ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP Parish Priest

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Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148 (Calls Only)

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27th July 2025, Year C/1



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

Mrs. Rochelle Borg - Principal

School Office Times

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

Address

94 Joseph Street

Kingswood, NSW 2747

Telephone: 4726 4200

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 900am - 2:00pm and Friday: 9.00am - 1:00pm

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS/MASS INTENTIONS

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, on the day I called for help, You answered me.

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm † Angela Barca

SUNDAY 8:30am † Zheng Guilan

10:00am For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 17th Week in Ordinary Time † Cardinal George Pell

Tuesday 8:00am St Martha, St Mary & St Lazarus † Paschal Arik

Wednesday 8.00am 17th Week in Ordinary Time Conversion of a Friend

Thursday 8.00am St Ignatius of Loyola † Maureen van Hoogenvest

Friday 8.00am St Alphonsus Liguori Amber Tramoli (Safe Pregnancy) &

† Mark Tramoli

Saturday 8.30am Bl Jane of Aza Silvia Griffiths (Birthday Blessings)

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.

POPE'S JULY INTENTIONS

That the World Might Grow in Compassion

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from His heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Angela Barca, Zheng Guilan, John Small

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Cardinal George Pell, Paschal Arik, Maureen van Hoogenvest, Mark Tramoli

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2025

Confirmation: Thursday 6th November

All Sessions are at 11.30am

Please keep our children in your prayers.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Sr Louisa, Carolina Q. Alvarez, Jonathon Ansell, Tony Bogdanovic, Margaret Colville, Frances Gunn, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, Tony Jacobs, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, Lidya, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Nympha Miller, Karen Morvan, Gary O'Brien, Shayla, Garry Smith, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, 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

SECOND COLLECTION:

Envelopes: \$920

Loose: \$487.95 Smart Facility: \$625

A/Cs & Carpet Donations: \$14,399.30

SMART DONATION FACILITIES

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

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

BIBLE STUDY

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

PARISH LUNCH

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 13th August at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome. If you need a lift, please ring the Parish Office by Tuesday 12th July.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

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



INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

The Parish Council is organising a Food Festival on Sunday, 10th August. Please help us get the flyers throughout our neighbouring suburbs and highlight the area on the map that you can cover. If you can



assist in any way, please fill the form at the back of the church or use the QR code to complete it online.

YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Sunday 3rd August at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, South Mt Druitt (9 Ropes Creek Rd Mt Druitt) from 7pm to 8.30pm. Fr Marcus Hazelman will speak about St Peter Chanel. If you have any questions, please call Mark on 0477 004 678.

PENROSE PARK

On Saturday 13th September we are going on a pilgrimage to Penrose Park. We will depart from Richmond Road at 8.00am and return by 4.30pm. See flyer for QR Code to register or ring the Parish Office.

HELP CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND

Aid to the Church in Need is providing urgent support to the Church in Israel and Gaza, in the ongoing conflict. To make an emergency donation visit www.aidtothechurch.org/holyland

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

Cross the Holy Door in Rome. Celebrate the Jubilee Year 25th September – 4th October 2025 visiting holy places in Rome, Lanciano (Eucharistic Miracle), Assisi, Pompei, Montecassino and the Amalfi Coast. Open to all, it will be extra special for those involved in teaching the faith as it coincides with the Jubilee of Catechists. Info: pp@mibp.org.au or 0417 259 617.

SISTERS OF CHARITY HERITAGE CENTRE

The Centre at 1 Rockwell Cres., Potts Point is open from 10am to 3pm from Tuesday to Thursday. Entry is free and parking is available. Ring 9138 0835 or email heritagecentre@rscoffice.com or visit the web site socheritagecentre.org.au for more information.

LOW-COST COUNSELLING SERVICES

Catholic Care Western Sydney provides low-cost counselling services for individuals seeking support. Call Catholic Care on 8843 2500 for a friendly chat today.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA TRIBUNAL

The Tribunal is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm for enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Please contact the Tribunal office on (02) 8838 3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding Mandatory Training.

Under the Children's Guardian Act 2019 and the NSW Child Safe Standards all volunteers 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 LEO XIV ANGELUS

Sunday, 20th July 2025

Dear brothers and sisters, happy Sunday!

Today's liturgy invites us to reflect on the hospitality shown by Abraham and his wife Sarah, and later by the sisters Martha and Mary, who were friends of Jesus (cf. *Gen* 18:1-10; *Lk* 10:38-42). Every time we are invited to the Lord's Supper and share in the Eucharistic meal, it is God himself who "comes to serve us" (cf. *Lk* 12:37). Yet God first knew what it was to be a guest, and today as well, he stands at our door and knocks (cf. *Rev* 3:20). In Italian, the same word can mean both "guest" and "host." On this summer Sunday, let us reflect on this interplay of giving and receiving hospitality, for without it our lives are impoverished.

Humility is needed to offer hospitality, but also to receive it. It also takes courtesy, attentiveness and openness. In the Gospel, Martha risks missing out on some of the joy of this exchange. She is so caught up in preparing to welcome Jesus that she nearly spoils a unique moment of encounter. Martha is a generous person, but our Lord calls her to something more than generosity alone. He calls her to leave her preparations behind and to come and spend time with him.

Dear brothers and sisters, our lives can only flourish if we learn to be open to something greater than ourselves, something that brings us happiness and fulfillment. Martha complains that her sister has left her alone to serve (cf. v. 40), but Mary is completely caught up in Jesus' words. She is no less practical than her sister, nor less generous, but she recognized what was most important. That is why Jesus chides Martha. She was missing an opportunity to share in a moment that would have brought her great joy (cf. vv. 41-42).

The summer season can help us learn how to slow down and become more like Mary than Martha. Sometimes we too fail to choose the better part. We need to take time to rest and try to learn better the art of hospitality. The holiday industry wants to sell us all sorts of "experiences," but perhaps not the ones we are really looking for. Every genuine encounter is free; it cannot be bought, whether it is an encounter with God, with others or with nature. We need only learn the art of hospitality, which

includes both welcoming others and allowing ourselves to be welcomed. We have much to receive, not only to give. Abraham and Sarah, despite their advanced years, found themselves being parents after they welcomed the Lord himself in the three visitors. We too have so much life ahead of us, remaining to be welcomed and embraced.

Let us pray to Mary Most Holy, our Mother, who welcomed our Lord, bore him in her womb, and together with Joseph gave him a home. In her, we see the beauty of our own vocation, the vocation of the Church, to be a home open to all and in this way to welcome her Lord, who knocks at our door and asks our permission to enter.

After the Angelus prayer

Dear brothers and sisters,

This morning I celebrated the Eucharist in the Cathedral of Albano. It was a significant moment of ecclesial communion and encounter with the diocesan community. I thank His Excellency Bishop Viva who is present here and all those who worked to organise this beautiful celebration. I offer my best wishes to the entire diocesan community!

I renew my appeal to the international community to observe humanitarian law and to respect the obligation to protect civilians, as well as the prohibition of collective punishment, the indiscriminate use of force and the forced displacement of the population.

To our beloved Middle Eastern Christians I say: I deeply sympathise with your feeling that you can do little in the face of this grave situation. You are in the heart of the Pope and of the whole Church. Thank you for your witness of faith. May the Virgin Mary, woman of the Levant, dawn of the new Sun that has risen in history, protect you always and accompany the world towards the dawn of peace. I greet the young participants of the pilgrimage

I greet the young participants of the pilgrimage organised by the Catholic Worldview Fellowship, who are visiting Rome after several weeks of prayer and formation.

In a few days I will return to the Vatican, after these two weeks that I have stayed here in Castel Gandolfo. I would like to thank all of you for your hospitality and wish all of you a happy Sunday!