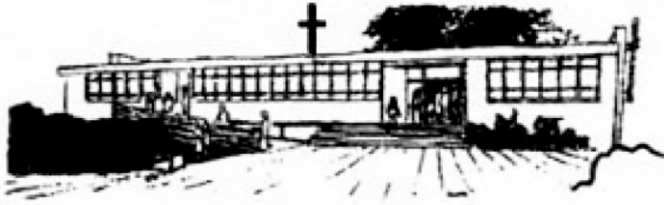


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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 IN ORDINARY TIME

19th January 2025, Year C/1



SCHNORR VON CAROLSFELD, Julius, The Wedding Feast at Cana, 1819

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

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

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: Isaiah 62:1-5

Responsorial Psalm: Proclaim His marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Cardinal George Pell

SUNDAY 8:30am

† Anthony Box

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am Week 2 in Ordinary Time †† Josephine & Carmelo Attard

Tuesday 8:00am St Agnes Brenda Cadano, Catherine Gill & Delia Nazal (Birthday Blessings)

Wednesday 8.00am Week 2 in Ordinary Time Brenda Cadano & Delia & Donnel Nazal (For Healing)

Thursday 8.00am Bl Henry Suso † Zygmunt Blazek

Friday 8.00am St Francis de Sales † Charley Tonna (Deceased's Birthday)

Saturday 8.30am CONVERSION OF ST PAUL † Perla Ortaleza

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.

POPE FRANCIS' JANUARY INTENTIONS

For the Right to an Education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Anthony Box

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Cardinal George Pell, Josephine & Carmelo Attard, Zygmunt Blazek, Charley Tonna, Perla Ortaleza

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2025

Reconciliation: Thursday 10th April

Registration & 1st Session: 2nd March

First Communion: 22nd June

Registration & 1st Session: 27th April

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be open for limited hours from 16th January to 11th February 2025. In an emergency, please ring the Parish Mobile on 0423 725 148 or contact Fr Andrew.

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, 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.

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$580**
 Loose: \$450
 Smart Facility: \$652
Carpet Donations: \$4381.10

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.

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. All are most welcome.

PARISH LUNCH

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

PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

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



SUNDAY MORNING TEA

Morning Tea will resume on Sunday 2nd February. Thank you, Ian, Kaitlin & Jim; may God bless you for your faithfulness.

PARKING NOTICE

We ask that people attending 8.30am Mass would exit via Joseph Street allowing 10am Mass goers access to the Main Gate on Richmond Road. Please leave parking near the Church for the disabled.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSE IN 2025

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in Blacktown and Penrith. This free formation is open to anyone in the diocese interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. To enrol contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org Registrations close 28th January, 2025 but spaces are limited so enrol now to avoid disappointment.

PASTORAL PLAN 2024-2028

Download your copy of the Pastoral Plan at: parracatholic.org/synodality

MEDJUGORIE PILGRIMAGE

1st to 9th April 2025. Chaplain is Fr Neil Bulathsinhala. Tour includes Daily Mass, Confessions, Rosary & Evening Program. See the flyer on the noticeboard for more information.

MAGI PILGRIMAGES 2025

Magi Pilgrimages are organising the following Jubilee Pilgrimages for 2025: 1. Streams of Mercy (May); 2. Italy and Poland (May); 3. Marian Shrines (June); 4. Shrines of Our Lady (August); 5. Pilgrimage of Hope (October). For itineraries and bookings call 1300 721 561 or email pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

NATURAL FERTILITY CREIGHTON MODEL

Are you looking for help to track your fertility cycle? Come and explore the Creighton Model FertilityCare System – a Natural, Effective, Healthy and Scientific approach to achieve/space/avoid pregnancy or monitor women's health. Engaged and married couples, single women and those wanting to know more about their menstrual cycles are welcome to attend. This free introductory session to be held on Wednesday 19th February from 7:15-8:15pm via Zoom is valued at \$125. For more information, contact catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or 0400 427 605.

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 – These Modules are for new Volunteers who have not completed any safeguarding Training.

The next session of face-to-face Training will be held on Saturday 29th January at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong.

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 15th January 2025

The Most Beloved of the Father: 2

Dear brothers and sisters,

In the last audience we spoke about children, and today too we will talk about children. Jesus repeatedly spoke of the importance of protecting, welcoming and loving the little ones.

Yet, even today in the world, hundreds of millions of minors, despite not being of the minimum age to undergo the obligations of adulthood, are forced to work and many of them are exposed to particularly dangerous work; not to mention the boys and girls who are slaves to trafficking for prostitution or pornography and forced marriages. In our societies, unfortunately, there are many ways in which children are abused and mistreated. Child abuse, of whatever nature, is a despicable act. It is not simply a blight on society, no, it is a crime! And it is a gross violation of God's commandments. No child should be abused. It is therefore necessary to awaken our consciences, to practice closeness and genuine solidarity with abused children and young people, and at the same time to build trust and synergies between those who are committed to offering them opportunities and safe places in which to grow up serenely. I know a country in Latin America, where a special fruit grows, very special, which is called *arándano* [a species of cranberry]. Harvesting the *arándano* requires tender hands, and they make children do it, they enslave them as children to harvest it.

Widespread poverty, the shortage of social support tools for families, the increased marginality in recent years along with unemployment and job insecurity are factors that burden the youngest with the highest price to pay. In the metropolises, where the social divide and moral decay "bite", there are children engaged in drug dealing and the most diverse illicit activities. How many of these children have we seen fall as sacrificial victims! Sometimes tragically they are induced to become "executioners" of their peers, as well as damaging themselves, their dignity and humanity. And yet, when on the street, in the neighbourhood of the parish, and these lost lives present themselves before our eyes, we often look the other way.

There is also a case in my country: a boy called Loan has been abducted and his whereabouts are unknown. And one of the theories is that he has been sent to have his organs removed, for transplants. And this happens, as you well know. This happens! Some return with a scar, others die. This is why today I would like to remember this boy Loan.

It pains us to recognize the social injustice that drives

two children, perhaps living in the same neighbourhood or apartment block, to take diametrically opposed paths and destinies because one of them was born into a disadvantaged family. An unacceptable human and social divide: between those who can dream and those who must succumb. But Jesus wants us all free and happy; and if He loves every man and woman as His son and daughter, He loves the little ones with all the tenderness of His heart. That is why He asks us to stop and listen to the suffering of the voiceless, the uneducated. Fighting child exploitation is the way to build a better future for the whole of society. Some countries have had the wisdom to put children's rights in writing. Look yourselves on the internet to find out what children's rights are.

And so, we can ask ourselves: what can I do? First of all, we must recognize that, if we want to eradicate child labour, we cannot be complicit in it. How can we eat and dress, knowing that behind that food and those garments there are exploited children, who work instead of going to school? Find out where those products come from. Awareness of what we purchase is a first act in order not to be complicit. Some will say that, as individuals, we cannot do much. True, but each one can be a drop that, together with many other drops, can become a sea. Institutions, including church institutions, and companies must also be reminded of their responsibility: they can make a difference by shifting their investments to companies that do not permit child labour. Many states and international organizations have already enacted laws and directives against child labour, but more can be done. I also urge journalists to do their part: they can help raise awareness of the problem and help find solutions. Do not be afraid to denounce these things.

And I thank all those who do not turn away when they see children forced to become adults too soon. Let us always remember the words of Jesus: "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40). Saint Teresa of Calcutta, a joyful worker in the vineyard of the Lord, was a mother to the most disadvantaged and forgotten girls and boys. With the tenderness and attention of her gaze, she can accompany us to see the invisible little ones, the too many slaves of a world that we cannot abandon to its injustices. Because the happiness of the weakest builds the peace of all. With Mother Theresa, let us give voice to the children:

"I ask for a safe place where I can play.

I ask for a smile from someone who knows how to love.
I ask for the right to be a child, to be the hope of a better world.

I ask to be able to grow as a person.

Can I count on you?' (Saint Teresa of Calcutta)

Thank you.