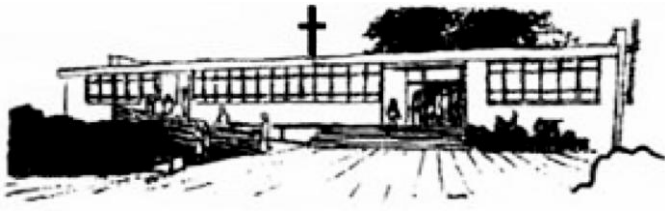


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025, Year C/1



ANGELICO, Fra, Scenes from the Life of Christ, 1451-52

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

Mr. Alan Eisenhuth – Acting Principal

#### School Office Times

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

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# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**First Reading:** Sirach 27:4-7

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord it is good to give thanks to You.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

**Gospel:** Luke 6:39-45

### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Jose Antony

**SUNDAY** 8:30am

†† Dec. Mems. of the Woodward & Hewitt Families

10:00am

For the Parish

**Monday** 8:00am Week 8 in Ordinary Time

† Ophelia Paraan

**Tuesday** 8:00am St Casimir

†† James Gill, Arthur Francis Allen & Lisa Southall

**Wednesday** 8.00am ASH WEDNESDAY  
7.00pm ASH WEDNESDAY

† Ophelia Paraan  
For the Parish

**Thursday** 8.00am Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Jim (For his Health)

**Friday** 8.00am Friday after Ash Wednesday

†† For God's Precious Infants

**Saturday** 8.30am Saturday after Ash Wednesday

† Ophelia Paraan

### 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.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March is Ash Wednesday, which is a day of Fasting & Abstinence. Masses will be at 8.00am and 7.00pm, with a School Liturgy of the Word at 12noon (see flyer).

**Stations of the Cross** - Fridays at 6pm during Lent.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Ophelia Paraan

**DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:** Jose Antony, Deceased Members of the Woodward & Hewitt Families, James Gill, Arthur Francis Allen, Lisa Southall, God's Precious Infants

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2025

**Reconciliation: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session: This Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

**First Communion: 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April

**Confirmation: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July

All Sessions will be after 10am Mass at 11.30am

**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, 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

### **PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY**

Please return your Palms by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March to be burned ready for Ash Wednesday on 5<sup>th</sup> March.

### **POPE FRANCIS' MARCH INTENTIONS**

#### **For Families in Crisis**

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

**SECOND COLLECTION:**      **Envelopes: \$930**  
   **Loose:      \$530.45**  
   **Smart Facility: \$530.10**  
   **Carpet Donations: \$5913.10**

### **SMART DONATION FACILITIES**

Donations from the two Smart terminals at the door go towards the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 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.



### **MEN AT THE SHRINE**

An hour of adoration on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March from 8-9pm at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa. Please see the Flyer on the noticeboard for further information. For any questions contact Bernard on 0416 106 871.

### **ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL OPEN DAYS**

March 4<sup>th</sup> from 9.00-10.00am

March 6<sup>th</sup> from 4.00-5.00pm

Register your attendance through the St Joseph's School Kingswood website.

### **PROJECT COMPASSION**

This Lent, we are called to "Unite Against Poverty" through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.

You can support Project Compassion through the donation boxes, by calling 1800 024 413 or online at [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion).

### **YOUNG ADULTS FAITH FORMATION**

This Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.00-8-30pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 9 Ropes Creek Road, Sth Mt Druitt. Simon Carrington will speak on St Therese of Lisieux, followed by games and pizza.

### **MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND**

An opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Join us on 23-25 May at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Contact Christine & Terry Mahoney on 0490 774 419 or book online at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

### **OUR DIOCESE'S JUBILEE YOUTH PILGRIMAGE**

Young people (18-35) across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are invited to embark on an 18-day pilgrimage to the Jubilee of Youth in Rome from 19 July – 5 August 2025. The journey includes a visit to Greece, tracing the footsteps of Saint Paul, before heading to Rome for the celebration. Express your interest today at [parracatholic.org/jubileeyouth2025](http://parracatholic.org/jubileeyouth2025)

### **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.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org)

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Cycle of Catechesis – Jubilee 2025.

*Jesus Christ our Hope. I. The Infancy of Jesus.*

7. “My eyes have seen your salvation” (Lk 2:30). *The Presentation of Jesus at the Temple*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today we will contemplate the beauty of “Jesus Christ, our hope” (1 Tim 1:1), in the mystery of His presentation at the Temple.

In the *narratives of Jesus’ infancy*, the evangelist Luke shows us Mary and Joseph’s obedience to the Law of the Lord and to all its prescriptions. In reality, in Israel there was no obligation to present the child at the Temple, but those who lived listening to the Word of the Law and wished to conform to it, considered it a valuable practice. So did Hannah, the mother of the prophet Samuel, who was barren; God heard her prayer and she, having had her son, took him to the temple and offered him to the Lord forever (cf. 1 Sam 1:24-28).

Luke therefore recounts Jesus’ first act of worship, celebrated in the holy city, Jerusalem, which will be the destination of His entire itinerant ministry from the moment He makes the firm decision to go up there (cf. Lk 9:51), heading towards the fulfilment of His mission.

Mary and Joseph do not simply embed Jesus in a history of the family, the people, of the covenant with the Lord God. They take care of His growth, and introduce Him into the atmosphere of faith and worship. And they too gradually grow in their comprehension of a vocation that far surpasses them.

In the Temple, which is a “house of prayer” (Lk 19:46), the Holy Spirit breathes, speaks to the heart of an elderly man: Simeon, a member of the holy people of God schooled in expectation and hope, who nurtures the desire for the fulfilment of God’s promises to Israel by through the prophets. Simeon perceives in the Temple the presence of the Lord’s Anointed One, he sees the light that shines in the midst of the peoples plunged “in darkness” (cf. Is 9:1) and he goes to meet that child who, as Isaiah prophesies, “is born to us”, He is the son who

“is given to us”, the “Prince of Peace” (Is 9:5). Simeon embraces that child who, small and helpless, rests in his arms; but it is he, in fact, who finds consolation and the fullness of his existence by holding Him to himself. He expresses this in a canticle full of heartfelt gratitude, which in the Church has become the prayer at the end of the day: “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel” (Lk 2:29-32).

Simeon sings the joy of those who have seen Him, who have recognized Him and are able to transmit to others the encounter with the Saviour of Israel and of the peoples. He is a witness of faith received as a gift and communicated to others; he is a witness of the hope that does not disappoint; he is a witness of God’s love, which fills the heart of man with joy and peace. Filled with this spiritual consolation, the elderly Simeon sees death not as the end, but as fulfilment, fullness; he awaits it like a “sister” that does not annihilate but introduces to the true life that he has already foretasted and in which he believes.

On that day, Simeon is not the only one to see salvation made flesh in the child Jesus. The same also happens to Anna, a woman more than eighty years old, a widow, entirely devoted to service to the Temple and consecrated to prayer. Indeed, upon seeing the child, Anne celebrates the God of Israel, who has redeemed His people in that very child, and tells others about Him, generously spreading the prophetic word. The song of redemption of two elders thus emits the proclamation of the Jubilee for all the people and for the world. Hope is rekindled in hearts in the Temple of Jerusalem because Christ our hope has entered it.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us also imitate Simeon and Anna, these “pilgrims of hope” who have clear eyes capable of seeing beyond appearances, who are able to detect the presence of God in smallness, who know how to welcome God’s visit with joy and rekindle hope in the heart of brothers and sisters.