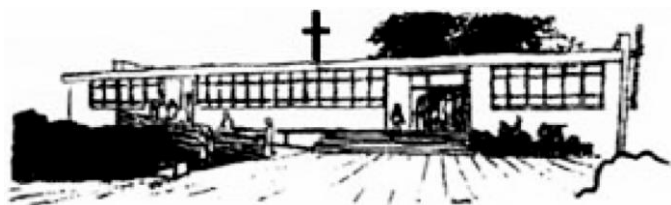


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

Assistant Priest

Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148 (Calls Only)

EXULTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

14th September 2025, Year C/1



Christ on the Cross with Saints Vincent Ferrer, John the Baptist, Mark and Antoninus (circa 1491-1495) Master of the Fiesole Epiphany (Italian, ca 1491-1495)

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

Mrs. Rochelle Borg – Principal

School Office Times

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

Address

94 Joseph Street
Kingswood, NSW 2747

Telephone: 4726 4200

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

Responsorial Psalm: Do not forget the works of the Lord.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: John 3:13-17

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

†† Edward & Gladys Young

SUNDAY 8:30am

Byron Plant (Health & Well Being)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am Our Lady of Sorrows

†† Klemes & Thea Blazek

Tuesday 8:00am St Cornelius & St Cyprian

Nancy, Nino & Mama Mary
(Thanksgiving)

Wednesday 8:00am 24th Week in Ordinary Time

Keenan (Birthday Blessings)

Thursday 8:00am St Juan Macias

†† Papa Tomas & Emiliana

Friday 8:00am 24th Week in Ordinary Time

†† Dad Victor & Julia

Saturday 8:30am St Andrew Kim Taegon, St Paul
Chong Hasang & Companions

† Marie Donaldson

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.

POPE'S SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS

For Our Relationship with all of Creation

Let us pray that, inspired by St Francis, we might
experience our interdependence with all creatures
who are loved by God and worthy of love and
respect.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mary Devassy, Nick Mentis, Rodney

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Edward & Gladys Young, Klemens & Thea Blazek,
Papa Tomas & Emiliana, Dad Victor & Julia, Marie
Donaldson, Potenciana Sulvita

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2025

Confirmation: Thursday 6th November at 7pm

All sessions are after 10am Mass as 11.30am.

Please keep our children in your prayers.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Sr Louisa, Carolina Q. Alvarez, Jonathon Ansell, Tony Bogdanovic, Margaret Colville, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, Tony Jacobs, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, Lidya, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Nympha Miller, Karen Morvan, Gary O'Brien, Shayla, Garry Smith, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Margaret Taylor, 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: \$615**
 Loose: \$323.45
 Smart Facility: \$800
 Project Donations: \$500

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.

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 8th October at St. Mary's Band Club. All are welcome. If you need a lift, please ring the Parish Office by Tuesday 7th.

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 COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

We are taking nominations for the Parish Council. Please find the Forms at the back of the Church. They need to be returned by this Sunday 14th September.

FATHERS' DAY APPEAL.

We collected 1096.40. Thank you for your generosity.

YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION

This Sunday 14th September at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, South Mt Druitt (from 7pm to 8.30pm. Mark Buhagiar will speak about St Joan of Arc. Please call Mark on 0477 004 678 with any questions.

ST PADRE PIO OF PIETRELCINA

Feast Day on 21st September at St Padre Pio Parish. See Flyer at the back of the Church for details regarding the Triduum from Thursday 18th to Saturday 20th September.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Sunday 21st September at 2pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys. Celebrant is Fr Brian Steele MGL. Mass will be followed by individual prayer for healing.

NEPEAN HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY SERVICE

Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm call 4734 3150 and leave name, ward and bed number and the Priest or Chaplain will visit the patient for anointing, for Holy Communion or a supportive visit.

Between 5pm and 9am Monday to Friday and on Weekends there is a Priest on call for end-of-life anointing of the sick. To get a Priest in an emergency you can phone the switchboard and make the request on 4734 2000.

WOMEN'S RECOLLECTION

Thursday 18th September. Morning Session is at St Joseph's, Kingswood from 9am. Evening Session is at Montgrove College, Orchard Hills from 7pm.

PALMS VOLUNTEERING

See leaflet at the back of the Church for information on an online special on Thursday 30th October from 7-8.30pm explaining Palms International Volunteering.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Engaging Your Faith Online Series.

Experienced lecturers from the Catholic Theological College present on a variety of topics during October. See the flyers at the back of the Church for more information.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

Today as we gather on Safeguarding Sunday, we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church.

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 – For new Volunteers.

Modules 4/5 – Safeguarding Renewal Training – 27th September from 10am to 1.30pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Cnr. Moore Street & Todd Row, St Clair.

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 LEO XIV GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday 10th September 2025

Cycle of Catechesis - Jubilee 2025. Jesus Christ our Hope. III. The Passover of Jesus.

6. Death. "Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last" (Mk 15:37).

Dear brothers and sisters,

Good morning and thank you for your presence: a beautiful witness!

Today we will contemplate the culmination of Jesus' life in this world: his death on the cross. The Gospels attest to a very precious detail, which is worthy of contemplation with the intelligence of faith. On the cross, Jesus does not die in silence. He does not fade away gradually, like a light that burns out, but rather he leaves life with a cry: *"Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last"* (Mk 15:37). That cry contains everything: pain, abandonment, faith, offering. It is not only the voice of a body giving way, but the final sign of a life being surrendered.

The cry of Jesus is preceded by a question, one of the most heart-rending that could be uttered: *"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"*. It is the first verse of Psalm 22, but on Jesus' lips it assumes a singular weight. The Son, who always lived in intimate communion with the Father, now experiences silence, absence, the abyss. It is not a crisis of faith, but the final stage of a love that is given up to the very end. Jesus' cry is not desperation, but sincerity, truth taken to the limit, trust that endures even when all is silent.

At that moment, the sky darkens and the veil of the temple is torn (cf. Mk 15:33,38). As if creation itself was participating in that pain, and at the same time revealing something new. God no longer dwells behind a veil – his face is now fully visible in the Crucified One. It is there, in that broken man, that the greatest love manifests itself. It is there that we can recognize a God who does not remain distant, but who traverses our pain to the very end.

The centurion, a pagan, understands this. Not because he has listened to a speech, but because he saw Jesus die in that way: *"Truly this man was the Son of God!"* (Mk 15:39). It is the first confession of faith after the death of Jesus. It is the fruit of a cry that did not vanish in the wind but touched a heart.

At times, what we are unable to say in words, we express with the voice. When the heart is full, it cries. And this is not always a sign of weakness; it can be a profound act of humanity.

We are accustomed to thinking of crying out as something disorderly, to being repressed. The Gospel confers an immense value to our cry, reminding us that it can be an invocation, a protest, a desire, a surrender. It can even be the extreme form of prayer, when there are no words left. In that cry, Jesus gave all that he had left: all his love, all his hope.

Yes, because there is this too, in crying out: a hope that is not resigned. One cries out when one believes that someone can still hear. One cries not out of desperation, but out of desire. Jesus did not cry out *against* the Father, but *to* him. Even in silence, he was convinced that the Father was there. And, in this way, he showed us that our hope can cry out, even when all seems lost.

To cry out therefore becomes a spiritual gesture. It is not only the first act of our birth, when we come into the world crying: it is also a way of staying alive. One cries when one suffers, but also when one loves, one calls, one invokes. To cry out is saying who we are, that we do not want to fade away in silence, that we still have something to offer.

In the journey of life, there are moments in which keeping something inside can slowly consume us. Jesus teaches us not to be afraid to cry out, as long as it is sincere, humble, addressed to the Father. A cry is never pointless, if it is born of love. And it is never ignored, if it is delivered to God. It is a way to not give in to cynicism, to continue to believe that another world is possible.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us learn this too from the Lord Jesus: let us learn the cry of hope when the hour of extreme trial comes. Not to hurt, but to entrust ourselves. Not to shout at someone, but to open our hearts. If our cry is genuine, it can be the threshold of a new light, of a new birth. As with Jesus: when everything seemed to be over, in reality salvation was about to begin. If it is made manifest with the trust and freedom of the children of God, the suffering voice of our humanity, united with the voice of Christ, can become a source of hope for us and for those around us.