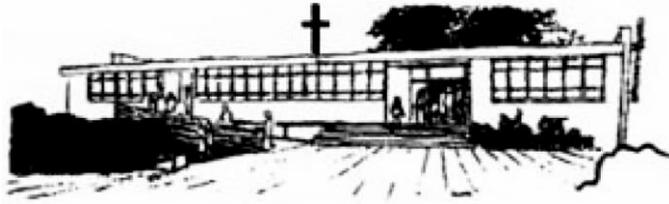


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

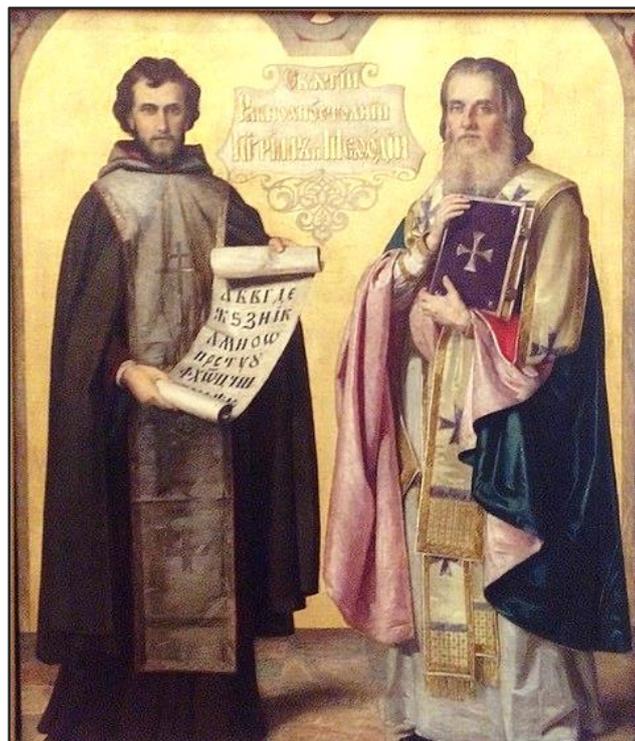
Assistant Priest

Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12th February 2023, Year A/1



PREDIC, Oros, St Cyril & St Methodius

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: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.
For You are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me for the sake of Your name.

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-27

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Orlando Surace (Recently Dec.)
SUNDAY	8:30am		Aneesh Joseph (Deceased Ann.)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	Bl Jordan of Saxony	Anna Szychowska (For Peace in her Soul & Employment)
Tuesday	8:00am	St Cyril & St Methodius	Souls in Purgatory & Thanksgiving
Wednesday	8.00am	6 th Week in Ordinary Time	Frank Anjela & Irene Barglik (D.A.)
Thursday	8.00am	6 th Week in Ordinary Time	Marian & Jozef Kubla (Deceased)
Friday	8.00am	6 th Week in Ordinary Time	Aneta Mierzanowski (Christ's Inner Healing & Peace in the Heart)
Saturday	8.30am	Bl John of Fiesole	Beverley Crowe (For her Health)

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: Orlando Surace, Jozef Kubka, Maggie Whittaker, Cardinal George Pell

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES: Aneesh Joseph, Frank Anjela & Irene Barglik, Marian Kubla

ASH WEDNESDAY – 22ND FEBRUARY

Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

Masses are at 8am and 7pm

Liturgy of the Word with St Joseph's School in attendance is at 12.30pm

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: \$905**
 Loose: \$378.65
 Tap & Go: \$230
 Smart Facility: \$195
 Donations: \$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

Next Parish Movie is Sunday 5th March at 1.30pm. Plan to come and enjoy an afternoon together. Movie will be announced closer to the date.

PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be at 12 noon Wednesday 8th March at St. Mary's Band Club. This is a good opportunity to meet other Parishioners in a social setting. 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. If you would like to help with admin or afternoon tea please see Clare.

WESTERN DEANERY YOUNG ADULTS

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

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Sunday 19 February 2023, 2:00 pm at St Andrew the Apostle Church, 36-40 Breakfast Road, Marayong. Celebrant is Robin Koning SJ.

PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Please bring your Palms from last year by next Sunday 19th February to be burnt for Ash Wednesday.

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT CATHOLICS

Postponed to a date to be confirmed.

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

Safeguarding Training in our Parish for all our Volunteers, who have not yet completed it, is on Saturday 25th February 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 everyone who Volunteers in our 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 the Online Safeguarding sign on the Notice Board.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

Apostolic Journey to Congo and Sudan

Wednesday 8th February 2023

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Last week I visited two African countries: the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan. I thank God for permitting me to make this long-desired journey. Two "dreams": to visit the Congolese people, custodians of an immense country, the green heart of Africa: together with Amazonia, they are the two lungs of the world. A land rich in resources and bloodied by a war that never ends, because there is always someone to fan the flames. And to visit the South Sudanese people, in a pilgrimage of peace together with the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, and the Moderator General of the Church of Scotland, Iain Greenshields: we went together to bear witness that it is possible, and a duty, to collaborate in diversity, especially if one shares faith in Jesus Christ.

The first three days I was in Kinshasa, capital of the Congo. At the Presidential Palace, I was able to address a message to the nation: the Congo is like a diamond, for her nature, her resources, and especially for her people; but this diamond has become a source of contention, of violence, and of the impoverishment of the people. It is a dynamic that is also found in other African regions, and which applies in general to the continent that has been colonized, exploited, plundered. I have said several times that exploitation must stop in Africa. I have also said that together with dignity, mutual respect, and in the name of Christ, our hope, to go forward. Do not exploit and go forward together.

In the name of Christ, we gathered for the great Eucharistic celebration. Meetings took place: with the victims of the violence in the east of the country, the region that has for years been torn apart by war between armed groups manoeuvred by economic and political interests. People live in fear and insecurity, sacrificed on the altar of illicit deals. I heard the shocking testimonies of some victims, who placed weapons and other instruments of death at the foot of the cross. With them, I said "no" to violence and resignation, "yes" to reconciliation and hope.

I then met with the representatives of the various charitable organizations present in the country, to thank them and encourage them. Their work with the poor and for the poor it makes the common good grow. Charitable initiatives must always be first and foremost for development, not only for aid but for development. Aid yes, but development.

There was an exciting moment with Congolese young people and catechists in the stadium. It was like an immersion in the present, projected towards the future.

I indicated five paths to them: prayer, community, honesty, forgiveness and service. May the Lord hear their cry, that invokes justice.

In the Cathedral of Kinshasa, I met with priests, deacons, consecrated men and women, and seminarians. I urged them to be servants of the people as witnesses of Christ's love, overcoming three temptations: spiritual mediocrity, worldly comfort and superficiality. Finally, with the Congolese bishops I shared the joy and hardship of pastoral service. I invited them to let themselves be comforted by God's closeness, and to be prophets for the people, with the strength of the Word of God, to be signs of the Lord's attitude towards us: compassion, closeness, tenderness.

The second part of the journey took place in Juba, capital of South Sudan, a state that was born in 2011. This visit had a very special character, expressed by the motto that echoed the words of Jesus: "I pray for all to be one" (cf. *Jn* 17:21). Indeed, it was an ecumenical pilgrimage of peace, made together with the leaders of two Churches historically present in that land: the Anglican Communion and the Church of Scotland. In 2019 there was a spiritual retreat here, in the Curia, with all these politicians, with all these people aspiring to positions, some of them enemies, but they were all at the retreat. And this gave the strength to go forward. Unfortunately, the reconciliation process has not advanced much, and the nascent South Sudan is a victim of the old logic of power and rivalry, which produces war, violence, refugees and internally displaced persons. I am very thankful to Mr. President for the welcome he gave me and for how he is trying to manage this path, which is not at all easy, say "no" to corruption and to arms trafficking, and "yes" to encounter and dialogue. Only in this way will people be able to work in peace, the sick be cured, and children go to school.

South Sudan is a country of around eleven million inhabitants, of whom, as a result of the armed conflicts, two million are internally displaced and as many have fled to neighbouring countries. Therefore, I wished to meet a large group of internally displaced persons, to listen to them and to make them feel Christ's closeness. I encouraged everyone to be seeds of a new South Sudan, without violence, reconciled and pacified.

Then, in the meeting with the pastors and consecrated persons of the local Church, we looked at Moses, a model of obedience to God and perseverance in intercession.

In the Eucharistic celebration, the final act of the entire journey, I echoed the Gospel, encouraging Christians to be "salt and light" in that sorely troubled land. God places his hope not in the great and the powerful, but in the small and the humble.

Let us pray that in all Africa the seeds of his Kingdom of love, justice and peace may germinate. Thank you.