

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

30th November 2025, Year C/1



ANGELICO, Fra, The Annunciation, 1430s

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: Isaiah 2:1-5

Responsorial Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

†† All Souls

SUNDAY 8:30am

†† All Souls

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 1st Week of Advent

†† Bronislaw & Stanislaw Blazek

Tuesday 8:00am 1st Week of Advent

Dennis Bunye (For Good Health)

Wednesday 8:00am St Francis Xavier

†† Cynthia & Everton Buulgens

Thursday 8:00am 1st Week of Advent

† Heloise Bartholomuez

Friday 8:00am 1st Week of Advent

†† For God's Precious Infants

Saturday 8:30am St Nicholas of Myra

†† Dec. Mems. of St Vincent de Paul Society

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Heloise Bartholomuez, Cynthia & Everton Buulgens

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Bronislaw & Stanislaw Blazek, God's Precious Infants, Dec. Mems. of St Vincent de Paul Society

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2026

Our Sacramental Sessions for 2026 will begin 8th February with Reconciliation. Please watch our Bulletin for details.

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

Wednesday 24th December – 6pm

Thursday 25th December – Midnight,

8.30am & 10am

Reconciliation: Monday 22nd December

9am to 12noon & 5pm to 7.30pm

POPE'S NOVEMBER INTENTIONS

For the Prevention of Suicide

Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Sr Louisa, Carolina Q. Alvarez, Jonathon Ansell, Tony Bogdanovic, Margaret Colville, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, Tony Jacobs, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, Lidya, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Nympha Miller, Karen Morvan, Michael Muema, Gary O'Brien, Shayla, Garry Smith, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Margaret Taylor, 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: \$1175**
 Loose: \$328.80
 Smart Facility: \$575
 Project Donations: \$100

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.

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study is cancelled while Fr Andrew is away and will resume on Wednesday 10th December.

PARISH LUNCH

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 10th December at St. Mary's Band Club. All are welcome. If you need a lift, please ring the Parish Office by Tuesday 9th.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

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



COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Calendars are on sale after weekend Masses at \$10 each. They make a great gift for Christmas.

PARKING NOTICE

We ask that people attending 8.30am Mass would exit via Joseph Street allowing 10am Mass goers access to the Main Gate on Richmond Road.

Please leave parking near the Church for the disabled.

BISHOP VINCENT'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This weekend we have another collection for Bishop Vincent's Christmas Appeal, to enable Catholic Care to open the doors of hope to grieving hearts this Christmas. We have received \$1164.40 so far. Thank you for your generosity.

WOMEN'S RECOLLECTION

Women's Recollection is this Thursday 4th December. Morning Session is held at St Joseph's Parish, Kingswood from 9am. Evening Session is at Montgrove College, Orchard Hills from 7pm.

MEN AT THE SHRINE

An hour of adoration and fellowship on Wednesday 10th December from 8-9pm at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa. Please see the Flyer on the noticeboard for further information. For any questions contact Bernard on 0416 106 871.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT MT SCHOENSTATT

Saturday 13th December from 7pm. See Poster for details.

NEPEAN HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY SERVICE

Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm call 4734 3150 and leave name, ward and bed number and the priest will visit the patient.

Between 5pm and 9am Monday to Friday and on Weekends there is a Priest on call for end-of-life anointing of the sick. To get a Priest in an emergency you can phone the switchboard and make the request on 4734 2000.

PALMS INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING

Discover Palms International Volunteering [online](#) in these two special sessions.

1. Explore our GAP YEAR opportunities for (18-25yo) Year 12 graduates and university students.

Date: Thursday 4 December 6pm or 9pm AEDT

2. Join our TIMOR-LESTE ENCOUNTER Information session for those who would like a short placement to Timor-Leste from 14-27 May 2026.

Date: Monday 8 December 7.30pm-8.30pm AEDT

Venue: ONLINE- register at palms.org.au/events
email palms@palms.org.au or ring 9560 5333

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 – For all Volunteers.

Modules 4/5 – For those who completed Modules 1-3 two years previously.

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 GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday 26th November 2025

Cycle of Catechesis – Jubilee 2025: Jesus Christ our Hope. IV. The Resurrection of Christ and the Challenges of the Contemporary World. 6. *Hoping in life in order to beget life*

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning.

The Pasch of Christ illuminates the mystery of life and allows us to look at it with hope. This is not always easy or obvious. Many lives, in every part of the world, appear laborious, painful, and filled with problems and obstacles to be overcome. Yet human beings receive life as a gift: they do not ask for it, they do not choose it, they experience it in its mystery from the first to the last day. Life has its own extraordinary specificity: it is offered to us, we cannot give it to ourselves, but it must be constantly nurtured: it needs care to maintain, energize, protect and revive it.

One could say that the question about life is one of the most profound concerns of the human heart. We entered life without having done anything to decide to do so. The questions of all ages gush forth from this fact, like an overflowing river: Who are we? Where do we come from? Where are we going? What is the ultimate meaning of this journey?

Indeed, living invokes meaning, direction, hope. And hope acts as the deep-seated drive that keeps us walking in difficulty, that prevents us from giving up in the fatigue of the journey, that makes us certain that the pilgrimage of existence will lead us home. Without hope, life risks appearing to be a parenthesis between two eternal nights, a brief pause between the before and the after of our journey on earth. To hope in life means instead to anticipate the destination, to believe as certain what we still cannot see or touch, to trust and to entrust ourselves to the love of a Father who created us because he wanted us with love and wants us to be happy.

Dear friends, there is a widespread sickness in the world: the lack of confidence in life. It is as if we have resigned ourselves to a negative fatalism, to renunciation. Life risks no longer representing a gift, but an unknown, almost a threat from which to protect ourselves so as not to end up disappointed. For this reason, the courage to live and to generate life, to bear witness that God is the quintessential “lover of life”, as the *Book of Wisdom* (11:26) affirms, is today a more urgent call than ever.

In the Gospel, Jesus constantly confirms his concern for healing the sick, restoring wounded bodies and spirits, and giving life back to the dead. By doing so, the incarnate Son reveals the Father: he restores dignity to sinners, grants the forgiveness of sins, and includes everyone, especially the desperate, the excluded, those who are far from his promise of salvation.

Begotten by the Father, Christ is life and has generated life without reserve, to the point of giving his own, and he invites us too to give our lives. The universe of the living has expanded via this law, which in the symphony of creatures experiences a wonderful “crescendo” culminating in the duet of man and woman: God created them in his own image and entrusted them with the mission of generating in his image, that is, for love and in love.

From the beginning, Sacred Scripture reveals to us that life, precisely in its highest form, the human form, receives the gift of freedom and becomes a tragedy. In this way, human relationships are also marked by contradiction, even to the point of fratricide. Cain perceives his brother Abel as a rival, a threat, and in his frustration, he feels unable to love him and respect him. Here we see jealousy, envy, and bloodshed (*Gen 4:1-16*). God’s logic, instead, is completely different. God always stays faithful to his plan of love and life; he does not tire of supporting humanity even when, following in Cain’s footsteps, it obeys the blind instinct of violence in war, discrimination, racism, and the many forms of slavery.

To generate, then, means to trust in the God of life and to promote humanity in all its expressions: first and foremost, in the wonderful adventure of motherhood and fatherhood, even in social contexts in which families struggle to bear the burden of daily life, and are often held back in their plans and dreams. According to this same logic, to generate is to be committed to an economy based on solidarity, striving for a common good equally enjoyed by all, respecting and caring for creation, offering comfort through listening, presence, and concrete and selfless help.

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the strength that supports us in this challenge, even when the darkness of evil obscures the heart and the mind. When life seems to have been extinguished, obstructed, the Risen Lord still passes by, until the end of time, and walks with us and for us. He is our hope.