

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

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Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148 (Calls Only)

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7th September 2025, Year C/1



Madonna and Child, c. 1400 Gherardo Starnina

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: Wisdom 9:13-18

Responsorial Psalm: In every age, O Lord, You have been our refuge.

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14: 25-33

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

†† Carlyle & Maureen Young

SUNDAY 8:30am

† Julie Anne Candor Arceo

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am **BIRTHDAY OF THE
BL. VIRGIN MARY**

† Charley Tonna

Tuesday 8:00am **23rd Week in Ordinary Time**

† Kim Nelson

Wednesday 8.00am **23rd Week in Ordinary Time**

Marivic & Dion (For Good Health)

Thursday 8.00am **23rd Week in Ordinary Time**

Albert (Health & Well Being)

Friday 8.00am **Most Holy Name of Mary**

†† For God's Precious Infants

Saturday 8.30am **St John Chrysostom**

Terri & Daniel (Health & Well
Being)

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 SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS

For Our Relationship with all of Creation

Let us pray that, inspired by St Francis, we might
experience our interdependence with all creatures
who are loved by God and worthy of love and
respect.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mary Devassy, Mark Trad, Nick Mentis, Rodney

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Carlyle & Maureen Young, Julie Anne Candor,
Charley Tonna, Kim Nelson, God's Precious Infants,
Avaneline Gois

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,
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.

*Happy Father's Day to all our Fathers.
May the Lord bless you and keep you always in His love and care.
Fr Andrew, Fr Pawel & Fr Piotr*

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$640**
 Loose: \$646.25
 Smart Facility: \$820
 Project Donations: \$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 this Wednesday 10th September 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.



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.

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. See Clare for a copy of the Itinerary.

BISHOP VINCENT'S FATHERS' DAY APPEAL

We will have our collection this weekend. 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

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

Our total proceeds from the International Food Festival are \$12,183.13. Thank you to all who contributed to the day.

YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Sunday 14th September at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, South Mt Druitt (from 7pm to 8.30pm. Mark Buhagiar will speak about St Joan of Arc. Please call Mark on 0477 004 678 with any questions.

ST PADRE PIO OF PIETRELCINA

Feast Day on 21st September at St Padre Pio Parish. See Flyer at the back of the Church for details.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL NSW

See Poster at the back of the Church for information on when and where to hear Jim Murphy, who is the Worldwide Consultant to Renewal Groups.

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 – For new Volunteers.

Modules 4/5 – 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

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CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE LEO XIV GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

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

5. The Crucifixion. «I thirst» (Jn 19:28)

Dear brothers and sisters,

At the heart of the account of the Passion, in the most luminous and at the same time darkest moment of Jesus' life, the Gospel of John gives us two words that contain an immense mystery: "I thirst" (19:28), and immediately afterwards: "It is finished" (19:30). These are his last words, but they are filled with a whole lifetime, revealing the meaning of the entire existence of the Son of God. On the cross, Jesus does not appear as a victorious hero, but as a suppliant for love. He does not proclaim, condemn or defend himself. He humbly asks for what he, alone, cannot give to himself in any way.

The thirst of the Crucified Lord is not only the physiological need of a tortured body. It is also, and above all, the expression of a profound desire: that of love, of relationship, of communion. It is the silent cry of a God who, having wished to share everything of our human condition, also lets himself be overcome by this thirst. A God who is not ashamed to beg for a sip, because in that gesture he tells us that love, in order to be true, must also learn to ask and not only to give.

I thirst, says Jesus, and in this way he manifests his humanity and also ours. None of us can be self-sufficient. No-one can save themselves. Life is "fulfilled" not when we are strong, but when we learn how to receive. It is precisely at that moment, after receiving from unknown hands a sponge soaked in vinegar, that Jesus proclaims: *It is finished*. Love has made itself needy, and precisely for this reason it has accomplished its work.

This is the Christian paradox: God saves not by doing, but by letting himself do. Not by defeating evil with force, but by accepting the weakness of love to the very end. On the cross, Jesus teaches us that man does not realize himself in power, but in trustful openness to others, even when they are hostile and enemies. Salvation is not found in autonomy, but in humbly recognizing one's own

need and in being able to express it freely.

The fulfilment of our humanity in God's plan is not an act of strength, but a gesture of trust. Jesus does not save with a dramatic twist, but by asking for something that he cannot give himself. And it is here that the door to true hope opens: if even the Son of God chose not to be self-sufficient, then our thirst too – for love, for meaning, for justice – is a sign not of failure, but of truth.

This truth, seemingly so simple, is difficult to accept. We live in a time that rewards self-sufficiency, efficiency, and performance. And yet the Gospel shows us that the measure of our humanity is not given by what we can achieve, but by our ability to let ourselves be loved and, when necessary, even helped.

Jesus saves us by showing us that asking is not unworthy but liberating. It is the way out of the hiddenness of sin, so as to re-enter the space of communion. Ever since the beginning, sin has begotten shame. But forgiveness – real forgiveness – is born when we can face up to our need and no longer fear rejection.

Jesus' thirst on the cross is therefore ours too. It is the cry of a wounded humanity that seeks living water. And this thirst does not lead us away from God but rather unites us with him. If we have the courage to acknowledge it, we can discover that even our fragility is a bridge towards heaven. It is precisely in asking – not in possessing – that a way of freedom opens up, because we cease to pretend to be self-sufficient.

In fraternity, in the simple life, in the art of asking without shame and offering without ulterior motives, a joy is born that the world does not know. A joy that restores us to the original truth of our being: we are creatures made to give and receive love.

Dear brothers and sisters, in Christ's thirst we can recognize all of our own thirst. And to learn that there is nothing more human, nothing more divine, than being able to say: *I need*. Let us not be afraid to ask, especially when it seems to us that we do not deserve. Let us not be ashamed to reach out our hand. It is right there, in that humble gesture, that salvation hides.