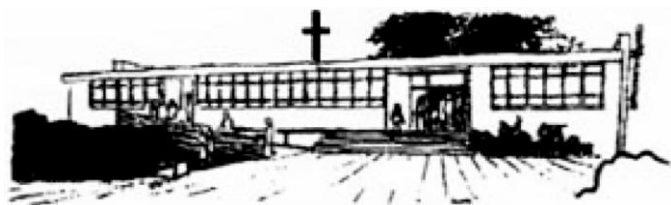


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

Assistant Priest

Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148 (Calls Only)

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

31st August 2025, Year C/1



ANGELICO, Fra, Annalena Altarpiece, 1435

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: Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

Responsorial Psalm: God, in Your goodness, You have made a home for the poor.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Henry's Foot Operation & Family

SUNDAY 8:30am

† Kathy

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 22nd Week in Ordinary Time

† Angelo Spiteri

Tuesday 8:00am 22nd Week in Ordinary Time

† Paul Ruhl

Wednesday 8:00am St Gregory the Great

† Denis Woodward

Thursday 8:00am 22nd Week in Ordinary Time

† Antonina Escarte (Dec's Birthday)

Friday 8:00am St Teresa of Calcutta

Trixy Edsel (Birthday Blessings)

Saturday 8:30am Bl Michael Czartorysky & Julia Stanislaw Rodzinska

†† Dec. Mem. 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.

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, Mary Devassy, Mark Trad

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Kathy, Angelo Spiteri, Denis Woodward, Antonina Escarte, Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

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: \$1568**
 Loose: \$574.05
 Smart Facility: \$785
 Project Donations: \$178.50

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.



PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

We are taking nominations for the Parish Council. Please find the Forms at the back of the Church. They need to be returned by Sunday 14th September.

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.

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.

BISHOP VINCENT'S FATHERS' DAY APPEAL

We will have our collection next weekend 6th/7th September. Your generosity helps ensure our ageing priests receive the care, comfort and dignity they deserve in this next chapter of their lives. Donate through the envelopes next week or at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal

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.

BISHOP VINCENT PRESENTS

In the next Bishop Vincent Presents series, on Tuesday 2nd September at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, the Diocese of Parramatta will welcome Dr Nora Nonterah, a leading African theological ethicist from Ghana. Dr Nora will offer a powerful reflection on leadership, discipleship and wisdom of women in the Church. Register at parracatholic.org/nora

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL NSW

See Poster at the back of the Church for information.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

Cross the Holy Door in Rome. Celebrate the Jubilee Year 25th September – 4th October 2025
Info: pp@mibp.org.au or 0417 259 617.

NEPEAN HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY SERVICE

Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm call 4734 3150 and leave name, ward and bed number and the Priest or Chaplain will visit the patient for anointing, for Holy Communion or a supportive visit.
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 ask the nurse to ring the switchboard on 4734 2000 or you can phone the switchboard and make the request.

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

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE LEO XIV GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday 27th August 2025

Cycle of Catechesis - Jubilee 2025. Jesus Christ our Hope. III. The Passover of Jesus.

4. The Surrender. "Whom are you looking for?" John 18:4.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today we will focus on a scene that marks the beginning of the passion of Jesus: the moment of his arrest in the Garden of Olives. The evangelist John, with his usual depth, does not present a frightened Jesus, who flees or hides. On the contrary, he shows us a free man, who comes forward and speaks, openly facing the hour in which the light of the greatest love can be revealed.

"Jesus, knowing all that was to befall him, came forward and said to them, 'Whom do you seek?'" (John 18:4). Jesus knows. However, he decides not to retreat. He gives himself up. Not out of weakness, but out of love. A love so full, so mature, that it does not fear rejection. Jesus is not seized: he lets himself be taken. He is not the victim of an arrest, but the giver of a gift. In this gesture, he embodies a hope of salvation for our humanity: to know that, even in the darkest hour, one can remain free to love to the end.

When Jesus replies, "I am he," the soldiers fall to the ground. It is a mysterious passage, from the moment that this expression, in biblical revelation, recalls the very name of God: "I am." Jesus reveals that God's presence is revealed precisely when humanity experiences injustice, fear, loneliness. Right there, the true light is ready to shine without fear of being overcome by the advancing darkness. In the middle of the night, when everything seems to be falling apart, Jesus shows that Christian hope is not evasion, but decision. This attitude is the result of profound prayer in which God is not asked to spare us from suffering, but rather to give us the strength to persevere in love, aware that life offered freely for love cannot be taken away by anyone.

"If you seek me, let these men go" (John 18:8). At the moment of his arrest, Jesus does not worry about saving himself: he wishes only for his friends to go free. This shows that his sacrifice is a true act of love. Jesus lets himself be taken and imprisoned by the

guards only so that his disciples may be set free.

Jesus lived every day of his life as preparation for this dramatic and sublime hour. For this reason, when it arrives, he has the strength not to seek a way of escape. His heart knows well that to lose life for love is not a failure, but rather possesses a mysterious fruitfulness, like a grain of wheat that, falling to the ground, does not remain alone, but dies and becomes fruitful.

Jesus too is troubled when faced with a path that seems to lead only to death and to the end. But he is equally persuaded that only a life lost for love, at the end, is ultimately found. This is what true hope consists of: not in trying to avoid pain, but in believing that even in the heart of the most unjust suffering, the seed of new life is hidden.

And us? How often we defend our lives, our plans, our securities, without realizing that, by doing so, we remain alone. The logic of the Gospel is different: only what is given flourishes; only the love that becomes free can restore trust even where everything seems lost.

The *Gospel of Mark* also tells us about a young man who, when Jesus is arrested, runs away naked (14:51). It is an enigmatic image, but profoundly evocative. We too, in the attempt to follow Jesus, experience moments when we are caught off guard and are tempted to abandon the way of the Gospel because love seems to us to be an impossible journey. And yet, it will indeed be a young man, at the end of the Gospel, who announces the resurrection to the women; no longer naked, but clothed in a white robe.

This is the hope of our faith: our sins and our hesitations do not prevent God from forgiving us and from restoring to us the desire to resume our following, to make us capable of giving our life for others.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us, too, learn to deliver ourselves to the good will of the Father, letting our life be a response to the good we have received. In life, it is not necessary to have everything under control. It is enough to choose to love freely every day. This is true hope: knowing that, even in the darkness of trial, God's love sustains us and ripens the fruit of eternal life in us.