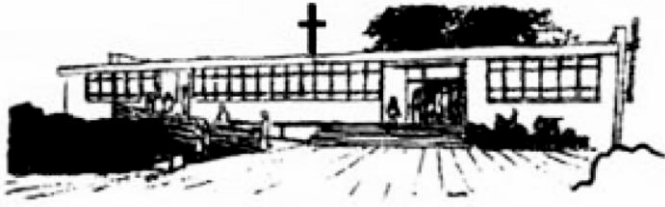


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP
Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP
Assistant Priest
Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148 (Calls Only)

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26th January 2025, Year C/1



ANGELICO, Fra, Virgin & Child with St Dominic & St Thomas Aquinas, c. 1445

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

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

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10
Responsorial Psalm: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Sophia (Birthday Blessings)
SUNDAY	8:30am		† Kurian Kuriakose
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	St Timothy & St Titus	†† William Hardy & Rod Tandingan
Tuesday	8:00am	ST THOMAS AQUINAS	† Justin Jose
Wednesday	8.00am	Week 3 in Ordinary Time	Mr. & Mrs. Antony (23 rd Wedding Ann.)
Thursday	8.00am	Week 3 in Ordinary Time	For Healing
Friday	8.00am	St John Bosco	† Joseph Antony
Saturday	8.30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary	†† Dec. Mem. of St Vincent de Paul

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:

David Blake

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Kurian Kuriakose, William John Hardy, Rod Tandingan, Justin Jose, Joseph Antony, Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$1221**
 Loose: \$508.80
 Smart Facility: \$480
 Carpet Donations: \$4961.10

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 this Sunday. 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.

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 22nd February at Holy Family Parish, Emerton.

Modules 4/5 – Renewal for those who completed Modules 1-3 two years ago.

The next session of face-to-face Training will be held on 3rd May at Holy Family Parish, Emerton

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

Cycle of Catechesis – Jubilee 2025

Jesus Christ our Hope. I. The Infancy of Jesus. 2. The Annunciation. Mary listens and is willing.

Wednesday 22nd January 2025

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today we will resume the catecheses of the Jubilee cycle on *Jesus Christ our hope*.

At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke shows the effects of the transforming power of the Word of God, which reaches not only the halls of the Temple, but also the poor dwelling of a young woman, Mary, who, betrothed to Joseph, still lives with her family.

After Jerusalem, the messenger of the great divine annunciations, Gabriel, is sent to a village never mentioned in the Hebrew Bible: Nazareth. At that time, it was a small village in Galilee, in a remote area of Israel, a border area with the pagans and their contamination.

It is there that the angel brings a message of an entirely unheard-of form and content, so much so that Mary's heart is shaken, disturbed. In the place of the classic greeting, "Peace be with you", Gabriel addresses the Virgin with the invitation "Hail!", "rejoice!", an appeal dear to sacred history, because the prophets use it when they announce the coming of the Messiah (cf. *Zeph 3:14; Joel 2:21-23, Zec 9:9*). It is the invitation to the joy that the Lord addresses to His people when the exile ends and the Lord makes His living and active presence felt.

In addition, God calls Mary with a loving name unknown in biblical history: *kecharitoméne*, which means "filled with divine grace". Mary is full of divine grace. This name says that God's love has already for some time inhabited and continues to dwell in Mary's heart. He says how "gracious" she is, and above all how God's grace has accomplished in her an inner engraving, making her His masterpiece: full of grace.

This loving moniker, which God gives only to Mary, is immediately accompanied by reassurance: "Do not be afraid!": the presence of the Lord always gives us this grace of not fearing, and so He says to Mary: "Do not be afraid!". God says "Do not be afraid" to Abraham, Isaac and Moses in history: (cf. *Gen 15:1; 26:24; Dt 31:8; Joshua 8:1*). And He says to us too: "Do not be afraid, keep going!". "Father, I am afraid of this"; "And what do you do when...". "I am sorry, Father, I will tell you the truth: I go to the fortune teller". "You go to the fortune teller!". "Ah yes, I have my palm read...". Please,

do not be afraid! This is good. "I am your travelling companion": and He says this to Mary. The "Almighty", the God of the "impossible" (*Lk 1:37*) is *with* Mary, together with and beside her; He is her companion, her principal ally, the eternal "I-with-you" (cf. *Gen 28:15; Ex 3:12; Jdg 6:12*).

Then Gabriel announces to the Virgin her mission, making echo in her heart numerous biblical passages referring to the kingship and messianic nature of the child that must be born of her, and that the child will be presented as the fulfilment of the ancient prophesies. The Word that comes from on High calls Mary to be the mother of the Messiah, that long-awaited Davidic Messiah. She is the mother of the Messiah. He will be king, but not in the human and carnal manner, but in the divine, spiritual manner. His name will be "Jesus", which means "God saves" (cf. *Lk 1:31; Mt 1:21*), reminding everyone forever that it is not man who saves, but only God. Jesus is the One who will fulfil these words of the prophet Isaiah: "It was not an envoy or a messenger, but His presence that saved them [with] His love and pity" (*Is 63:9*).

This motherhood shakes Mary to the core. And as the intelligent woman she is, thus capable of reading into events (cf. *Lk 2:19,51*), she tries to understand, to discern what is happening to her. Mary does not look outside, but within. And there, in the depths of her open and sensitive heart, she hears the invitation to trust in God, who has prepared for her a special "Pentecost". Just as at the beginning of creation (cf. *Gen 1:2*), God wants to nurture Mary with His Spirit, a power capable of opening what is closed without violating it, without encroaching on human freedom; He wants to envelop her in the "clouds" of His presence (cf. *1 Cor 10:1-2*) because the Son lives in her, and her in Him.

And Mary is illuminated with trust: she is "a lamp with many lights". Mary welcomes the Word in her own flesh and thus launches the greatest mission ever entrusted to a woman, to a human creature. She places herself in service: she is full of everything, not like a slave but as a collaborator of God the Father, full of dignity and authority in order to administer, as she will do at Cana, the gifts of divine treasure, so that many will be able to draw from it with both hands.

Sisters, brothers, let us learn from Mary, Mother of the Saviour and our Mother, to let ourselves open our ears to the divine Word and to welcome it and cherish it, so that it may transform our hearts into tabernacles of His presence, in hospitable homes where hope grows. Thank you!