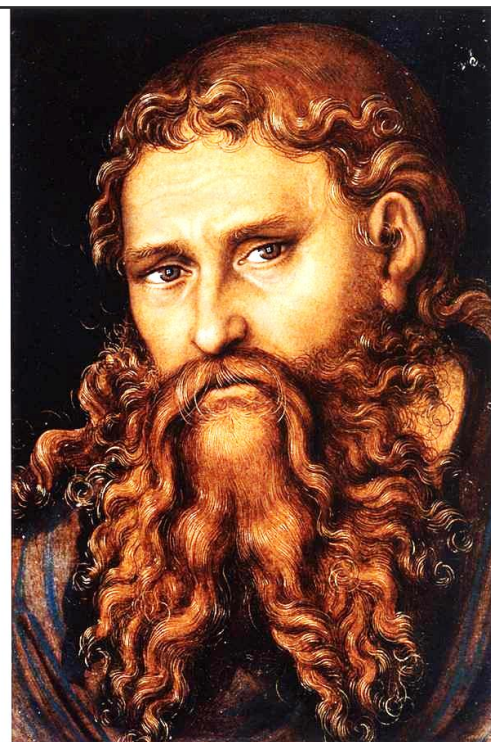
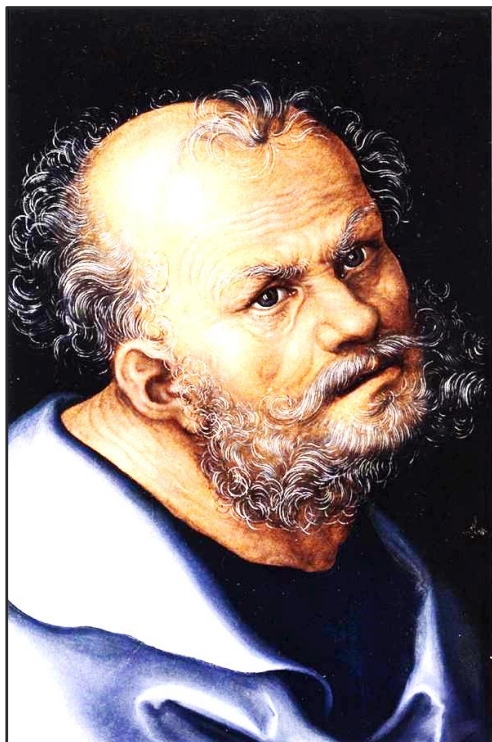
Assistant Priest

Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25th June 2023, Year A/1



CRANACH, Lucas the Elder, Apostles Peter & Paul, 1515

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

Ms. Jennifer Crowley - Principal

School Office Times

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

Address

94 Joseph Street
Kingswood, NSW 2747

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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: The Lord is the strength of His people, a saving refuge for the one He has anointed. Save Your people, Lord, and bless Your heritage, and govern them for ever.

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, in Your great love, answer me.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Najah Andary

SUNDAY 8:30am

†† Ernesto Carballo & Michel Chaghoury

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 12th Week Ordinary Time

† Josef Ostrowski

Tuesday 8:00am St Cyril of Alexandria

† Rudi Isbitzki (Dec. Birthday)

Wednesday 8.00am St Irenaeus

Danny (Birthday Blessings)

Thursday 8.00am ST PETER & ST PAUL

† Ann Fogarty

Friday 8.00am 1st Martyrs of Roman Church

† Peter Woodward

Saturday 8.30am Mass of the Virgin Mary

†† Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to the Priests or the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There is an opportunity to spend time with the Lord for an hour before the 8am Masses during the week and before the 8.30am Masses at the weekend.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2023

Confirmation: Sunday 12th November

Registration & 1st Session: 30th July

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ernest Carballo, Michel Chaghoury, Ann Fogarty, Peter Woodward, John Jacques, Brian & Marilyn Manton, Geraldine Frances Finn

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Najah Andary, Josef Ostrowski, Rudi Isbitzki, Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

POPE FRANCIS' JUNE INTENTIONS

For the Abolition of Torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Father Andrew, Sr Louisa, Jonathon Ansell, Tony Bogdanovic, Marianne Callaghan, Margaret Colville, Frances Gunn, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Shayla, Benjamin Santiago, Barry Smith, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Peter Stofmeel, Cynthia Sulvita, Charley Tonna, Kelly Tonna, David Wakeling, Paul & Mary Woodward.

SICK LIST: (Due to privacy laws) if you have anyone for the sick list, contact the Parish Office to fill in a form and update it.

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PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$945**
 Loose: \$496.90
 Tap & Go: \$280
 Smart Facility: \$305
 Donations: \$2500

TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

All contributions go to the 2nd Collection.

First Collection contributions go to the Diocese to support our Priests.

Second Collection contributions go directly to the Parish to support day to day operation of the Parish.

BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday at 9.15am in the Parish Hall. All are most welcome.

YOUTH GROUP

Young People from Year 6 to under 18 years old are most welcome every Wednesday during the School Term from 3-5pm.

PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be at 12 noon Wednesday 12th July at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome.

WESTERN DEANERY YOUNG ADULTS

Next meeting is Friday 30th June at 7pm. All over 18 and under 35 are most welcome to join us for Adoration, Dinner and Fellowship. Talk by Fr Piotr Kruk on Living the Gospel is "Embracing Christian Discipleship"

PARISH FETE

Will be held on 6th August. If you can contribute your assistance in any way, please ring the Office. We are receiving Quality Books, CD's/DVD's and Homewares during Office Hours or ring the Office to make arrangements for another time.

ST ELISABETH CONVENT

The Sisters from Elisabeth Convent in Minsk, Belarus will visit our Parish this Monday 26th & Tuesday 27th June. They will be selling religious articles and souvenirs from their convent to support vulnerable people they care for.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Please collect your Planned Giving Envelopes from the back of the Church.

PETER'S PENCE APPEAL

This weekend, 24th/25th June we have our Peter's Pence Appeal. This collection provides funds to enable Pope Francis to assist the most disadvantaged in emergency situations, including victims of war, oppression and disasters. Please be generous.

REFLECTION DAYS FOR MEN

Growing Into the Places of the Heart: Sunday 16th July 9-10.30am

Becoming Who I Am: Saturday 5th August 9am- 4pm
See Flyer on Noticeboard for Details.

CYP LIFTED RETREAT 'BEHOLD'

Young people aged 18 to 25 are invited to Catholic Youth Parramatta's LIFTED Retreat: Behold. A weekend of prayer, sacraments, and community. Held from Friday 7th to Sunday 9th July at the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Cost: \$125 per person includes accommodation for two nights and all meals. Register at: <https://parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-retreat/>

DIOCESAN LITURGICAL CONFERENCE 2023

Saturday 15 July at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong. Fr Peter Williams AM VG will be the Keynote speaker as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Constitution on Sacred Liturgy. The conference will include a variety of workshops such as nourishing faith in children and discovering sacred art. Contact mary.gale@parracatholic.org, or visit www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1041495 to register.

VINNIES SUPPORT CENTRES

St Vincent de Paul Support Centre is available to arrange food vouchers or other items. Call 8861 9770 if you need assistance, To find out more visit <http://vinnies.org.au/covidsupportnsw>

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding Mandatory Training is Due Now.

Under the Children's Guardian Act 2019 and the NSW Child Safe Standards **all** volunteers in parish ministry are Mandatory Reporters and are required to have completed their Safeguarding Training.

If you would like to complete your 6 points online 'sign up' **now** at <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>
Go to this same web site to find face to face sessions in the diocese.

Any questions please email Maria Kervin, Education Officer at maria.kervin@parracatholic.org

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' ANGELUS

Sunday 18th June 2023

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today, in the Gospel, Jesus calls by name and sends out the twelve Apostles. By sending them, he asks them to proclaim just one thing: "Preach as you go, saying 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand'" (Mt 10:7). It is the same proclamation with which Jesus began his preaching: the kingdom of God, that is, his lordship of love, has come near, it comes in our midst. And this is not just one piece of news among others, no, but the fundamental reality of life: the vicinity of God, the vicinity of Jesus.

Indeed, if the God of heaven is close, we are not alone on earth, and even in difficulty we do not lose faith. Here is the first thing to say to people: God is not far away, but he is a Father. God is not distant, he is a Father, he knows you and he loves you; he wants to take you by the hand, even when you travel on steep and rugged paths, even when you fall and struggle to get up again and get back on track. He, the Lord, is there with you. Indeed, often in the moments when you are at your weakest, you can feel his presence all the more strongly. He knows the path, he is with you, he is your Father! He is my Father! He is our Father!

Let us remain with this image, because proclaiming God as close to us is inviting you to think like a child, who walks held by his father's hand: everything seems different. The world, large and mysterious, becomes familiar and secure, because the child knows he is protected. He is not afraid, and learns how to open up: he meets other people, finds new friends, learns with joy things that he did not know, and then returns home and tells everyone what he has seen, while within him there grows the desire to become grown up and to do the things he has seen his daddy do. This is why Jesus starts out from here, this is why God's vicinity is the first proclamation: by staying close to God, we conquer fear, we open ourselves to love, we grow in goodness and we feel the need and the joy to proclaim.

If we want to be good apostles, we must be like children: we must sit "on God's lap" and, from there, look at the world with trust and love, in order to bear witness that God is the Father, that he alone transforms our hearts and gives us that joy and that peace that we ourselves cannot attain.

To proclaim that God is near – but how can we do this? In the Gospel, Jesus recounts and recommends not saying many words, but performing many deeds of love and hope in the name of the Lord. Not saying many words, performing deeds! "Heal the sick", says the Lord, "raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without pay, give without pay" (Mt 10:8). Here is the heart of proclamation: witness freely given, service. I will tell you something: I am always puzzled, very puzzled, by the "talkers" with their endless talk and no action.

At this point, let us ask a few questions: we, who believe in God who is close, I wonder: do we confide in him? Do we know how to look forward trustfully, like a child who knows he is held in his father's arms? Do we know how to sit in the Father's lap with prayer, by listening to the Word, partaking of the Sacraments? And finally, close to him, do we know how to instil courage in others, to make ourselves close to those who suffer and are alone, to those who are distant and even those who are hostile? This is the substance of faith. This is what counts.

And let us now pray to Mary; may she help us feel we are loved and transmit closeness and trust.

After the Angelus

Dear brothers and sisters,

Tuesday, 20 June, was the World Day of Refugees, organized by the United Nations. With great sorrow and heartache I think of the victims of the serious shipwreck that occurred in recent days off the coast of Greece. And it seemed as though the sea were calm. I reiterate my prayer for those who have lost their lives, and I implore that everything possible always be done to prevent similar tragedies.

And I pray also for the young students, victims of the brutal attack against a school in the west of Uganda. This battle, this war everywhere... let us pray for peace!

Let us persevere in prayer for the population of tormented Ukraine – let us not forget them! – who suffer greatly.

I wish you all a blessed Sunday, and please, do not forget to pray for me.