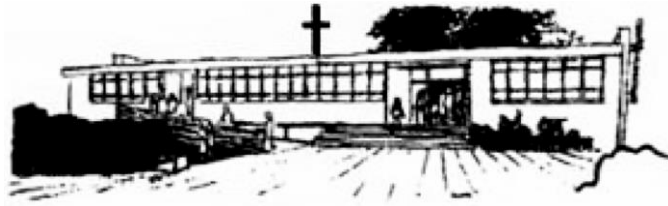


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

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EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

30th April 2023, Year A/1



Christ the Good Shepherd Icon

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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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 36-41

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Orlando Surace

SUNDAY 8:30am

All Emergency Services People

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am St Joseph the Worker For the McIlvenna, Dobranski & La Hood Families; Holy Souls & Unrepentant Sinners

Tuesday 8:00am St Athanasius † George Marabouti (Recently Deceased)

Wednesday 8.00am STS PHILIP & JAMES † Tadeusz Kolodziejczyk (Recently Dec.)

Thursday 8.00am 4th Week of Easter Camilla & William (God's Blessing)

Friday 8.00am St Vincent Ferrer For God's Precious Infants

Saturday 8.30am 4th Week of Easter †† Dec. Mem. of St Vincent de Paul

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to one of the Priests or contact the Parish Office.

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

First Communion: 11th June

Sessions: Sundays after 10am Mass

Confirmation: Sunday 12th November

Registration & 1st Session: 30th July

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

George Marabouti, Tadeusz Kolodziejczyk, Carmencita Diaz Ramoy

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Orlando Surace, Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

POPE FRANCIS' APRIL INTENTIONS

For a Culture of Peace and Non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Jonathon Ansell, 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, 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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$825**
 Loose: \$502
 Tap & Go: \$180
 Smart Facility: \$215
 Donations: \$2

TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

All contributions go to the 2nd Collection.

First Collection contributions go to the Diocese to support the priests working in the Parishes.

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.

WESTERN DEANERY YOUNG ADULTS

Next meeting is this Friday 5th May at 7pm. All over 18 and under 35 are most welcome to join us for our Movie Night. Dinner and snacks provided.

PARISH MOVIE

1.30pm on Sunday 7th May in the Parish Hall. Movie to be announced.

PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be at 12 noon Wednesday 10th May at St. Mary's Band Club. This is a good opportunity to meet other Parishioners in a social setting. All are welcome.

BERRIMA COACH TRIP

We have organised a coach to Penrose Park on Saturday 13th May, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Please ring the Parish Office or speak to Clare for information.

PARISH FETE

Will be held on 6th August. We need team leaders and people to run stalls and activities on the day. If you can contribute your assistance in any way, please fill out the sheet at the back of the Church.

BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

Thank you for your generosity.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

We collected \$1267.80. Thank you for your generosity.

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT CATHOLICS

Please note that these sessions have been cancelled.

WYD FUNDRAISING

Bake Sale & Mother's Day Gift Stall will be held the weekend of 13th/14th May after each Mass to support our three WYD Pilgrims.

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>

CREIGHTON MODEL FERTILITY CARE

Free Introduction Session at 2pm Saturday 6th May at St Joseph's Kingswood. See Poster for contact phone, email & QR Code to register.

FREE CPR COURSE

Monday 5th June from 4-6.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion St., Blacktown. Ring the Parish Office to register.

SCHOENSTATT FAMILY WEEKEND

23rd to 25th June. This weekend involves input for adults, a program for children, as well as time for games, recreation and prayer. Call Bernard on 0416 106 871 or email bernard@foolishwisdom.com

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked. For more information, phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or email met@parracatholic.org

DIOCESAN SYNOD

Join the Diocese of Parramatta as we listen and respond to the Holy Spirit through the People of God in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Let us go forwards towards the horizon that awaits us. Learn more at parracatholic.org/synod2023

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding Training is **Mandatory for all who Volunteers in our Parishes.**

Email safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org to find Courses in the Diocese or for training online.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

**Catechesis: Witness of Evangelization:
Monasticism and the Power of Intercession:
Gregory of Narek**

Wednesday 26th April 2023

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Let us continue our catechesis on the witnesses of apostolic zeal. Last time we looked at the martyrs, who proclaim Jesus with their lives, to the point of giving their lives for Him and for the Gospel. But there is another great witness that runs through the history of faith: that of the nuns and monks, sisters and brothers who renounce themselves and who renounce the world to imitate Jesus on the path of poverty, chastity, and obedience, and to intercede on behalf of all. Their lives speak for themselves, but we might ask: how can people living in monasteries help the proclamation of the Gospel? Wouldn't they do better to put their energies into the mission? Coming out of the monastery and preaching the Gospel outside the monastery? In reality, the monks are the beating heart of the proclamation. Their prayer is oxygen for all the members of the Body of Christ, their prayer is the invisible force that sustains the mission. It is no coincidence that the patroness of the missions is a nun, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus. Let us listen to how she discovered her vocation – she wrote: “I understood that the Church had a Heart and that this Heart was burning with love. I understood it was Love alone that made the Church’s members act, that if Love ever became extinct, apostles would not preach the Gospel and martyrs would not shed their blood. I understood that love comprised all vocations. ... Then, in the excess of my delirious joy, I cried out: O Jesus, my Love ... my vocation, at last I have found it... my vocation is love! ... In the heart of the Church, my Mother, I shall be Love” (Autobiographical Manuscript “B”, 8 September 1896). Contemplatives, monks, nuns: people who pray, work, pray, in silence, for all the Church. And this is love: it is the love that is expressed by praying for the Church, working for the Church, in the monasteries.

This love for everyone inspires the life of nuns and monks and is translated into their prayer of intercession. In this regard, I would like to offer you the example of Saint Gregory of Narek, Doctor of

the Church. He is an Armenian monk, who lived around the year 1000, who left a book of prayers, in which the faith of the Armenian people, the first to embrace Christianity, is poured out; a people that, joined to the cross of Christ, has suffered so much throughout history. And Saint Gregory spent almost his entire life in the monastery of Narek. There he learned to peer into the depths of the human soul and, by fusing poetry and prayer together, marked the pinnacle of both Armenian literature and spirituality. What is most striking about him is the universal solidarity of which he is an interpreter. And among monks and nuns there is a universal solidarity: whatever happens in the world, finds a place in the heart and they pray. The heart of monks and nuns is a heart that captures like an antenna, it picks up what happens in the world, and prays and intercedes for this. And in this way: they live in union with the Lord and with everyone. And one of them said: “I have voluntarily taken upon myself all faults, from those of the first father down to the last of his descendants, and I have held myself responsible for them”. It is what Jesus did: they take upon themselves the problems of the world, the difficulties, the ailments, many things, and they pray for them. And these are the great evangelizers. It is true... because with the word, for example, by intercession and daily work, they are a bridge of intercession for all people and all sins. They weep, even shedding tears, they weep for their sins – after all, we are all sinners – and they also weep for the sins of the world, and they pray and intercede with their hands and heart raised up. Let us think a little of this – if I may permit myself the use of the word – “reserve” that we have in the Church: they are the true strength, the true force that carries the People of God forward, and this is where the habit comes from that people have – the People of God – of saying “Pray for me, pray for me”, when they meet a consecrated man or woman, because they know there is a prayer of intercession. It will do us good – to the extent we are able – to visit a monastery, because there one prays and works. Each one has its own rules, but their hands are always occupied: engaged in work, engaged in prayer. May the Lord give us new monasteries, may he give us new monks and nuns to carry the Church forward with their intercession. Thank you.