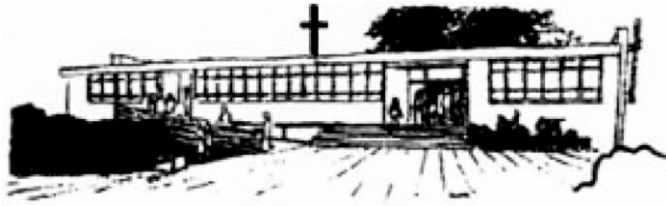


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

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Assistant Priest

Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148 (Calls Only)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st December 2024, Year C/1



ANGELICO, Fra, Annunciation, 1442-43

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
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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Responsorial Psalm: To You, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Tony & Tina Almeida (For Healing)

SUNDAY 8:30am

† Alicja Zawadzki & Stanislaw Blazek

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 1st Week of Advent

† Bronislaw & Stanislaw Blazek

Tuesday 8:00am St Francis Xavier

Living & †† Dec. Mems. of the McIlvenna, Colreavy & McCaffrey Families

Wednesday 8.00am 1st Week of Advent

Living & †† Dec. Mems. of the Dobranski & Lahood Families

Thursday 8.00am 1st Week of Advent

Catherine Gill (For Protection on Journey/ Studies & Work)

Friday 8.00am St Nicholas of Myra

†† For God's Precious Infants

Saturday 8.30am St Ambrose

†† Dec. Mems. of St Vincent de Paul

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.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Tuesday 24th December – 6pm

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Paul Mark Gale, Kieran Buckley

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR: Alicja Zawadzki & Stanislaw Blazek, Bronislaw & Stanislaw Blazek, Dec. Mems. of the McIlvenna, Colreavy, McCaffrey, Dobranski & Lahood Families, Dec. Mems. of St Vincent de Paul Society.

POPE FRANCIS' DECEMBER INTENTIONS For Pilgrims of Hope

Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year of 2025 strengthens us in our faith; helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Sr Louisa, Carolina Q. Alvarez, Jonathon Ansell, 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: \$1090**
 Loose: \$738.10
 Smart Facility: \$610
 Carpet Donations: \$3270.10

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.



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 blower/vacuumping), anytime someone has time available. Please ring Clare on 0432 668 724 or the Parish Office.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This weekend we have our Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Care's Houses to Homes, which helps homeless mothers and children find a safe place to call home and rebuild their lives. You can also donate at parracatholic.org/appeal. Please give generously.

ADVENT ONLINE RETREAT

From 7th to 9th December. To register or find out more go to <https://TheCatholicGuy.com/com.missionevent>

YOUNG ADULTS' FAITH FORMATION

This Sunday 1st December from 7-8.30pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 9 Ropes Creek Road, South Mt Druitt. Fr Sheldon Burke CRS will discuss Our Lady of Guadalupe, followed by games and pizza.

WOMEN'S RECOLLECTION

Women's Recollection is on Thursday 5th December. 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.

MEN AT THE SHRINE

An hour of adoration on Wednesday 11th December from 8-9pm at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa. Please see the Flyer for further information. For any questions contact Bernard on 0416 106 871.

iWITNESS CONFERENCE

Thursday 12th to Sunday 15th December 2024 at Cobbity. See the flyer on the noticeboard.

PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

A 16-day pilgrimage from 22nd April to 7th May 2025 visiting Fatima, Valladolid, Lourdes, Nice, Turin, Padua, Assisi, Rotondo and Rome. Cost is \$8990 + tips. For enquiries and bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

POLAND & ITALY PILGRIMAGE

In the Footsteps of St John Paul II
16th to 31st May 2025. See the flyer at the back of the Church for details.

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 20th November 2024

Cycle of Catechesis. The Spirit and the Bride. The Holy Spirit guides the people of God towards Jesus our hope. 15. The fruits of the Holy Spirit. Joy

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today I would like to take a look at a third reality. The first, sanctifying grace; second, charisms; and what is the third? A reality linked to the action of the Holy Spirit: the “fruits of the Spirit”. What is the fruit of the Spirit? Saint Paul lists them in the Letter to the Galatians. He writes this: “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control” (5:22). But what is this “fruit of the Spirit”?

Unlike the charisms, which the Spirit gives to whom He wants and when He wants for the good of the Church, the *fruits* of the Spirit are the result of cooperation between grace and our freedom. These fruits always express the creativity of the person, in which “faith works through love” (cf. *Gal* 5:6), sometimes in a surprising and joyful way. Not everyone in the Church can be an apostle, not everyone can be a prophet, not everyone can be an evangelist, not everyone; but all of us, without distinction, can and must be charitable, patient, humble workers for peace, and so on. But all of us must be charitable, patient, humble, workers for peace and not war.

Among the fruits of the Spirit listed by the Apostle, I like to highlight one of them, recalling the initial words of the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*: “The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Jesus joy is constantly born anew”. There will be sad moments at times, but with Jesus there is joy and peace.

Joy, fruit of the Spirit, has in common with any other human joy a certain feeling of fullness and fulfilment, which makes one wish it would last forever. We know from experience, however, that this is not the case, because everything here passes quickly. Let us think together: youth, youthfulness – it passes quickly; health, strength, well-being, friendships, loves. They soon pass. Besides, even if these things do not pass quickly, after a while they are no longer enough, or even become boring, because, as Saint Augustine said to God: “You have made us for Yourself, and our

hearts are restless until they rest in You”. There is the restlessness of the heart to seek beauty, peace, love, joy.

The joy of the Gospel, unlike any other joy, can be renewed every day and become contagious. “Thanks solely to this encounter with God’s love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. Here we find the source and inspiration of all our efforts at evangelization. For if we have received the love which restores meaning to our lives, how can we fail to share that love with others?” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 8). It is the dual characteristic of joy as fruit of the Spirit: not only is it not subject to the inevitable wear of time, but it multiplies when it is shared with others! A true joy is shared with others; it even spreads.

Five centuries ago, a saint called Philip Neri lived in Rome – here in Rome. He has passed into history as the saint of joy. Listen to this carefully: the saint of joy. He used to say to the poor and abandoned children of his Oratory: “My children, be cheerful; I do not want qualms or melancholy; it is enough for me that you do not sin”. And again: “Be good, if you can!”. Less well known, however, is the source from which his joy came. Saint Philip Neri had such love for God that at times it seemed his heart might burst in his chest. His joy was, in the fullest sense, a fruit of the Spirit. The Saint participated in the Jubilee of 1575, which he enriched with the practice, maintained thereafter, of the visit to the Seven Churches. He was, in his time, a true evangelizer through joy. And he had this, like Jesus who always forgave, who forgave everything. Perhaps some of us might think: “But I have committed this sin, and this will not be forgiven...”. Listen to this carefully. God forgives everything, God always forgives. And this is joy: being forgiven by God. And I always say to priests and confessors: “Forgive everything, do not ask too many questions; but forgive everything, everything, and always”.

The word “Gospel” means glad tidings. Therefore, it cannot be communicated with a long face and sombre countenance, but with the joy of those who have found the hidden treasure and the precious pearl. Remember Saint Paul’s exhortation to the believers of the Church of Philippi, which he now addresses to us all, and which we heard at the beginning: “Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near” (*Phil* 4:4-5).

Dear brothers and sisters, be glad, with the joy of Jesus in our heart. Thank you.