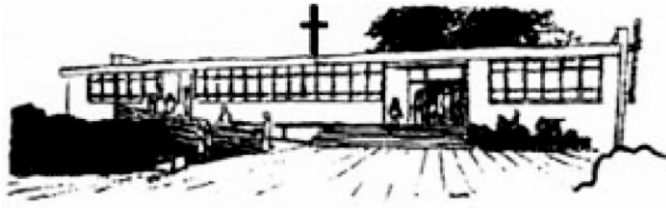


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

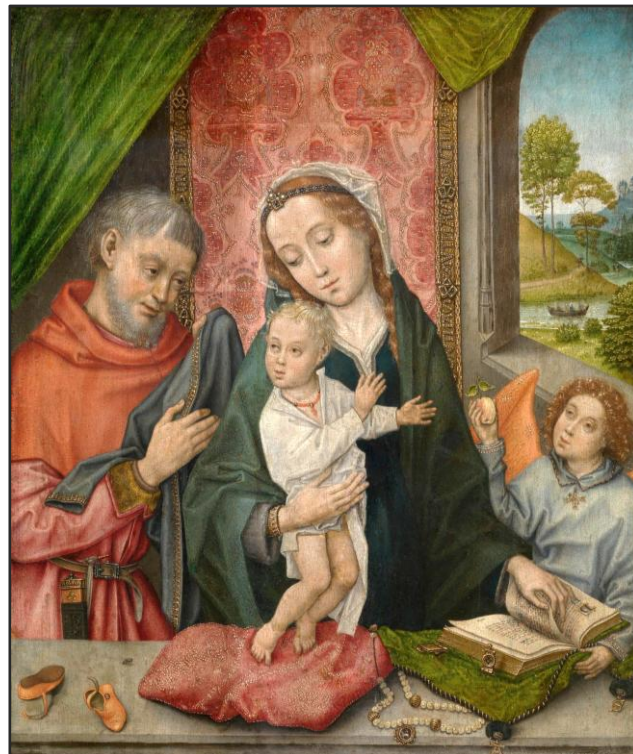
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Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

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## HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

29<sup>th</sup> December 2024, Year C/1



The Holy Family with an Angel, 1500, Author Unknown

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

Ms. Jennifer Crowley - Principal

#### School Office Times

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

#### Address

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Kingswood, NSW 2747

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# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**First Reading:** 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

**Responsorial Psalm:** How happy they who dwell in Your house, O Lord.

**Second Reading:** 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

**Gospel:** Luke 2:41-52

### VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		†† Aseselo Toledo & Perfecto Daton
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:30am		Maria Toledo Ching (Birthday Blessings)
	10:00am		For the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	8:00am	6 <sup>th</sup> Day in Octave	Good Biopsy Results
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00am	7 <sup>th</sup> Day in Octave	† Margarita Chavez
<b>Wednesday</b>	8.00am	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	For Kathy
	6.00pm	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	For the Parish
<b>Thursday</b>	8.00am	St Basil & St Gregory	Ophelia & Alex (In Thanksgiving)
<b>Friday</b>	8.00am	Most Holy Name of Jesus	God's Precious Infants
<b>Saturday</b>	8.30am	St Zedislava Berkiana	Dec. Members 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.

### NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES – 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December 8am Mass.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 8am Mass and 6pm Mass, followed by the Parish New Year's Get-together. Please bring a plate to share. Drinks will be provided.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Benjamin Santiago,  
**DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:** Aseselo Toledo, Perfecto Daton, Margarita Chavez, God's Precious Infants, Dec. Mem. of St Vincent de Paul Society.

### POPE FRANCIS' DECEMBER INTENTIONS

#### For Pilgrims of Hope

Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year of 2025 strengthens us in our faith; helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2025

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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.

*Have a blessed and a grace filled New Year A.D. 2025  
Dominican Fathers*

**SECOND COLLECTION:**    **Envelopes: \$1190**  
                                  **Loose:     \$638.40**  
                                  **Smart Facility: \$560**  
                                  **Carpet Donations: \$3890.10**

### 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.

### 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

Will recommence Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 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 8<sup>th</sup> January 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

Ian, Kaitlin & Jim are having a much-deserved break from serving us Morning Tea from this Sunday until 26<sup>th</sup> January. They will resume on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Thank you, Ian, Kaitlin & Jim; may God bless you for your faithfulness.

### DISNEY MYSTERY CAMP WITH LOWANA

From 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> January at Springwood for girls from five to eight years of age. See flyers at the back of the Church for more information.

### POLAND & ITALY PILGRIMAGE

#### In the Footsteps of St John Paul II

16<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025. See the flyer at the back of the Church for details.

### 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](mailto:lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org) Registrations close 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 but spaces are limited so enrol now to avoid disappointment.

### EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE AND FIESTA

From the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> January enjoy 7 days of bushwalking, fellowship and prayer as we journey from Emu Plains to the top of the Blue Mountains, experiencing the wonderful hospitality of parish communities along the way. For more information and to register for all or part of the journey, visit [www.epiphanypilgrimage.org](http://www.epiphanypilgrimage.org)

### MEDJUGORIE PILGRIMAGE

1<sup>st</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025. See flyer on notice board.

### PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

A 16-day pilgrimage from 22<sup>nd</sup> April to 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025 visiting Fatima, Valladolid, Lourdes, Nice, Turin, Padua, Assisi, Rotondo and Rome. Cost is \$8990 + tips. For enquiries and bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au)

### 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.

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 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2024**

**St Peter's Basilica Wednesday 25 December**

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

The mystery that never ceases to amaze and move us was renewed this night: the Virgin Mary gave birth to Jesus, the Son of God, wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger. That is how the shepherds of Bethlehem, filled with joy, found him, as the angels sang: "Glory to God and peace to men" (cf. *Lk* 2:6-14).

This event, which took place over two thousand years ago, is indeed made new thanks to the Holy Spirit, the same Spirit of Love and Life who made fruitful the womb of Mary and from her human flesh formed Jesus. Today the eternal Word of salvation is once more truly made incarnate, and speaks to the whole world. This is the message: "I love you, I forgive you; come back to me, the door of my heart is open for you!"

The door of God's heart is always open; let us go back to the heart that loves and forgives us! Let us be forgiven by him; let us be reconciled with him!

This is the meaning of the Holy Door of the Jubilee, which I opened last night here in Saint Peter's Basilica: it represents Jesus, the Door of salvation open for all. Jesus is the the Door that the Father of mercies has opened in the midst of our world, in the midst of history, so that all of us can return to him. We are all like lost sheep; we need a Shepherd and a Door to return to the house of the Father. Jesus is that Shepherd; Jesus is the Door.

Brothers and sisters, the Door is wide open! There is no need to knock on the door. It is open. Come! Let us be reconciled with God, and then we will be reconciled with ourselves and able to be reconciled with one another, even our enemies. God's mercy can do all things. It unties every knot; it tears down every wall of division; God's mercy dispels hatred and the spirit of revenge. Come! Jesus is the Door of Peace.

This Christmas, at the beginning of the Jubilee Year, I invite every individual, and all peoples and nations, to find the courage needed to walk through that Door, to become pilgrims of hope, to silence the sound of arms and overcome divisions!

May the sound of arms be silenced in war-torn Ukraine! May there be the boldness needed to open the door to negotiation and to gestures of dialogue and encounter, in order to achieve a just and lasting peace.

May the sound of arms be silenced in the Middle East. May there be a ceasefire, may the hostages be released and aid be given to the people worn out by hunger and by war. I express my closeness to the Christian community in Lebanon, especially in the south, and to that of Syria, at this most delicate time. May the doors of dialogue and peace be flung open throughout the region,

devastated by conflict. Here I also think of the Libyan people and encourage them to seek solutions that enable national reconciliation.

May the birth of the Saviour bring a new season of hope to the families of thousands of children who are dying from an outbreak of measles in the Democratic Republic of Congo, for the people of the East of that country, and of Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger and Mozambique.

My thoughts also turn to the peoples of the nations of the Horn of Africa. May the Son of the Most High sustain the efforts of the international community to facilitate access to humanitarian aid for the civilian population of Sudan and to negotiate for a ceasefire.

May the proclamation of Christmas bring comfort to the people of Myanmar, who, due to the ongoing clash of arms, suffer greatly and are forced to flee their homes.

May the Infant Jesus inspire the political authorities and all people of good will on the American continent to find effective solutions, in justice and truth, particularly in Haiti, Venezuela, Colombia and Nicaragua.

May the Jubilee be an opportunity to tear down all walls of separation: the ideological walls that so often mark political life, and also physical walls, such as the division that has affected the island of Cyprus for fifty years now and has rent its human and social fabric.

Jesus, the eternal Word of God made incarnate, is the wide-open Door that we are invited to enter, in order to rediscover the meaning of our existence and the sacredness of all life and to recover the foundational values of the human family. He awaits each one of us, especially the most vulnerable. He awaits the children, all those children who suffer from war and hunger. He awaits the elderly, so often forced to live in conditions of solitude and abandonment. He awaits those who have lost their homes or are fleeing their homelands in an effort to find a safe haven. He awaits all those who have lost their jobs or are unable to find work. He awaits prisoners who, everything notwithstanding, are still children of God, always children of God. He awaits all those who endure persecution for their faith.

On this festive day, let us not fail to express our gratitude to those who spend themselves quietly and faithfully in doing good and in serving others. To all of them we want to say: Thank you!

Brothers and sisters, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to forgive debts, especially those that burden the poorest countries. Each of us is called to forgive those who have trespassed against us, because the Son of God, born in the cold and darkness of the night, has forgiven our own. He came to heal us and forgive us. As pilgrims of hope, let us go out to meet him! Let us open to him the doors of our hearts. Let us open to him the doors of our hearts, as he has opened to us the door of his heart.

I wish everyone a serene and blessed Christmas.