

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023, Year B/2



MARTINO, Altomonte, The Immaculate Conception, 1719

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:** 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:** Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, make us turn to You, let us see Your face and we shall be saved.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

**Gospel:** Mark 13:33-37

### VIGIL SATURDAY

	<b>6:00pm</b>		<b>Thanks for Graces Received in Marriage</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:30am</b>		<b>Safe Travels &amp; Happy Holidays</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>		<b>For the Parish</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>1st Week of Advent</b>	<b>Betsy Kaniman (Thanksgiving Mass)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>1st Week of Advent</b>	<b>McIlvenna, Dobranski, McCaffrey &amp; La-Hood Families; †† Souls in Purgatory</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>St Nicholas of Myra</b>	<b>Thanks for Graces Received in Marriage</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>St Ambrose</b>	<b>Thanksgiving</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8.00am</b> <b>7.00pm</b>	<b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	<b>For God's Precious Infants</b> <b>For the Parish</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>1st Week of Advent</b>	<b>Thanksgiving</b>

### BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to one of the Priests or ring 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. Confessions are also available during Adoration. Please let the Priest know.

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF VIRGIN MARY

Masses at 8am & 7pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Midnight, 8.30am & 10am

**Reconciliation:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

9am to 12noon & 5pm to 7.30pm

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Kirt & Maryann Tonna

### DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Deceased Members of the McIlvenna, Dobranski, McCaffrey & La-Hood 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, Danny Patos, Shayla, Benjamin Santiago, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Cynthia Sulvita, Charley 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' DECEMBER INTENTIONS

#### For Persons with Disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

**SECOND COLLECTION:**      **Envelopes: \$750**  
   **Loose:      \$432.70**  
   **Tap & Go: \$240**  
   **Smart Facility: \$410.70**  
**St Joseph Statue Donations Total: \$2197**

### TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

All contributions go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### ST JOSEPH STATUE

Donations can be placed in the silver "Donation Box" at the back of the Church. We are planning to have the new Statue blessed on the Feast of St Joseph, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Thank you for your donations.

### BISHOP VINCENT'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This weekend we have another collection for the Bishop's Christmas Appeal to make up our quota, which is \$2726. We have collected \$1205.45 so far. Thank you for your generosity.

### PARRAMATTA MEN'S ROSARY

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month at 10.30am in the front of St Patrick's Cathedral, Prince Alfred Square, Parramatta. See flyer on Noticeboard for more information.

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in February 2024. This is formation for anyone interested in serving in Liturgical Ministry either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested contact the Office for Worship at [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org) or on 0460 037 795. For an Application Form see Aruna at the Parish Office.

### GLENBROOK PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT

St Finbar's Parish invite you to their annual Christmas concert on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. The evening will include choir and musical performances with themed readings for Christmas. Suggested donations for entry are \$15 for individuals and \$35 for families. For enquiries, please contact 0421 105 017.

### MISSION ENHANCEMENT TEAM SOUL FOOD

The Mission Enhancement Team's Soul Food Podcast features life and faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen now for FREE via our website or on Spotify: <https://pfparr.org.au/soulfood/>

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES IN 2024

Visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website. For more information, email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

### DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA TRIBUNAL

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm for enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Interviews are being conducted in person with Zoom and telephone appointments also available. Please contact the Tribunal by email at [tribunal@parracatholic.org](mailto:tribunal@parracatholic.org) or on 8838 3480.

### SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

#### Safeguarding Mandatory Training.

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.

**Cycle 1 Mandatory Modules 1-3 Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February** – 9.30am-2.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown

#### Cycle 2 Renewal Mandatory Modules 4-5

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> (4) & 29<sup>th</sup> (5) February** – 7-8.30pm at St Nicholas of Myra, 326 High St, Penrith

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – 10am-1.30pm at Holy Spirit Parish, Corner of Todd Road & Moore Street, St Clair

If you would like to complete your 6 points online go to at <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

For any questions, please email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement & Education Officer at [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org)

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

**POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**The Passion for Evangelisation:**

**28. Proclamation is for Today**

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today we will see a third aspect of Christian proclamation: it is for today.

One almost always hears bad things being said about today. Certainly, with wars, climate change, worldwide injustice and migration, family and hope crises, there is no shortage of cause for concern. In general, today seems to be inhabited by a culture that puts the individual above all else and technology at the centre of everything, with its ability to solve many problems and its gigantic advances in so many fields. But at the same time, this culture of technical-individual progress leads to the affirmation of a freedom that does not want to set itself limits and is indifferent to those who fall behind. And so, it consigns great human aspirations to the often voracious logic of the economy, with a vision of life that discards those who do not produce and struggles to look beyond the immanent. We could even say that we find ourselves in the first civilization in history that globally seeks to organize a human society without the presence of God, concentrated in huge cities that remain horizontal despite their vertiginous skyscrapers.

The account of the city of Babel and its tower comes to mind (cf. Gen 11:1-9). It narrates a social project that involves sacrificing all individuality to the efficiency of the collective. Humanity speaks just one language – we might say that it has a “single way of thinking” – as if enveloped in a kind of general spell that absorbs the uniqueness of each into a bubble of uniformity. Then God confuses the languages, that is, He re-establishes differences, recreates the conditions for uniqueness to develop, revives the multiple where ideology would like to impose the single. The Lord also distracts humanity from its delirium of omnipotence: “Let us make a name for ourselves”, say the exalting inhabitants of Babel (v. 4), who want to reach up to heaven, to put themselves in God’s place. But these are dangerous, alienating, destructive ambitions, and the Lord, by confounding these expectations, protects mankind, preventing an impending disaster. Even today, cohesion, instead of fraternity and peace, is often based on ambition, nationalism, homologation, and techno-economic structures that inculcate the persuasion that God is

insignificant and useless: not so much because one seeks more knowledge, but above all for the sake of more power. It is a temptation that pervades the great challenges of today’s culture.

In *Evangelii Gaudium* I tried to describe others, but above all I called for an evangelization capable of shedding light on these new ways of relating to God, to others and to the world around us, and inspiring essential values. It must reach the places where new narratives and paradigms are being formed, bringing the word of Jesus to the inmost soul of our cities. In other words, Jesus can be proclaimed only by inhabiting the culture of one’s own time; and always taking to heart the words of the Apostle Paul about the present: “Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation” (2 Cor 6:2). There is therefore no need to contrast today with alternative visions from the past. Nor is it sufficient to simply reiterate acquired religious convictions that become abstract with the passage of time. A truth does not become more credible because one raises one’s voice, but because it is witnessed with one’s life.

Apostolic zeal is never a simple repetition of an acquired style, but testimony that the Gospel is alive today here for us. Let us look at our age and our culture as a gift. They are ours and evangelizing them does not mean judging them from afar, but rather going down onto the streets, going to the places where one lives, frequenting the spaces where one suffers, works, studies and reflects, inhabiting the crossroads where human beings share what has meaning for their lives. It means being, as a Church, a leaven for dialogue, encounter, unity. Our own formulations of faith are the fruit of dialogue and encounter among cultures, communities and various situations. We must not fear dialogue: on the contrary, it is precisely confrontation and criticism that help us to preserve theology from being transformed into ideology.

It is necessary to stand at the crossroads of today. Leaving them would impoverish the Gospel and reduce the Church to a sect. Frequenting, on the other hand, helps us Christians to understand in a renewed way the reasons for our hope, to extract and share from the treasure of faith “what is new and what is old” (Mt 13:52). In short, more than wanting to convert the world of today, we need to convert pastoral care so that it better incarnates the Gospel in today. Let us make Jesus’ desire our own: to help fellow travellers not to lose the desire for God, to open their hearts to Him and find the only One who, today and always, gives peace and joy to humanity.