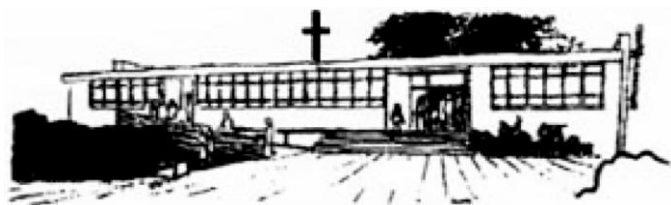


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

Assistant Priest

Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148 (Calls Only)

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5th October 2025, Year C/1



Virgen del Rosario, de Domingo Martínez 1720

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

Address: 12 Richmond Road, PO Box 39, Kingswood, NSW 2747 Telephone: 02 4721 4080

Email: parish@stjosephskingswood.org Web: www.stjosephskingswood.org Facebook: [stjosephkingswood](https://www.facebook.com/stjosephkingswood)

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Tony & Tina Almeida (Healing & Thanksgiving)

SUNDAY 8:30am

† John Curtain

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 27th Week in Ordinary Time

Living & †† Deceased Members of the Gatty, Lahood & McCaffrey Families

Tuesday 8:00am OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

†† Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday 8.00am 27th Week in Ordinary Time

† Cardinal George Pell

Thursday 8.00am St Louis Bertran

† Mary Devassy

Friday 8.00am 27th Week in Ordinary Time

†† For God's Precious Infants

Saturday 8.30am St John XXIII

† Nick Mentis

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

During the month of October there will be Rosary, Litany of Our Lady and Benediction after all the weekday Masses.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mary Devassy, Nick Mentis, Rodney, Heloise Bartholomuez, Cynthia & Everton Buulgens

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

John Curtain, Deceased Members of the Gatty, Lahood & McCaffrey Families, Souls in Purgatory, Cardinal George Pell, God's Precious Infants

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

POPE'S OCTOBER INTENTIONS

For Collaboration Between Different Religious Traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$925**
 Loose: \$456.30
 Smart Facility: \$855
 Project Donations: \$170

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 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.



MEN'S BARBEQUE

Next Saturday 11th October after 6pm Mass. All men over 18 are invited to come and enjoy an evening together.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Calendars on sale after weekend Masses at \$10 each.

YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION

This Sunday 5th October at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, South Mt Druitt from 7pm to 8.30pm. Steven Buhagiar will speak about Bl Bartolo Longo, Apostle of the Rosary. See flyer at back of the Church for more information.

MT SCHOENSTATT FOUNDATION DAY

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

NOVEMBER MASSES

One Mass each day in November will be offered for our Deceased. When you fill out your November Mass Envelope place it in the basket at the back of the Church and fill in the Remembrance Book with the names of your friends and relatives. Names of deceased can be added through November and will be included in the Mass of the following day until the end of November.

CAMPION COLLEGE FESTIVAL & OPEN DAY

10am to 3pm Saturday 18th October at Campion College, Austin Woodbury Place, Toongabbie. See flyer on the noticeboard for details and registration or go to www.campion.edu.au/festival

LIFTED LIVE IN THE FORECOURT

6pm Youth Mass and 7pm start on Saturday 25th October at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Join hundreds of young people and families for the 10th anniversary of LIFTED Live in the Forecourt.

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sunday 26th October at 2pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, followed by afternoon tea. Please register by 15th October at marriage@parracatholic.org or ring 8838 3460.

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 all Volunteers.

Next Training dates:

18th October 10am to 3pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, 26 Swanston Street, St Marys

25th October from 10am to 3pm at Corpus Christi Parish, 86-92 Andromeda Drive, Cranebrook.

Modules 4/5 – For those who completed Modules 1-3 two years previously.

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 1st October 2025

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

9. The Resurrection. "Peace be with you!" (Jn 20:21)

Dear brothers and sisters,

The centre of our faith and the heart of our hope are firmly rooted in the resurrection of Christ. When we read the Gospels carefully, we realize that this mystery is surprising not only because a man – the Son of God – rose from the dead, but also because of the way he decided to do so. Indeed, Jesus' resurrection is not a bombastic triumph, nor is it revenge or retaliation against his enemies. It is a wonderful testimony to how love is capable of rising again after a great defeat in order to continue its unstoppable journey.

When we get up again after a trauma caused by others, often the first reaction is anger, the desire to make someone pay for what we have suffered. The Risen One does not react in this way. When he emerges from the underworld of death, Jesus does not take revenge. He does not return with gestures of power, but rather with meekness he manifests the joy of a love greater than any wound and stronger than any betrayal.

The Risen One does not feel any need to reiterate or affirm his own superiority. He appears to his friends – the disciples – and he does so with extreme discretion, without forcing the pace of their capacity for acceptance. His only desire is to return to communion with them, helping them to overcome the sense of guilt. We see this very well in the Upper Room, where the Lord appears to his friends who are enclosed in fear. It is a moment that expresses extraordinary power: Jesus, after descending into the abysses of death to liberate those who were imprisoned there, enters the closed room of those who are paralyzed by fear, bringing them a gift that no-one would have dared to hope for: peace.

His greeting is simple, almost ordinary: "*Peace be with you!*" (Jn 20:19). But it is accompanied by a gesture so beautiful that it is almost disconcerting: Jesus shows the disciples his hands and his side, with the marks of the passion. Why show his wounds to those who, in those dramatic hours, had denied and abandoned him? Why not hide those signs of pain and avoid reopening the wound of shame?

Yet, the Gospel says that, seeing the Lord, the

disciples rejoiced (cf. Jn 20:20). The reason is profound: Jesus is now fully reconciled with everything he has suffered. There is not a shadow of resentment. The wounds serve not to reproach, but to confirm a love stronger than any infidelity. They are the proof that, even in the moment of our failure, God did not retreat. He did not give up on us.

In this way, the Lord shows himself to be naked and defenseless. He does not demand, he does not hold us to ransom. His is a love that does not humiliate; it is the peace of one who has suffered for love and can now finally affirm that it was worthwhile.

Instead, we often mask our wounds out of pride, or for fear of appearing weak. We say, "it doesn't matter", "it is all in the past", but we are not truly at peace with the betrayals that have wounded us. At times we prefer to hide our effort to forgive so as not to appear vulnerable and to risk suffering again. Jesus does not. He offers his wounds as a guarantee of forgiveness. And he shows that the Resurrection is not the erasure of the past, but its transfiguration into a hope of mercy.

Then, the Lord repeats: "*Peace be with you!*". And he adds, "*As the Father has sent me, even so I send you*" (v. 21). With these words, he entrusts the apostles with a task that is not so much a power as a responsibility: to be instruments of reconciliation in the world. As if he said: "*Who will be able to proclaim the merciful face of the Father, if not you, who have experienced failure and forgiveness?*".

Jesus breathes on them and gives them the Holy Spirit (v. 22). It is the same Spirit who sustained him in obedience to the Father and in love even to the cross. From that moment, the apostles will no longer be able to remain silent about what they have seen and heard: that God forgives, lifts up, and restores trust. This is the heart of the mission of the Church: not to administer power over others, but to communicate the joy of those who are loved precisely when they did not deserve it. It is the strength that gave rise to the Christian communities and made them grow: men and women who discovered the beauty of returning to life to be able to give it to others.

Dear brothers and sisters, we too are sent. The Lord shows us his wounds and says: *Peace be with you*. Do not be afraid to show your wounds healed by mercy. Do not be afraid to draw close to those who are trapped in fear or guilt. May the breath of the Spirit make us, too, witnesses of this peace and this love that is stronger than any defeat.