

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

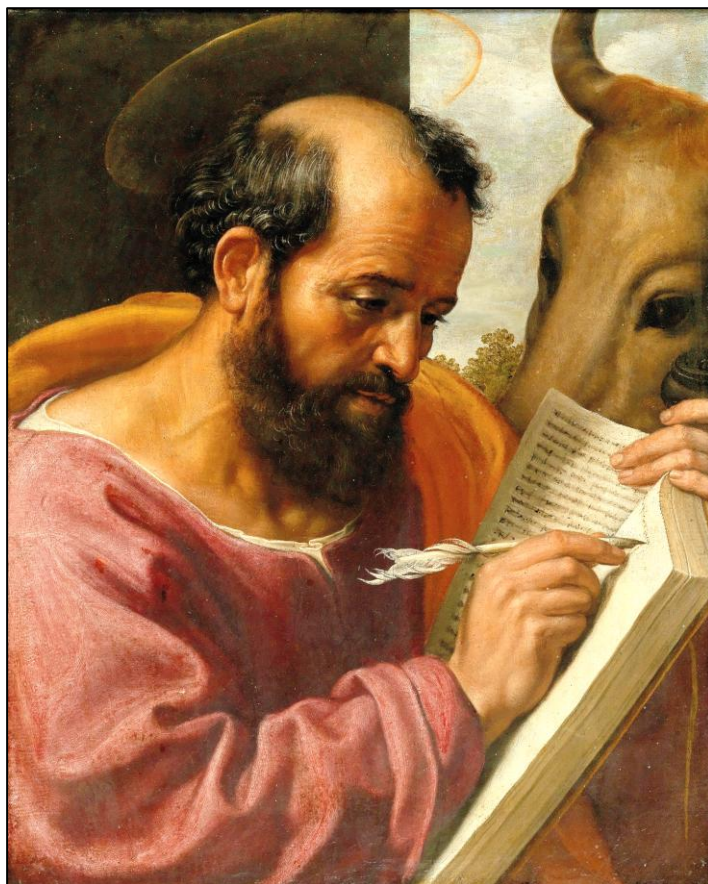
Assistant Priest

Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12th October 2025, Year C/1



Saint Luke the Evangelist Follower of Jacob Jordaens (Flemish, 1593-1678)

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: Kings 5:14-17

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

**Strong & Lasting Relationship
between Faith & Damian**

SUNDAY 8:30am

**Kelly Ibram (Healing from
Operation)**

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 28th Week in Ordinary Time

To Our Lady for Good Health

Tuesday 8:00am 28th Week in Ordinary Time

† Potenciana Sulvita

Wednesday 8.00am St Teresa of Avila

† Jon Burnitt

Thursday 8.00am 28th Week in Ordinary Time

† Jonathan Burnitt

Friday 8.00am St Ignatius of Antioch

† Mary Spiteri

Saturday 8.30am ST LUKE

† Rodney

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.

ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Rodney, Heloise Bartholomuez, Cynthia & Everton Buulgens, Grace Padsingan

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Potenciana Sulvita, Jonathan Burnitt, Mary Spiteri

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, Michael Muema, 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: \$710**
 Loose: \$482.15
 Smart Facility: \$635.10
 Project Donations: \$260

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 12th November at St. Mary's Band Club. All are welcome. If you need a lift, please ring the Parish Office by Tuesday 11th.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

If you are new to our Parish, have not registered or want to update your information, please use the QR Code.



COLUMBAN CALENDARS

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

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.

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

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

2pm Sunday 19th October at Campion College Chapel, 8-14 Austin Woodbury Place, Toongabbie. Celebrant is Fr Brian Steele MGL

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.

CATHOLIC CARE

Catholic Care Western Sydney and Blue Mountains provides affordable counselling services for individuals seeking support, for general guidance or assistance with specific challenges like grief, loss, or family matters. Call Catholic Care on 8843 2500.

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

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE LEO XIV GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday 8th October 2025

Cycle of Catechesis - Jubilee 2025. Jesus Christ our Hope. 10. *Rekindling*. “Were not our hearts burning within us?” (Lk 24:32)

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today I would like to invite you to reflect on a surprising aspect of Christ's Resurrection: his humility. If we think back to the Gospel accounts, we realize that the risen Lord does nothing spectacular to impose himself on the faith of his disciples. He does not appear surrounded by hosts of angels, he does not perform spectacular feats, he does not deliver solemn speeches to reveal the secrets of the universe. On the contrary, he approaches discreetly, like any other wayfarer, like a hungry man asking to share some bread (cf. Lk 24:15, 41).

Mary Magdalene mistakes him for a gardener (cf. Jn 20:15). The disciples of Emmaus believe him to be a stranger (cf. Lk 24:18). Peter and the other fishermen think he is just a passer-by (cf. Jn 21:4). We would have expected special effects, signs of power, overwhelming evidence. But the Lord does not seek this: he prefers the language of proximity, of normality, of sharing a meal.

Brothers and sisters, there is a valuable message in this: the Resurrection is not a theatrical coup; it is a silent transformation that fills every human gesture with meaning. The risen Jesus eats a piece of fish in front of his disciples: this is not a marginal detail, it is confirmation that our body, our history, our relationships are not a shell to be thrown away. They are destined for the fullness of life. Resurrection does not mean becoming evanescent spirits, but entering into a deeper communion with God and with our brothers and sisters, in a humanity transfigured by love.

In the Pasch of Christ, everything can become grace. Even the most ordinary things: eating, working, waiting, taking care of the house, supporting a friend. The Resurrection does not remove life from time and effort, but changes its meaning and “flavour”. Every gesture performed in gratitude and communion anticipates the Kingdom of God.

However, there is an obstacle that often prevents us from recognizing Christ's presence in our daily lives: the assumption that joy must be free from suffering. The disciples of Emmaus walk sadly because they hoped for a different ending, for a Messiah who did

not know the cross. Although they have heard that the tomb is empty, they cannot smile. But Jesus walks alongside them and patiently helps them understand that pain is not the denial of the promise, but the way through which God has manifested the measure of his love (cf. Lk 24:13-27).

When they are finally seated at the table with him and break bread, their eyes are opened. They realize that their hearts were already burning, even though they did not know it (cf. Lk 24:28-32). This is the greatest surprise: to discover that beneath the ashes of disenchantment and weariness there is always a living ember, waiting only to be rekindled.

Brothers and sisters, Christ's resurrection teaches us that no history is so marked by disappointment or sin that it cannot be visited by hope. No fall is definitive, no night is eternal, no wound is destined to remain open forever. However distant, lost or unworthy we may feel, there is no distance that can extinguish the unfailing power of God's love.

Sometimes we think that the Lord comes to visit us only in moments of contemplation or spiritual fervour, when we feel worthy, when our lives appear orderly and bright. Instead, the Risen One is close to us precisely in the darkest places: in our failures, in our frayed relationships, in the daily struggles that weigh on our shoulders, in the doubts that discourage us. Nothing that we are, no fragment of our existence, is foreign to him.

Today, the risen Lord walks alongside each of us, as we travel our paths – those of work and commitment, but also those of suffering and loneliness – and with infinite delicacy asks us to let him warm our hearts. He does not demand to be recognized immediately. He waits patiently for the moment when our eyes will open to see his friendly face, capable of transforming disappointment into hopeful expectation, sadness into gratitude, resignation into hope.

The Risen One desires only to manifest his presence, to become our companion on the road and to kindle in us the certainty that his life is stronger than any death. Let us then ask for the grace to recognize his humble and discreet presence, not to expect a life without trials, to discover that every pain, if inhabited by love, can become a place of communion.

And so, like the disciples of Emmaus, we too return to our homes with hearts burning with joy. A simple joy that does not erase wounds, but illuminates them. A joy that comes from the certainty that the Lord is alive, walks with us, and gives us the possibility to start again at every moment.