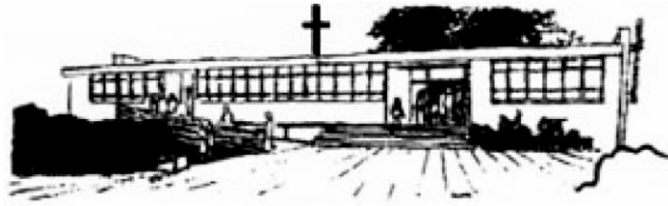


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

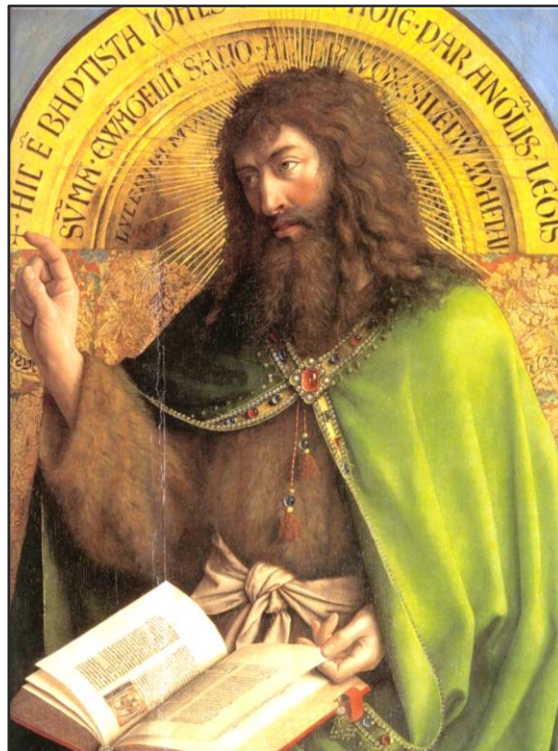
Assistant Priest

Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148 (Calls Only)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8th December 2024, Year C/1



EYCK, Jan van, John the Baptist, The Ghent Altarpiece

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

Ms. Jennifer Crowley - Principal

School Office Times

8:30am - 4:00pm - Monday to Friday

Address

94 Joseph Street
Kingswood, NSW 2747

Telephone: 4726 4200; **Fax:** 4731 1432

www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am - 2:00pm and Friday: 9:00am - 1:00pm

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

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Kieran Buckley

SUNDAY 8:30am

† Paul Mark Gale

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BL. VIRGIN MARY** † Bishop Edward Kelly

Tuesday 8:00am **2nd Week of Advent** † Patrick Houlihan

Wednesday 8.00am **2nd Week of Advent** † Bishop Geoffrey Robinson

Thursday 8.00am **Our Lady of Guadalupe** Bianca & Jan Nazal (Success in Application For Australia)

Friday 8.00am **St Lucy** †† Souls in Purgatory

Saturday 8.30am **St John of the Cross** John Mathew (Birthday Blessings)

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.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Tuesday 24th December – 6pm

Wednesday 25th December – Midnight,
8.30am & 10am

Reconciliation: Monday 23rd December – 9am to 12noon & 5pm to 7.30pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Kieran Buckley, Paul Mark Gale, Garry Harker

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Bishop Edward Kelly, Patrick Houlihan, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Souls in Purgatory

POPE FRANCIS' DECEMBER INTENTIONS

For Pilgrims of Hope

Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year of 2025 strengthens us in our faith; helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Sr Louisa, Carolina Q. Alvarez, Jonathon Ansell, Tony Bogdanovic, Margaret Colville, Frances Gunn, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Nympha Miller, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Benjamin Santiago, Shayla, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Maureen van Hoogenvest, 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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$760**
 Loose: \$547.70
 Smart Facility: \$480
 Carpet Donations: \$3530.10

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.

SPECIAL PROJECT DONATIONS

Our Special Project Donations are now going towards Carpet for the Church. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.

BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday at 9.15am in the Parish Hall.

PARISH LUNCH

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Our next Lunch will be this Wednesday 11th December at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

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



CLEANING THE LORD'S HOUSE & GROUNDS

We need people to help arrange flowers and clean the Church on a Saturday morning. We also need assistance in the maintenance of the Church Grounds (mowing, edging and blower/vacuumping), anytime someone has time available. Please ring Clare on 0432 668 724 or the Parish Office.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Sunday 15th December at 2pm at Campion College Chapel, 8-14 Austin Woodbury Place, Toongabbie. Celebrant is Fr Brian Steele.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This weekend we have another collection for Catholic Care's Houses to Homes, which helps homeless mothers and children find a safe place to call home and rebuild their lives. You can also donate at parracatholic.org/appeal. We have already collected \$1205.65. Thank you for your generosity.

THANK YOU TO WOLLEMI COLLEGE

Thank you to the young men from Year 8 of Wollemi College, the two teachers and our Parish volunteers, who gave their time and energy to help us. They cleaned out grates, removed cobwebs, pressure cleaned brickwork, pruned shrubs and hedges, did edging and mowing, cleaned paths, driveway and carpark. Well done everyone. God bless each and every one of you.

MEN AT THE SHRINE

An hour of adoration on Wednesday 11th December from 8-9pm at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa. Please see the Flyer for further information. For any questions contact Bernard on 0416 106 871.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Let us prepare our hearts together this year with the Carols at Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa on Saturday 14th December at 7pm. All children are encouraged to arrive by 6.50pm dressed as angels and shepherds. Flyer and more details can be found on the website: <https://schoenstatt.org.au/>

MUSIC & READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS

Sunday 15th December at 7.30pm at St Finbars Church, Glenbrook. See flyer for more information.

DISNEY MYSTERY CAMP WITH LOWANA

From 19th to 22nd January at Springwood for girls from five to eight years of age. See 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 in Parish Ministry are Mandatory Reporters and 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

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday 4th December 2024

Cycle of Catechesis. The Spirit and the Bride. The Holy Spirit guides the people of God towards Jesus our hope.

16. Proclaiming the Gospel in the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit and evangelization

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

We dedicate this catechesis to the *evangelizing work of the Holy Spirit*, that is, on the role of preaching in the Church. The First Letter of Peter defines the apostles as “those who preached the good news to you through the holy Spirit” (cf. 1:12). In this expression we find the two constitutive elements of Christian preaching: its *content*, which is the Gospel, and its *means*, which is the Holy Spirit. Let’s say something about one and the other.

In the New Testament, the word “Gospel” has two principal meanings. It can indicate any one of the four canonical Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, and according to this definition the Gospel means the good news proclaimed *by* Jesus during His earthly life. After the Pasch, the word “Gospel” assumes its new meaning of good news *about* Jesus, that is, the Paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of the Lord. This is what the Apostle calls “Gospel” when he writes: “I am not ashamed of the Gospel. It is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes” (Rom 1:16).

The preaching of Jesus and, subsequently, that of the Apostles, also contains all the moral duties that stem from the Gospel, starting from the ten commandments up to the “new” commandment of love. But if we do not want to relapse into the error denounced by the Apostle Paul of putting the law before grace and deeds before faith, it is necessary always to start anew from the proclamation of what Christ has done for us. Therefore, the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* insists a lot on the first of these two things, namely the *kerygma* or “proclamation”, on which every moral application depends.

Indeed, “in catechesis too, we have rediscovered the fundamental role of the first announcement or *kerygma*, which needs to be at the centre of all evangelizing activity and all efforts at Church renewal. ... The first proclamation is called ‘first’ not because it exists at the beginning and can then be forgotten or replaced by other more important things. It is first in a qualitative sense because it is the principal proclamation, the one which we must hear again and again in different ways, the one which we must announce one way or another through the process of catechesis, at every level and moment. ... We must not think that in catechesis the *kerygma* gives way to a supposedly more ‘solid’ formation. Nothing is more solid, profound, secure, meaningful and wisdom-

filled than that initial proclamation” (nos. 164-165), namely, the *kerygma*.

So far, we have seen the content of Christian preaching. We must however bear in mind also the *means* by which it is proclaimed. The Gospel must be preached “through the Holy Spirit” (1 Pt 1:12). The Church must do precisely what Jesus says at the beginning of His public ministry: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor” (Lk 4:18). *Preaching with the anointing of the Holy Spirit* means transmitting, together with the ideas and the doctrine, the life and conviction of our faith. It means doing so “not with persuasive (words of) wisdom, but with a demonstration of spirit and power” (1 Cor 2:4), as Saint Paul wrote.

It is easy to say, one might object, but how can it be put into practice if it does not depend on us, but on the coming of the Holy Spirit? In reality, there is one thing that does depend on us, or rather two, and I will briefly mention them. The first is *prayer*. The Holy Spirit comes to those who pray, because the heavenly Father – it is written – “give[s] the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him” (Lk 11:13), especially if we ask Him in order to proclaim the Gospel of His Son! Woe to those who preach without praying! They become those whom the Apostle defines as “a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal” (cf. 1 Cor 13:1).

So, the first thing that depends on us is praying, so that the Holy Spirit may come. The second is *not wanting to preach ourselves, but Jesus the Lord* (cf. 2 Cor 4:5). This relates to preaching. At times there are long sermons, twenty minutes, thirty minutes... But, please, preachers must preach an idea, a feeling and a call to action. Beyond eight minutes the preaching starts to fade, it is not understood. And I say this to preachers [applause] – I can see that you like to hear this! At times we see men who, when the sermon starts, go outside to smoke a cigarette and then come back in. Please, the sermon must be an idea, a feeling and a call to action. And it must never exceed ten minutes. This is very important.

The second thing, I was saying, is not to want to preach ourselves, but the Lord. There is no need to dwell on this, because anyone engaged in evangelization knows what it means in practice not to preach oneself. I will limit myself to a particular application of this requirement. Not wanting to preach oneself also implies not always giving priority to pastoral initiatives promoted by us and linked to our own name, but willingly collaborating, if requested, in community initiatives, or entrusted to us by obedience.

May the Holy Spirit help us, accompany us and teach the Church how to preach the Gospel in this way to the men and women of this time! Thank you.