

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17th August 2025, Year C/1



ANGELICO, Fra, Coronation of the Virgin, 1434-352

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: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, come to my aid.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:49-53

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

†† Frank Boyne & Virgilio Nazal

SUNDAY 8:30am

Vincent Winn & Zoey de Villiers
(Recovery from Illness)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am BI Mannes

†† Josie & Tomas Kirwan

Tuesday 8:00am 20th Week in Ordinary Time

†† Warren & Lisa Southan

Wednesday 8.00am St Bernard

†† Adriano & Celerina Reyes

Thursday 8.00am St Pius X

Brenda & Ronwald Cadano (For
Healing)

Friday 8.00am Queenship of BI Virgin Mary

Lejan & Trixy (Wedding Ann.)

Saturday 8.30am St Rose Flores of Lima

†† Antonia & Domingo Santiago

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 AUGUST INTENTIONS

For mutual coexistence.

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems
more difficult might not succumb to the temptation
of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or
ideological reasons.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Paul Ruhl

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Frank Boyne, Virgilio Nazal, Josie & Tomas Kirwan,
Warren & Lisa Southan, Adriano & Celerino Reyes,
Antonia & Domingo Santiago

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2025

Confirmation: Thursday 6th November

All sessions are after 10am Mass as 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, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, Tony Jacobs, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, Lidya, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Stephen Mifsud, Nympha Miller, Karen Morvan, 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: \$715**
 Loose: \$569.10
 Smart Facility: \$660
A/Cs & Carpet Donations: \$15,236.30

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.

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 10th September at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most 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.



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.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

Thank you to all who contributed to our Food Festival last weekend. It was a wonderful day with a great atmosphere. God blessed us mightily. We will let you know the total proceeds when we have the final figures.

CATHOLIC MISSION

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference, offering hope to the people of Zambia who are most in need. We have our Catholic Mission Appeal this weekend. Please be generous. You can also donate at <https://catholicmission.org.au/mission>

PENROSE PARK PILGRIMAGE

On Saturday 13th September we are going on a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy at Penrose Park. We will depart from Richmond Road at 8.00am and return by 4.30pm. Suggested donation is \$25 per person to help cover the cost of the coach. See flyer for QR Code to register or ring the Parish Office.

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, Lenciano (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.

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

VOCATIONS EXPO

Saturday 23rd August from 10am to 2pm at Mary Immaculate Parish, 125 Barnier Drive Quakers Hill. See Flyer at the back of the Church.

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 GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday 13th August 2025

Cycle of Catechesis - Jubilee 2025. Jesus Christ our Hope. III. The Passover of Jesus. 2. The betrayal. "Surely it is not I?" (Mk 14,19)

Dear brothers and sisters,

Let us continue our journey in the school of the Gospel, following Jesus' steps in the final days of his life. Today we will pause at an intimate, dramatic, yet also profoundly true scene: the moment at which, during the Passover supper, Jesus reveals that one of the Twelve is about to betray him: "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me" (Mk 14:18).

Strong words. Jesus does not utter them to condemn, but to show how love, when it is true, cannot do without the truth. The room on the upper floor, where shortly beforehand everything was carefully prepared, suddenly fills with a painful silence, made up of questions, suspicions, vulnerability. It is a pain we too know well, when the shadow of betrayal is cast over the closest relationships.

And yet, the way in which Jesus speaks about what is about to happen is surprising. He does not raise his voice, nor point his finger, nor utter the name of Judas. He speaks in such a way that each one can ask himself the question. And this is exactly what happens. Saint Mark tells us: "They began to be distressed and to say to him, one by one, 'Surely it is not I?'" (Mk 14:19).

Dear friends, this question – "Surely it is not I?" – is perhaps among the sincerest that we can ask ourselves. It is not the question of the innocent, but of the disciple who discovers himself to be fragile. It is not the cry of the guilty, but the whisper of him who, while wanting to love, is aware of being able to do harm. It is in this awareness that the journey of salvation begins.

Jesus does not denounce in order to humiliate. He tells the truth because he wants to save. And in order to be saved, it is necessary to feel: to feel that one is involved, to feel that one is beloved despite everything, to feel that evil is real but that it does not have the last word. Only those who have known the truth of a deep love can also accept the wound of betrayal.

The disciples' reaction is not anger, but sadness. They are not indignant, they are sorrowful. It is a pain that

arises from the real possibility of being involved. And precisely this sorrow, if welcomed with sincerity, becomes a place for conversion. The Gospel does not teach us to deny evil, but to recognize it as a painful opportunity for rebirth.

Jesus then adds a phrase that troubles us and makes us think. "But woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born" (Mk 14:21). They are harsh words, certainly, but they must be understood well: it is not a curse, but rather a cry of pain. In Greek, that "woe" sounds like a lamentation, an "alas", an exclamation of sincere and deep compassion.

We are used to judging. Instead, God accepts suffering. When he sees evil, he does not avenge it but grieves. And that "better if he had never been born" is not a condemnation imposed *a priori*, but a truth that any of us can recognize: if we deny the love that has generated us, if by betraying we become unfaithful to ourselves, then we truly lose the meaning of our coming into the world, and we exclude ourselves from salvation.

And yet, precisely there, at the darkest point, the light is not extinguished. On the contrary, it starts to shine. Because if we recognize our limit, if we let ourselves be touched by the pain of Christ, then we can finally be born again. Faith does not spare us from the possibility of sin, but it always offers us a way out of it: that of mercy.

Jesus is not scandalized by our fragility. But Jesus continues to trust. He continues to sit at the table with his followers. He does not give up breaking bread, even for those who will betray him. This is the silent power of God: he never abandons the table of love, even when he knows he will be left alone.

Dear brothers and sisters, we too can ask ourselves today, with sincerity: "Surely it is not I?". Not to feel accused, but to open a space for truth in our hearts. Salvation begins here: with the awareness that we may be the ones who break our trust in God, but that we can also be the ones who gather it, protect it and renew it.

Ultimately, this is hope: knowing that even if we fail, God will never fail us. Even if we betray him, he never stops loving us. And if we allow ourselves to be touched by this love – humble, wounded, but always faithful – then we can truly be reborn. And we can begin to live no longer as traitors, but as children who are always loved.