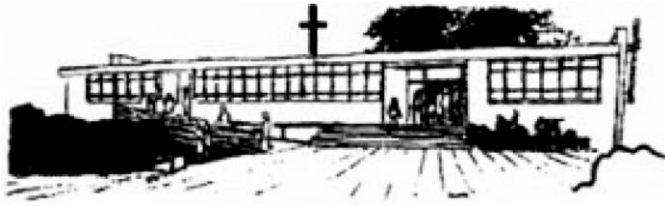


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

Assistant Priest

Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148 (Calls Only)

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3rd November 2024, Year B/2



ANGELICO, Fra, Predella of the San Domenico Altarpiece Fiesole
(detail)

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

During Morning Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
(Please let the Priest know.)

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ms. Jennifer Crowley - Principal

School Office Times

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

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Kingswood, NSW 2747

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Responsorial Psalm: I love You, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

†† All Souls

SUNDAY 8:30am

†† All Souls

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am St Charles Borromeo

†† All Souls

Tuesday 8:00am 31st Week Ordinary Time

†† All Souls

Wednesday 8.00am 31st Week Ordinary Time

†† All Souls

Thursday 8.00am ALL SAINTS OF THE ORDER OF PREACHERS

†† All Souls

Friday 8.00am Anniversary of Deceased Brothers & Sisters

†† All Souls

Saturday 8.30am DEDICATION OF ST JOHN LATERAN BASILICA

†† All Souls

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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 speak to the Priest.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2024

Confirmation: This Sunday 3rd November
 Congratulations to our children who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

NOVEMBER MASSES

One Mass each day in November will be offered for our Deceased. When you fill out your November Mass Envelope place it in the basket at the back of the Church and fill in the Remembrance Book with the names of your friends and relatives. Names of deceased can be added through November and will be included in the Mass of the following day until the end of November.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Tuesday 24th December – 6pm

Wednesday 25th December – Midnight, 8.30am & 10am

Reconciliation: Monday 23rd December – 9am to 12noon & 5pm to 7.30pm

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Sr Louisa, Carolina Q. Alvarez, Jonathon Ansell, Tania Blazek, Tony Bogdanovic, Margaret Colville, Frances Gunn, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Nympha Miller, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Benjamin Santiago, Shayla, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Maureen van Hoogenvest, David Wakeling, Mary Woodward.

SICK LIST: Due to privacy laws, if you have anyone for the sick list, please 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.

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

POPE FRANCIS' NOVEMBER INTENTIONS

For Those Who Have Lost a Child

Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$1307**
 Loose: \$601.85
 Tap & Go: \$180
 Smart Facility: \$240
 Carpet Donations: \$2227.10

SMART DONATION FACILITIES

Donations from the two Smart terminals at the door, go towards the 2nd Collection. Donations from the Smart terminal near the creche go towards Special Project Donations.

TAP & GO

The Quest Tap & Go Facility is no longer operational because the 3G network has been phased out.

SPECIAL PROJECT DONATIONS

Our Special Project Donations are now going towards Carpet for the Church. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.

BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday at 9.15am in the Parish Hall.

PARISH LUNCH

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 13th November at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

If you are new to the Parish, have not registered or want to update your information, please use the QR Code.



YOUNG ADULTS' FAITH FORMATION

This Sunday 3rd November from 7-8.30pm at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy Street, Minchinbury. Join Dr Mariusz Biliniewicz to discuss The Holy Souls in Purgatory. See the flyer at the back of the Church for more information.

VOLUNTEER WITH VINNIES

This is an opportunity to share your skills with your community. Search "Volunteer Vinnies NSW" or see the flyer at the back of the Church.

CHRISTMAS CATALOGUES

Find copies at the back of the Church. All proceeds assist the work and mission of Aid to the Church in need. Visit www.thatcatholicshop.com to see the entire range and to order online.

BISHOP VINCENT'S VATICAN II LECTURE

You are invited to Bishop Vincent's annual lecture on Vatican II on Wednesday 20th November, 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown, cnr Flushcombe Road. Register via <https://parracatholic.org/events/vatican-ii-lecture/> for more information contact met@parracatholic.org

FREE THEOLOGY BOOKS

As the Bishop Bede Heather Centre will be undergoing renovations soon, the library books are available free of charge. There are books on biblical studies, philosophy, ethics, spirituality, ministry, homiletics, parish renewal, liturgy, sacraments and more. You are welcome to visit (at the above address), on the following days, from 10am to 4pm: Wednesday 6th November; Tuesday 12th November; Friday 22nd November.

iWITNESS CONFERENCE

Thursday 12th to Sunday 15th December 2024 at Cobbity. This is a weekend of fun and spiritual transformation for young adults, 18 to 35 years. See the flyer and QR code on the noticeboard for more information.

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.

Modules 1-3 – These Modules are for new Volunteers who have not completed any safeguarding Training.

Modules 4/5 – Renewal for those who completed Modules 1-3 two years ago.

For the direct link to training dates and to register: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/?series=safeguarding-training>

To complete the modules online go to <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

For any questions, please email Maria Kervin, at maria.kervin@parracatholic.org

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday 23rd October 2024

Cycle of Catechesis. The Spirit and the Bride. The Holy Spirit guides the people of God towards Jesus our hope. 11. "He has anointed us and put His seal upon us". Confirmation, Sacrament of the Holy Spirit

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today we will continue our reflection on the presence and action of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church through the Sacraments.

The sanctifying action of the Holy Spirit reaches us primarily through two channels: the *Word of God* and the *Sacraments*. And among all the Sacraments, there is one that is quintessentially the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit, and it is on this that I would like to focus today. It is the Sacrament of Confirmation.

In the New Testament, beyond baptism with water, another rite is mentioned, that of the *imposition of hands*, which has the purpose of communicating the Holy Spirit visibly and in a charismatic way, with effects analogous to those produced by the Apostles at Pentecost. The Acts of the Apostles refer to a significant episode in this regard. Having heard that some in Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John there from Jerusalem. They "went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit" (8:14-17).

Added to this is what Saint Paul writes in the Second Letter to the Corinthians: "The one who gives us security with you in Christ and who anointed us is God; He has also put His seal upon us and given the Spirit in our hearts as a first instalment" (1:21-22). The guarantee of the Spirit. The theme of the Holy Spirit as a "royal seal" with which Christ marks his sheep is at the basis of the doctrine of the "indelible character" conferred by this rite.

With the passing of time, the rite of anointing took shape as a Sacrament in itself, assuming diverse forms and content in the various ages and different rites of the Church. This is not the place to retrace this very complex history. What the Sacrament of Confirmation is in the understanding of the Church seems to me to be described in a very simple and clear way by the Catechism of adults of the Italian Episcopal

Conference. It says: "Confirmation is for all the faithful what Pentecost was for the entire Church. ... It reinforces the baptismal incorporation into Christ and the Church and the consecration to the prophetic, royal and priestly mission. It communicates the abundance of the gifts of the Spirit. ... If, therefore, Baptism is the Sacrament of birth, Confirmation is the Sacrament of growth. For this very reason it is also the Sacrament of witness, because this is closely linked to the maturity of Christian existence". The Catechism up to this point.

The problem is how to ensure that the Sacrament of Confirmation is not reduced, in practice, to "last rites", that is the Sacrament of "departure" from the Church. It is said that it is the *farewell Sacrament*, because once young people do it they go away and then return for marriage. This is what people say... but we must ensure that it is rather the Sacrament of participation, of active participation in the life of the Church. It is a milestone that can seem impossible, given the current situation throughout the Church, but this does not mean that we should stop pursuing it. It will not be so for all Confirmands, children or adults, but it is important that it is at least for some who will then go on to be the animators of the community.

It can be useful, for this purpose, to be helped in preparing for the Sacrament by lay faithful who have had a personal encounter with Christ and have had a true experience of the Spirit. Some people say that they have experienced it as a blossoming of the Sacrament of Confirmation received as children.

But this does not relate only to future Confirmands; it relates to all of us and at any time. Together with *Confirmation* and *anointing*, we have received, the Apostle assures us, also the *bond* of the Spirit, which elsewhere he calls "the first fruits of the Spirit" (Rm 8:23). We must "spend" this bond, savour these first fruits, not bury underground the charisms and talents received.

Saint Paul exhorted the disciple Timothy to "stir into flame the gift of God^d that you have through the imposition of my hands" (2 Tim 1:6), and the verb used suggests the image of one who breathes on the fire to revive the flame. Here is a good goal for the Jubilee year! To remove the ashes of habit and disengagement, to become, like the torchbearers at the Olympics, bearers of the flame of the Spirit. May the Spirit help us to take a few steps in this direction!