

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

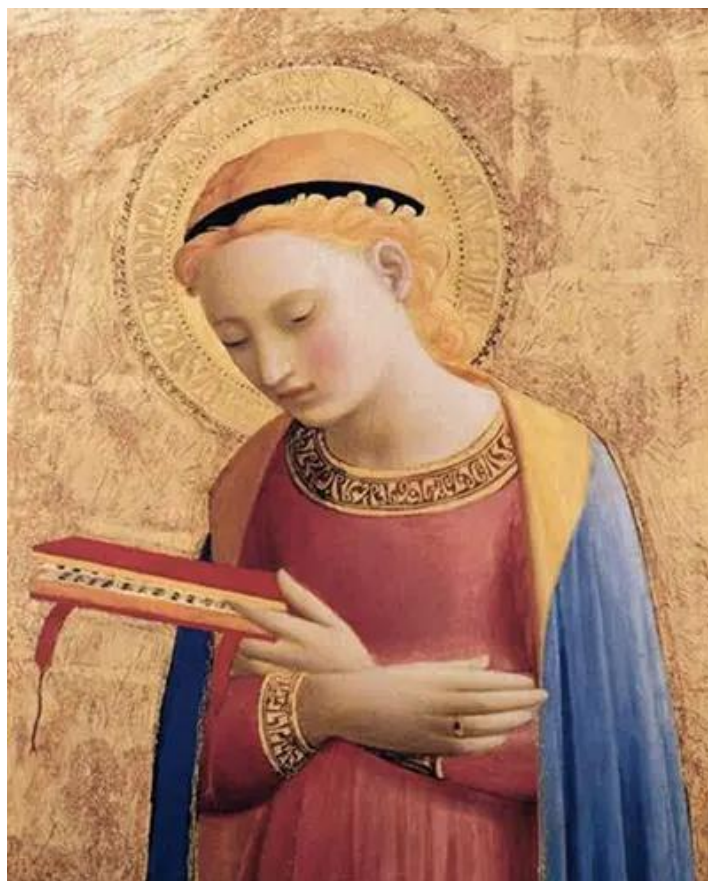
Assistant Priest

Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24th August 2025, Year C/1



ANGELICO, Fra, Virgin Mary Annunciate, 1431-33

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

www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au

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 66:18-21

Responsorial Psalm: Go out to all the world; and tell the Good News.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Donnel & Delia Nazal (For Healing)

SUNDAY 8:30am

† Benita Azores

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 21st Week in Ordinary Time

† Lila Hulme

Tuesday 8:00am 21st Week in Ordinary Time

George & Ness (Health & Blessings)

Wednesday 8.00am St Monica

† Thresiamma Kurian

Thursday 8.00am ST AUGUSTINE

Thanksgiving Mass

Friday 8.00am Passion of St John the Baptist

Health & Conversion of a Disabled Person

Saturday 8.30am Mass of the Virgin Mary

Strong & Lasting Relationship between Faith & Damian

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:

Benita Azores, Lila Hulme, Thresiamma Kurian

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2025

Confirmation: Thursday 6th November at 7pm

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: \$830**
 Loose: \$692.70
 Smart Facility: \$685.05
 Project Donations: \$200

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

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

We will let you know the total proceeds when we have the final figures.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

Thank you for your generosity. We collected \$751.30 to assist struggling families in Zambia. If you missed out on giving last weekend you can donate online 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.

ST PADRE PIO OF PIETRELCINA

Feast Day on 21st September at St Padre Pio Parish. Triduum with Novena & Mass will precede the feast on the Thursday, Friday & Saturday. See Flyer at the back of the Church for details.

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

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.

MISSION ENHANCEMENT SOUL FOOD

The Mission Enhancement Team's Soul Food Podcast features life & faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen for FREE via our website on: www.parracatholic.org/resources/soul-food

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 AUDIENCEWednesday 20th August 2025**Cycle of Catechesis - Jubilee 2025. Jesus Christ our Hope. III. The Passover of Jesus. 3. Forgiveness. "He loved them to the end" (Jn 13:2)**

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today we will look at one of the most striking and luminous gestures in the Gospel: the moment when Jesus, during the last supper, offers a morsel to the one who is about to betray him. It is not only a gesture of sharing; it is much more; it is love's last attempt not to give up.

Saint John, with his profound spiritual sensibility, tells us about this moment as follows: During supper, when "the devil had already induced Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, to hand him over... Jesus knew that his hour had come to pass ... he loved them to the end" (Jn 13:1-2). To love until the end: here is the key to understanding Christ's heart. A love that does not cease in the face of rejection, disappointment, even ingratitude.

Jesus knows the time, but he does not submit to it: he chooses it. It is he who recognizes the moment in which his love must pass through the most painful wound, that of betrayal. And instead of withdrawing, accusing, defending himself... he continues to love: he washes the feet, dips the bread and offers it.

"It is the one to whom I hand the morsel after I have dipped it" (Jn 13:26). With this simple and humble gesture, Jesus carries his love forward and to its depths, not because he is ignoring what is happening, but precisely because he sees it clearly. He has understood that the freedom of the other, even when it is lost in evil, can still be reached by the light of a meek gesture, because he knows that true forgiveness does not await repentance, but offers itself first, as a free gift, even before it is accepted.

Judas, unfortunately, does not understand. After the morsel – says the Gospel – "Satan entered him" (v. 27). This passage strikes us: as if evil, hidden until then, manifested itself after love showed its most defenceless face. And precisely for this reason, brothers and sisters, that morsel is our salvation: because it tells us that God does everything – absolutely everything – to reach us, even in the hour when we reject him.

It is here that forgiveness reveals all its power and manifests the true face of hope. It is not forgetfulness; it is not weakness. It is the ability to set the other free,

while loving him to the end. Jesus' love does not deny the truth of pain, but it does not allow evil to have the last word. This is the mystery Jesus accomplishes for us, in which we too, at times, are called to participate. How many relationships are broken, how many stories become complicated, how many unspoken words remain suspended. And yet the Gospel shows us that there is always a way to continue to love, even when everything seems irredeemably compromised. To forgive does not mean to deny evil, but to prevent it from generating further evil. It is not to say that nothing has happened, but to do everything possible to ensure that resentment does not determine the future.

When Judas leaves the room, "it was night" (v. 30). But immediately afterwards, Jesus says, "Now is the Son of Man glorified" (v. 31). The night is still there, but a light has already begun to shine. And it shines because Christ remains faithful to the end, and so his love is stronger than hatred.

Dear brothers and sisters, we too experience painful and difficult nights. Nights of the soul, nights of disappointment, nights in which someone has hurt or betrayed us. In those moments, the temptation is to close ourselves up, to protect ourselves, to return the blow. But the Lord shows us the hope that that another way exists, always exists. He teaches us that one can offer a morsel even to someone who turns their back on us. That one can respond with the silence of trust. And that we can move forward with dignity, without renouncing love.

Let us ask today for the grace to be able to forgive, even when we do not feel understood and feel abandoned. Because it is precisely in those hours that love can reach its pinnacle. As Jesus teaches us, to love means to leave the other free without ever ceasing to believe that even that freedom, wounded and lost, can be snatched from the deception of darkness and returned to the light of goodness.

When the light of forgiveness succeeds in filtering through the deepest crevices of the heart, we understand that it is never futile. Even if the other does not accept it, even if it seems to be in vain, forgiveness frees those who give it: it dispels resentment, it restores peace, it returns us to ourselves. Jesus, with the simple gesture of offering bread, shows that every betrayal can become an opportunity for salvation, if it is chosen as a space for a greater love. It does not give in to evil, but conquers it with good, preventing it from extinguishing what is truest in us: the capacity to love.