

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

27<sup>th</sup> April 2025, Year C/1



Divine Mercy

### 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

### Address

94 Joseph Street  
Kingswood, NSW 2747

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# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

**Responsorial Psalm:** Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting.

**Second Reading:** Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19

**Gospel:** John 20:19-31

### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† David Blake (Dec's Birthday)

**SUNDAY** 8:30am

† Dionisio Rogayan Sr.

10:00am

For the Parish

**Monday** 8:00am St Peter Chanel

Living & †† Dec. Mems. of the McIlvenna, Dobranski, Colreavy, McCaffrey & Lahood Families

**Tuesday** 8:00am ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

† Bishop Edward Kelly

**Wednesday** 8.00am St Pius V

† Bishop Geoffrey Robinson

**Thursday** 8.00am St Joseph the Worker

†† For the Souls in Purgatory

**Friday** 8.00am St Athanasius

†† For God's Precious Infants

**Saturday** 8.30am ST PHILIP & ST JAMES

†† Dec. Mems. 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' APRIL INTENTIONS

#### For the Use of New Technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person and will help us face the crises of our times.

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Argyna Marie Santiago, Pope Francis

### DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

David Blake, Dionisio Rogayan Sr, Dec. Mems of the Dobranski, Colreavy, McCaffrey & Lahood Families, Bishop Edward Kelly, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Souls in Purgatory, God's Precious Infants, Dec. Mems. of St Vincent de Paul Society

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2025

#### 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, Tony Jacobs, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Nympha Miller, Karen Morvan, Shayla, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, 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: \$735**  
   **Loose:      \$802.60**  
   **Smart Facility: \$950**  
   **A/Cs & Carpet Donations: \$8523**

### 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 Projects Donations** are now going towards the Air Conditioning and Carpet Projects 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 14<sup>th</sup> May 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.



### PARISH INSURANCE

The total cost of our Insurance Premium is \$24,225.11

### PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Please return your Project Compassion boxes.

### GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND APPEAL

We collected \$2030.05. Thank you for your generosity.

### SRE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you can spare an hour each week during school terms and would like to find out more about becoming a scripture teacher or helper you can call the parish office on 4721 4080. Training is provided.

### YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, South Mt Druitt (9 Ropes Creek Rd Mt Druitt) at 7pm. The speaker is Fr Matthew Dimian who will talk about and lead discussion on Blessed Carlo Acutis. If you have any questions, please call Mark on 0477 004 678.

### DIOCESAN MASS FOR POPE FRANCIS

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral. The Mass will be livestreamed on St Patrick's Cathedral YouTube channel.

### DIOCESAN JUBILEE OF HOPE RETREATS

See Poster at the back of the Church for more information.

### 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. See Poster at back of Church.

### ADULT JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

For adults 35 years and over from 7<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025. See the Poster at the back of the Church for dates of the Information Session, the Formation Nights and how to apply.

### AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Volunteers are needed to assist at the national office at Penrith. For information contact Peter Harrop at [peter@aidtothechurch.org](mailto:peter@aidtothechurch.org) or 9167 9526.

### FAMILY ENRICHMENT AUSTRALIA (FEA)

FEA are organising another 3-Part Course for Parents of 4-7 Year Olds starting on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at Caddens. Please register using the QR code on the poster. For more information visit [www.Fea.org.au](http://www.Fea.org.au) or contact Edwin & Stephanie Sugiaman on 0430 918 777.

### 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

**REMEMBERING POPE FRANCIS**

Most Reverent Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of  
Brisbane, 21 April 2025

The surprises kept coming till the end. We held our breath when he was in hospital, but then he rallied and returned to the Vatican. He appeared on the balcony of St Peter's on Easter Sunday and then died early on Easter Monday when none of us was expecting it. Perhaps he saw it coming. In his final days Jorge Bergoglio must have looked back amazed at how his life had turned out: the boy from Buenos Aires becoming the Bishop of Rome who recast the mould of papal ministry in new and liberating ways. When the cardinals entered the conclave to elect a new pope in 2012, I was asked to help with media commentary. To prepare, I looked through the list of cardinal electors, eliminating those I thought couldn't be elected. One of those I crossed out was Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio, Archbishop of Buenos Aires. At 76 he was too old, I thought, and they wouldn't elect a Jesuit. The election was quick, and I thought it had to be the Archbishop of Milan who had been much mentioned. Then the announcement came that it was Cardinal Bergoglio who would be known as Pope Francis. Both he and the name were surprises. When he appeared on the balcony of St Peter's. First, he was wearing just the simple white soutane, not the more elaborate dress a new pope normally wears. Secondly, he stood in silence for some moments as if struck dumb. Thirdly, when he did speak he said only Buona sera, Good evening: from a new pope you expected something more stirring and resonant. Fourthly, before he gave the blessing he asked the people to pray for him as he bowed low, the crowd in the Square falling silent in a way I'll never forget. This papacy, it seemed, wouldn't be business as usual; and from then on it wasn't. He decided not to live in the Apostolic Palace and chose to be driven around in a small sedan. Audiences with him had a very different feel than they did with his predecessors, much less formal and more relaxed. As one who had worked for a time in the papal court, I was amazed at how he could break free of its age-old protocols. He was very much his own man. When Pope Francis was elected, the Brazilian cardinal next to him in the Sistine Chapel said to him, "Don't forget the poor"; and he didn't – offering them lunch, visiting prisons to wash feet, taking the part of migrants and refugees. For him, those on the margin were at the centre and any society, he insisted, would be judged on how it treats the

poorest and most vulnerable. That sounds like Jesus; and it gave Francis a voice that was heard around the world. At synods in Rome, he would walk to the synod hall chatting to other bishops. Then he would enter the lobby of the Paul VI Hall, chat to a few others before taking the lift to the synod hall where he greeted bishops as they entered. This was very different from past protocols; it said that he was not some kind of monarch but one of us, a bishop among bishops. The overarching vision which drove the pontificate was the unity of all things in God. All creation was one; all humanity was one; all in the Church were one. That sounds rather lofty, but he could communicate the vision in ways both simple and profound, with the gifts and instincts not of a professor but of a pastor and poet. Ordinary people understood him, more so outside the Church at times than inside. Though he took the name Francis, he was a Jesuit through and through. In true Ignatian style, he set the art of discernment at the heart of the Church and a Jesuit balance between centralisation and decentralisation. St Ignatius Loyola gave his Order the motto, *Ad maiorem Dei gloriam*, To the greater glory of God; and you felt with Pope Francis that it was all for God's glory, not his. He certainly didn't cultivate personal popularity; he was free enough not to worry too much about what others thought or said of him. He knew he was a sinner chosen and loved by a merciful God: that was enough. At World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro in 2013, an Argentinian bishop said that they were surprised at how Cardinal Bergoglio was turning out as Pope Francis. He said that back home he never smiled and never gave interviews; but as pope he couldn't stop smiling and giving interviews. Something had happened to him, the bishop said. When a former Archbishop of Canterbury was interviewed for the role, he was asked whether he would find it an imprisonment or a liberation if he were appointed. For some, the papacy has been an imprisonment, for others a liberation. For Pope Francis, it seems mysteriously to have been a liberation; and what a gift that has been to the Church and the world. We pray for him now as he so often asked us to do. With the burdens of office now behind him, may he find ultimate liberation as he comes face to face with the Risen Christ and that when he awakens into eternity he will be not just surprised but deeply astonished by the vision of God in which the joy of the Gospel comes to its fulness. Eternal rest give to Francis, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.