

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

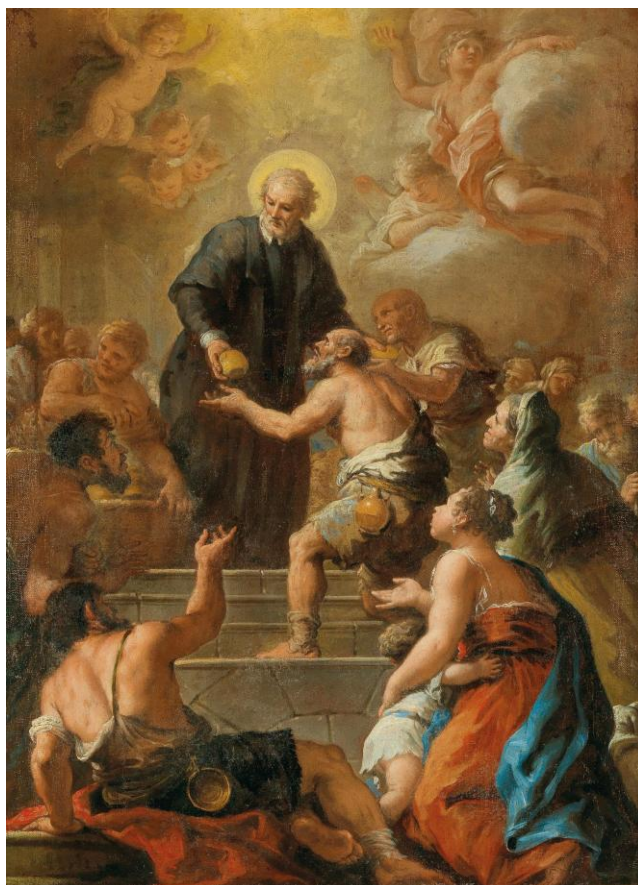
Assistant Priest

Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21st September 2025, Year C/1



MATTEIS, Paolo de (Italian 1662-1728), Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul

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: Amos 8:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		† Anna Blazek
SUNDAY	8:30am		Fr Pawel (For Good Health)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	25 th Week in Ordinary Time	†† Anna Blazek & Anna Laskosz
Tuesday	8:00am	St Pius of Pietrelcina	†† Dodong, Pinky & Junior
Wednesday	8.00am	25 th Week in Ordinary Time	†† Klemens & Thea Blazek, Alina Zawadzka & Helena Kubka
Thursday	8.00am	25 th Week in Ordinary Time	† Kathy (Deceased's Birthday)
Friday	8.00am	St Cosmas & St Damian	Gai Schoemaker & Sons (For Health & Well Being)
Saturday	8.30am	St Vincent de Paul	Emilmariya Benny (Birthday Bless.)

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, Nick Mentis, Rodney

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Anna Blazek, Anna Laskosz, Dodong, Pinky & Junior, Klemens & Thea Blazek, Alina Zawadzka, Helena Kubka, Kathy, Potenciana Sulvita

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.

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$1178**
 Loose: \$590.75
 Smart Facility: \$865
 Project Donations: \$275

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 8th October at St. Mary's Band Club. All are welcome. If you need a lift, please ring the Parish Office by Tuesday 7th.

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 have received three nominations to fill our positions for the Parish Council, so we have no need for elections. Pauline Mbondo has been re-elected, while Joseph McDonald and Bernie Schoemaker are our new members. Thank you to our retiring members, Emma Clark and Lazarus Mudzimiri for your loyalty and commitment to our Parish.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

This Sunday 21st September at 2pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys. Celebrant is Fr Brian Steele MGL. Individual prayer for healing available.

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 you can phone the switchboard and make the request on 4734 2000.

MT SCHOENSTATT FOUNDATION DAY

Everyone is invited to the Schoenstatt Foundation Day family festival celebrations on Sunday 19 October at 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. See brochure on notice board.

VINNIES SUPPORT CENTRES

St Vincent de Paul Support Centre is available to arrange food vouchers or other items. Call 8861 9770 if you need assistance.

DIOCESAN RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

Registrations are now open for the final retreat on 15th November. See flyer at back of Church for details.

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Join us for the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass to be held on Sunday 26 October at 2pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Those celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (10 years and over) will receive a certificate. If you would like to attend, please register your name, numbers attending and any dietary requirements. Family and friends are welcome. RSVP to marriage@parracatholic.org or call 0488 000 211 by 20 October.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Engaging Your Faith Online Series.

Experienced lecturers from the Catholic Theological College present on a variety of topics during October. See the flyers at the back of the Church for more information.

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 – Safeguarding Renewal Training – 27th September from 10am to 1.30pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Cnr. Moore Street & Todd Row, St Clair.

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 10th September 2025

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

7. Death. *"In the garden was a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried."*

Dear brothers and sisters,

In our journey of catechesis on Jesus our hope, today we will contemplate the mystery of Holy Saturday. The Son of God lies in the tomb. But this "absence" of his is not emptiness: it is expectation, a restrained fullness, a promise kept in the dark. It is the day of the great silence, in which the sky seems mute and the earth immobile, but it is precisely there that the deepest mystery of the Christian faith is fulfilled. It is a silence laden with meaning, like the womb of a mother who carries her unborn but already living child.

The body of Jesus, taken down from the cross, is carefully wrapped, as one does with something precious. John the Evangelist tells us that he was buried in a garden, inside "a new tomb where no one had ever been laid" (Jn 19:41). Nothing is left to chance. That garden recalls the lost Eden, the place where God and man were united. And that tomb, never used, speaks of something that has still to happen: it is a threshold, not an end. At the beginning of creation, God planted a garden; now the new creation also begins in a garden: with a closed tomb that will soon be opened.

Holy Saturday is also a day of rest. According to the Jewish Law, no work is to be done on the seventh day: indeed, after the six days of creation, God rests (cf. Gen 2:2). Now, the Son too, after completing his work of salvation, rests. Not because he is tired, but because he loved up to the very end. There is nothing left to add. This rest is the seal on the completed task; it is the confirmation that what should have been done has truly been accomplished. It is a repose filled with the hidden presence of the Lord.

We struggle to stop and rest. We live as if life were never enough. We rush to produce, to prove ourselves, to keep up. But the Gospel teaches us

that knowing how to stop is an act of trust that we must learn to perform. Holy Saturday invites us to discover that life does not always depend on what we do, but also on how we know how to take leave of what we have been able to do.

In the tomb, Jesus, the living Word of the Father, is silent. But it is precisely in that silence that the new life begins to ferment. Like a seed in the ground, like the darkness before dawn. God is not afraid of the passing time, because he is also the God of waiting. Thus, even our "useless" time, that of pauses, emptiness, barren moments, can become the womb of resurrection. Every silence that is welcomed can be the premise of a new Word. Every suspended time can become a time of grace, if we offer it to God.

Jesus, buried in the ground, is the meek face of a God who does not occupy all space. He is the God who lets things be done, who waits, who withdraws to leave us freedom. He is the God who trusts, even when everything seems to be over. And we, on that suspended Sabbath, learn that we do not have to be in a hurry to rise again; first we must stay and welcome the silence, let ourselves be embraced by limitation. At times we seek quick answers, immediate solutions. But God works in depth, in the slow time of trust. The Sabbath of the burial thus becomes the womb from which the strength of an invincible light, that of Easter, can spring forth.

Dear friends, Christian hope is not born in noise, but in the silence of an expectation filled with love. It is not the offspring of euphoria, but of trustful abandonment. The Virgin Mary teaches us this: she embodies this expectation, this trust, this hope. When it seems to us that everything is at a standstill, that life is a blocked road, let us remember Holy Saturday. Even in the tomb, God was preparing the greatest surprise of all. And if we know how to welcome with gratitude what has been, we will discover that, precisely in smallness and silence, God loves to transfigure reality, making all things new with the fidelity of his love. True joy is born of indwelt expectation, of patient faith, of the hope that what has been lived in love will surely rise to eternal life.