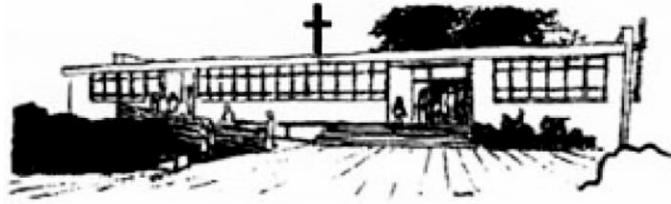


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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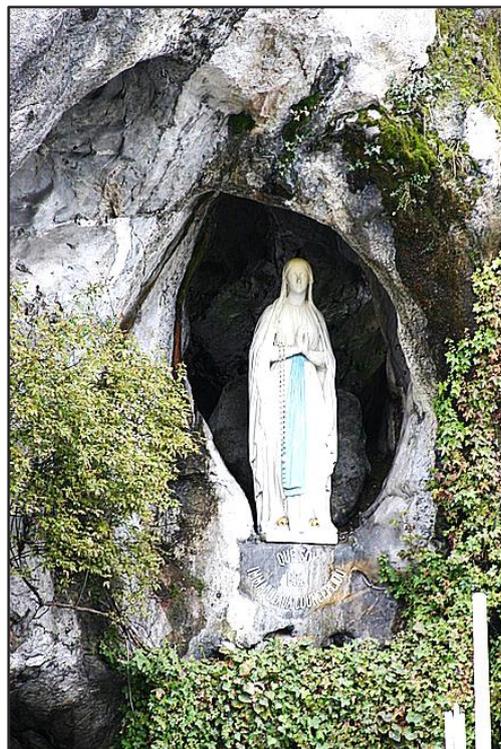
Assistant Priest

Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5th February 2023, Year A/1



Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, 2014

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: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us,
For He is the Lord our God.

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Responsorial Psalm: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Lois Green (Recently Deceased)

SUNDAY 8:30am

Basilisa Nunez Nueles (Deceased)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am St Paul Miki & Companions

Beato Justina Toleda (Dec. Ann.)

Tuesday 8:00am 5th Week in Ordinary Time

Remy Renato, Rosita Susan
& Olivia Ferras (Deceased)

Wednesday 8.00am St Josephine Bakhita

Justiniano Lilia Toledo (Deceased)

Thursday 8.00am 5th Week in Ordinary Time

Michael & Maria Paulinski (Dec.)

Friday 8.00am St Scholastica

Pankaj Gregory & Seema Palma
(Recovery from Covid)

Saturday 8.30am Our Lady of Lourdes

For Sons to Come to Christ

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Available for an hour before 8.00am Masses during the week and before 8.30am Masses on the weekends.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2023

Reconciliation: Thursday 30th March

Registration & 1st Session: 19th February

First Communion: 11th June

Registration & 1st Session: 16th April

Confirmation: Sunday 12th November

Registration & 1st Session: 30th July

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Lois Green

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES: Basilisa Nueles, Beato & Justiniano Toledo, Remy Renato, Rosita Susan, Olivia Ferras, Michael & Maria Paulinski

ANOINTING MASS

On the feast of our Lady of Lourdes, this Saturday 11th February there will be Anointing of the Sick at the 8.30am Mass. All who are sick are most welcome to be anointed at this Mass. If you need transport please ring the Office.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Jonathon Ansell, Michael & Marianne Callaghan, Margaret Colville, Frances Gunn, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Shayla, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, 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 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' FEBRUARY INTENTIONS

For Parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$567**
 Loose: \$474
 Tap & Go: \$220
 Smart Facility: \$286
 Donation: \$20

TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

All contributions go to the 2nd Collection.

QR CODE FOR DONATIONS ON PARISH WEBSITE



BIBLE STUDY

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

PARISH MOVIE

This Sunday 5th February at 1.30pm. Come and enjoy an afternoon together. Our Movie "Ride Like a Girl."

LADIES' MORNING TEA

Next date will be this Tuesday 7th February in the Parish Hall. All ladies of the Parish are most welcome.

PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be at 12 noon this Wednesday 8th February at St. Mary's Band Club. All are welcome.

YOUTH GROUP

Our Parish Youth Group will start on Wednesday 22nd February from 3-5pm. Young People from Year 6 to 18 years old are most welcome.

WESTERN DEANERY YOUNG ADULTS

Next meeting is Friday 24th February at 7pm. All over 18 and under 35 are most welcome.

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT CATHOLICS

Informal Sessions for all parents answering questions about the R.E. Program and the Catholic Religion held at St. Joseph's on Tuesdays 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th February from 7:30-9p.m. See poster on Notice Board. To R.S.V.P. email: teresaprior1@hotmail.com

POPE FRANCIS' CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA & UKRAINE TO IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

O Mary, Mother of God and our mother, in this time of trial we turn to you. You never cease to guide us to Jesus, the prince of peace. Amid evil and war, you remind us that God never abandons us, but continues to look upon us with love, ever ready to forgive us and raise us up to new life. He has given you to us and made your Immaculate Heart a refuge for the church and for all humanity.

O Loving Mother, hear our prayer: help us out of the depravity of war, inspire reconciliation, restore God's peace to the world, eliminate hatred, and teach us forgiveness. Queen of the Rosary, make us realise our need to pray and to love. Queen of Peace, obtain peace for our world from your Son, the Prince of Peace.

At this hour, we stand with you beneath the cross, entrusting to you the people of Ukraine and Russia. Mother of God and our mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the church and all humanity, especially the people of Russia and Ukraine. Accept this act that we carry out with confidence and love.

Grant that war may end and peace spread throughout the world. We trust that, through your Immaculate heart, peace will dawn once more. To you we consecrate the future of the whole human family, the needs and expectations of every people, the anxieties and hopes of the world. Through your intercession, may God's mercy be poured out on the earth and the gentle rhythm of peace return to mark our days. Amen.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

We have our Safeguarding Training in our Parish for all our Volunteers, who have not yet completed it, on Saturday 25th February. It will run from 10am to 3pm and will cover All Three Modules. Morning Tea and Lunch will be provided. **This Course is Mandatory for all Clergy, Staff and Volunteers in Parishes.**

Fill in the Form at the back of the Church or register at safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

If you would prefer to complete the training online see Online Safeguarding sign on the Notice Board.

THANK YOU TO CHARLES AND ALICJA

Dear Charles and Alicja, as you continue your journey with the Lord and each other, we want to thank you both for your presence and your service in our Parish, and to ask the Lord to bless you, keep you, make His face shine upon you and bring you peace in all you do in the future.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' ANGELUS

Sunday 29th January 2023

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

In Sunday's liturgy, the Beatitudes according to the Gospel of Matthew are proclaimed (cf. *Mt* 5:1-12). The first is fundamental. This is what it says: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (v. 3).

Who are the "poor in spirit"? They are the ones who know they cannot rely on themselves, that they are not self-sufficient, and they live as "beggars before God". They feel their need for God and recognize every good comes from him as a gift, as a grace. Those who are poor in spirit treasure what they receive. Therefore, they desire that no gift should go to waste. Today, I would like to pause on this typical aspect of the poor in spirit: not to waste. The poor in spirit try not to waste anything. Jesus shows us the importance of not wasting. For example, after the multiplication of the loaves and the fish, he asks that the leftover food be gathered so that nothing would be wasted (cf. *Jn* 6:12). Not wasting allows us to appreciate the value of ourselves, of people and of things. Unfortunately, however, this is a principle that is often disregarded, above all in more affluent societies where the culture of waste, the throw-away culture is predominant. Both are a plague. So, I would like to propose to you *three challenges* against the waste mentality, the throw-away mentality.

The first challenge: not to waste the gift that we are. Each one of us is a good, independent of the gifts we have. Every woman, every man, is rich not only in talents, but in dignity. He or she is loved by God, is valuable, is precious. Jesus reminds us that we are blessed not for what we have, but for who we are. And when a person lets go and throws him or herself away, he or she wastes themselves. Let us struggle, with God's help, against the temptations of believing ourselves inadequate, wrong, and to feel sorry for ourselves.

Then, the second challenge: not to waste the gifts we have. It is a fact that about one-third of total food production goes to waste in the world each year, while so many die of hunger! Nature's resources cannot be used like this. Goods should be taken care of and shared in such a way that no one lack what is necessary. Rather than waste what we have, let us disseminate an ecology of justice and charity, of sharing!

Lastly, the third challenge: not to throw people away. The throw-away culture says, "I use you in as much as I need you. When I am not interested in you anymore, or you are in my way, I throw you out". It is especially the weakest who are treated this way – unborn children, the elderly, the needy and the disadvantaged. But people are never to be thrown out, the disadvantaged cannot be thrown away! Every person is a sacred gift, each person is a unique gift, no matter what their age or condition. Let us always respect and promote life! Let's not throw life away!

Dear brothers and sisters, let us ask ourselves some questions. Above all: How do I live poverty of spirit? Do I know how to make room for God? Do I believe that he is my good, my true and great wealth? Do I believe that he loves me, or do I throw myself away in sadness, forgetting that I am a gift? And then – Am I careful not to waste? Am I responsible about how I use things, goods? Am I willing to share things with other, or am I selfish? Lastly: Do I consider the weakest as precious gifts whom God asks me to care for? Do I remember the poor, those who are deprived of what is necessary?

May Mary, the Woman of the Beatitudes, help us witness the joy that life is a gift and the beauty of making a gift of ourselves.

Announcement of the Apostolic Journey to Africa

Dear brothers and sisters, in two days I will depart on an Apostolic Journey to the Democratic Republic of the Congo and to the Republic of South Sudan. I thank the civil authorities and the local bishops for their invitations and for the preparations they have made for these visits, and I greet with affection those beloved peoples who await me.

These lands, situated in the centre of the great African continent, have suffered greatly from lengthy conflicts. The Democratic Republic of the Congo, especially in the east of the country, suffers from armed clashes and exploitation. South Sudan, wracked by years of war, longs for an end to the constant violence that forces many people to be displaced and to live in conditions of great hardship. In South Sudan, I will arrive together with the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

I ask everyone, please, to accompany this Journey with their prayers.