

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

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THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17th November 2024, Year B/2



BARTOLOMEO, Fra, Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, 1516

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

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

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-13
Responsorial Psalm: Keep me safe, O God; You are my hope.
Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		†† All Souls
SUNDAY	8:30am		†† All Souls
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	33rd Week Ordinary Time	†† All Souls
Tuesday	8:00am	33rd Week Ordinary Time	†† All Souls
Wednesday	8.00am	33rd Week Ordinary Time	†† All Souls
Thursday	8.00am	Presentation of the Bl Virgin Mary	†† All Souls
Friday	8.00am	St Cecilia	†† All Souls
Saturday	8.30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary	†† 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.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Tuesday 24th December – 6pm
 Wednesday 25th December – Midnight, 8.30am & 10am

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

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.

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.

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$805**
 Loose: \$611.10
 Smart Facility: \$763.10
 Carpet Donations: \$2707.10

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.

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

Fr Andrew has given permission for anyone who wants to meet for Bible Study to do so while he is away on Wednesdays at 9.15am in the Parish Hall.

PARISH LUNCH

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 11th December 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.



MEN'S BARBEQUE

Saturday 30th November after 6pm Mass. All men over 18 are invited to come and enjoy an evening together.

CLEANING THE LORD'S HOUSE & GROUNDS

We need people to help arrange flowers and clean the Church on a Saturday morning. We also need assistance in the maintenance of the Church Grounds (mowing, edging and cleaning), anytime someone has time available. Please ring Clare on 0432 668 724 or the Parish Office.

CANA MARRIAGE

For all young married couples who have been married for 10 years or less. Saturday 23rd November from 3-5pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Hall, 28 Swanston Street, St Marys. Speakers are Byron & Francine Pirola. See flyer on noticeboard for enquiry numbers and QR code to register.

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

WOMEN'S RECOLLECTION

Women's Recollection is on Thursday 21st November. Morning Session, with Mass, is held at St Joseph's Parish, Kingswood from 10am. Evening Session is at Montgrove College, Orchard Hills from 7pm. See the Flyer at the back of the Church for details.

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to the annual Diocesan Mass for our Deceased Clergy on Tuesday 19 November at 9.00am at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys, followed by prayers at the gravesites of clergy buried in St Marys Cemetery. All are welcome to attend to pray for those whose lives were dedicated to bringing us all closer to Christ.

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.

iWITNESS CONFERENCE

Thursday 12th to Sunday 15th December 2024 at Cobbity. This is a weekend of fun and spiritual transformation for young adults. See the flyer 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 13th November 2024

Cycle of Catechesis. The Spirit and the Bride. The Holy Spirit guides the people of God towards Jesus our hope. 13. A letter written with the Spirit of the living God: Mary and the Holy Spirit.

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Among the various means by which the Holy Spirit implements His work of sanctification in the Church – the Word of God, the Sacraments, prayer – there is one in entirely particular, and it is *Marian piety*. In the Catholic tradition there is this motto, this saying: “*Ad Iesum per Mariam*”, that is, “to Jesus by means of Mary”. Our Lady lets us see Jesus. She opens the doors to us, always! Our Lady is the mother who leads us by the hand towards Jesus. Our Lady never points to herself, but to Jesus. And this is Marian piety: to Jesus by the hands of Our Lady. The true and only mediator between us and Christ, indicated as such by Jesus Himself, is the Holy Spirit. Mary is one of the means the Holy Spirit uses to bring us to Jesus.

Saint Paul defines the Christian community as “a letter of Christ administered by us, written not in ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets that are hearts of flesh” (2 Cor 3:3). Mary, as the first disciple and figure of the Church, is also a letter written with the Spirit of the living God. Precisely for this reason, she can be “known and read by all” (2 Cor 3:2), even those who do not know how to read theology books, those “little ones” to whom Jesus says that the mysteries of the Kingdom, hidden to the wise, are revealed (cf. Mt 11:25).

By saying her “Yes” – when Mary accepts and says to the Angel, “Yes, let the Lord’s will be done” and accepts to be the mother of Jesus – it is as though Mary said to God: “Here I am, I am a tablet to be written on: let the Writer write what he wants, make of me what the Lord of all wishes”. At that time, people wrote on waxed tablets; today we would say that Mary offers herself like a blank page on which the Lord can write whatever He wants. Mary’s “Yes” to the Angel – as a renowned exegete wrote – represents “the apex of all religious behaviour before God, since she expresses, in the highest manner, passive availability combined with active readiness, the deepest emptiness that accompanies the greatest fullness”.

This, then, is how the Mother of God is an instrument

of the Holy Spirit in His work of sanctification. In the midst of the endless profusion of words said and written about God, the Church and holiness (that very few, or no-one, is able to read and understand fully), she suggests a few words that everyone, even the simplest, can say on any occasion: “*behold*” and “*let it be done*”. Mary is the one who said “Yes” to the Lord, and with her example and by her intercession urges us to say our “Yes” to Him too, whenever we are faced with an act of obedience to perform or a trial to overcome.

In every age of our history, but in particular at this time, the Church finds herself in the same situation as the Christian community in the aftermath of Jesus’ Ascension to heaven. It had to preach the Gospel to all nations but was awaiting the “power from on high” in order to be able to do it. And let us not forget that, at that time, as we read in the Acts of the Apostles, the disciples were gathered around “Mary the mother of Jesus” (Acts 1:14).

It is true that there were also other women together with her in the Upper Room, but her presence is different and unique among them all. Between her and the Holy Spirit there is a unique and eternally indestructible bond that is the very person of Christ Himself, “who was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary”, as we recite in the Creed. The evangelist Luke deliberately highlights the correlation between the coming of the Holy Spirit upon Mary in the Annunciation and His coming to the disciples at Pentecost, using some identical expressions in both cases.

Saint Francis of Assisi, in one of his prayers, greets Our Lady as “daughter and handmaid of the heavenly Father, the almighty King, Mother of our most high Lord Jesus Christ, and Spouse of the Holy Spirit”. Daughter of the Father, Spouse of the Holy Spirit! The unique relationship between Mary and the Trinity could not be illustrated in simpler words.

Like all images, this one of the “Spouse of the Holy Spirit” must not be rendered absolute, but taken for that amount of truth it contains, and it is a very beautiful truth. She is the bride, but before that, she is the disciple of the Holy Spirit. Bride and disciple. Let us learn from her to be docile to the inspirations of the Spirit, especially when He suggests to us to “arise in haste” and go to help someone who needs us, as she did straight after the angel left her (cf. Lk 1:39). Thank you!