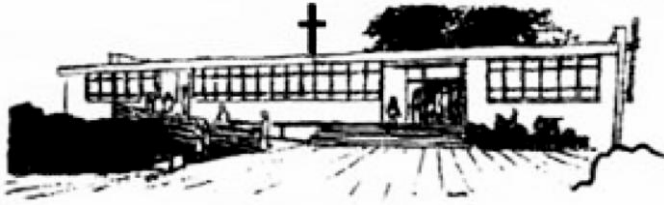


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP, Parish Priest

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Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

26<sup>th</sup> April 2026, Year A/2



Christ the Good Shepherd

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

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# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**First Reading:** Acts 2:14, 36-41

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Second Reading:** Peter 2:20-25

**Gospel:** John 10:1-10

### VIGIL SATURDAY

	6.00pm		† Orlando Surace (Dec's Birthday)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:30am		† Usha Prabakaran
	10:00am		For the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	8:00am	St Louis Grignon de Montfort	† Gabriel Ghougassian
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00am	St Peter Chanel	Dave Fisher (For Healing)
<b>Wednesday</b>	8.00am	ST CATHERINE OF SIENA	†† Fay & Ralph Mahoney
<b>Thursday</b>	8.00am	St Pius V	† Dionisio Rogayan Sr
<b>Friday</b>	8.00am	St Joseph the Worker	† Father Clinton
<b>Saturday</b>	8.30am	St Athanasius	†† Dec. Mem. of St Vincent de Paul

### BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2026

**First Communion Sessions:** Every Sunday at 11.30am in the Parish Hall.

**First Communion:** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June

**Confirmation:** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

**Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session:** 19<sup>th</sup> July

Please pray for our children and their families

### ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

During the month of May there will be Rosary, Litany of Our Lady and Benediction after all the weekday Masses.

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Giuseppe Baba Gallo, Father Clinton, Ronny Cleuskens, Aunt Joan, Marlyn Rata, Johnson Anthony & Rosamma Sarojam Johnson

### DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Orlando Surace, Usha Prabakaran, Gabriel Ghougassian, Fay & Ralph Mahoney, Dionisio Rogayan Sr, Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

### POPE'S APRIL INTENTIONS

#### For Priests in Crisis

Let us pray for Priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation; that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

**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, Michael Muema, 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.

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

**SECOND COLLECTION:**            **Loose: \$487.30**  
   **Planned Giving: \$940**  
   **Smart Facilities: \$835**  
   **Project Donations: \$65**

### BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday at 9.15am in the Parish Hall. All are most welcome.

### PROJECT COMPASSION 2026

We collected \$2072.05. Thank you for your generosity. You can call 1800 024 413 or go to [www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate) if you still wish to donate.

### PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at St. Mary's Band Club. All are 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.



### FAMILY CLUB 2026

Next session is Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. See poster and scan the QR code to register. For information please call Marta on 0412 539 127.

### AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

All Catholics are asked to urgently pray for and support Christians suffering in the Middle East. Visit [www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal](http://www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal) to donate.

### CODE OF CONDUCT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

The Diocese of Parramatta requires all Volunteers to complete and sign the form at the back of the Church or return the form sent to you by email.

### 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 all Volunteers.

**Modules 4/5** – For those who completed Modules 1-3 two years previously.

**Module 6** – For those who have completed 4 & 5.

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May from 10.00am to 12noon in the Parish Hall. Please ring the Parish Office to register.

Go to <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au> to complete the modules online.



### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Monday – Friday 7.00am – 7.50am**

**Saturday – Sunday 7.30am – 8.20am**

Sacrament of Reconciliation  
is available during Adoration.

### EUCHARIST28 PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the gift of your real presence in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Grant us the grace to receive you reverently, worship you truly and serve you with hearts renewed.

By the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen us, so that as you gave yourself to the Father and to us, we too may offer our lives to God and to others.

Inspire and help us to serve you in those who are in need, especially the defenseless and homeless, the lonely and lost.

Unite us with your sacrifice of the Mass, so that we may truly become what we have received, the Body of Christ. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE FOR REFLECTION

"Jesus and His disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way He asked them, 'Who do people say I am?' They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' 'But what about you?' He asked. 'Who do you say I am?'" Mark 8:27-29

### SAINTLY THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

"The Eucharist is a fire which inflames us." St John Damascen

### EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

As a lead up to our Eucharistic Congress in 2028, we are planning an Eucharistic Procession on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June after 10.00am Mass, which is the Feast of Corpus Christi. This is also the day our children will make their First Communion and process with us. Please keep them and the day in your prayers.

**Web Site:** <https://eucharist28.org>

**“URBI ORBI” MESSAGE OF POPE LEO XIV**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear brothers and sisters,

For centuries, the Church has joyfully sung of the event that is the origin and foundation of her faith: “Yes, Christ my hope is arisen / Christ indeed from death is risen / Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning” Easter is the victory of life over death, of light over darkness, of love over hatred. It is a victory that came at a very high price: Christ, the Son of the living God (cf. *Mt 16:16*), had to die — and die on a cross — after suffering an unjust condemnation, being mocked and tortured, and shedding all his blood. As the true immolated Lamb, he took upon himself the sin of the world (cf. *Jn 1:29; 1 Pet 1:18–19*) and thus freed us all from the dominion of evil.

But *how* was Jesus able to be victorious? What is the strength with which he defeated once and for all the ancient adversary, the prince of this world (cf. *Jn 12:31*)? What is the power with which he rose from the dead, not returning to his former life, but entering into eternal life and thus opening in his own flesh the passage from this world to the Father?

This strength, this power, is God himself for he is Love who creates and generates, Love who is faithful to the end and Love who forgives and redeems.

Christ, our “victorious King,” fought and won his battle through trusting abandonment to the Father’s will, to his plan of salvation (cf. *Mt 26:42*). Thus he walked the path of dialogue to the very end, not in words but in deeds: to find us who were lost, he became flesh; to free us who were slaves, he became a slave; to give life to us mortals, he allowed himself to be killed on the cross.

The power with which Christ rose is entirely nonviolent. It is like that of a grain of wheat which rots in the earth, grows, breaks through the clods, sprouts, and becomes an ear of wheat. It is like that of a human heart which, wounded by an offense, rejects the instinct for revenge and, filled with compassion, prays for the one who has committed the offense.

Brothers and sisters, this is the true strength that brings peace to humanity, because it fosters respectful relationships at every level: among individuals, families, social groups, and nations. It does not seek private interests, but the common good; it does not seek to impose its own plan, but to help design and carry out a plan together with others.

Yes, Christ’s resurrection is the beginning of a new humanity; it is the entrance into the true promised land, where justice, freedom, and peace reign, where

all recognize one another as children of the same Father who is Love, Life, and Light.

Brothers and sisters, through his resurrection, the Lord confronts us even more powerfully with the dramatic reality of our freedom. Before the empty tomb, we can be filled with hope and wonder, like the disciples, or with fear like the guards and the Pharisees, forced to resort to lies and subterfuge rather than acknowledge that the one who had been condemned is truly risen (cf. *Mt 28:11–15*)!

In the light of Easter, let us allow ourselves to be amazed by Christ! Let us allow our hearts to be transformed by his immense love for us!

We are growing accustomed to violence, resigning ourselves to it, and becoming indifferent to the deaths of thousands of people; to the repercussions of hatred and division that conflicts sow; to the economic and social consequences they produce, which we all feel. There is an increasing “globalization of indifference,” to borrow an expression dear to Pope Francis, who one year ago from this loggia addressed his final words to the world, reminding us: “What a great thirst for death, for killing, we witness each day in the many conflicts raging in different parts of the world!” (*Urbi et Orbi Message*, 20 April 2025).

The cross of Christ always reminds us of the suffering and pain that surround death and the agony it entails. We are all afraid of death, and out of fear we turn away, preferring not to look. We cannot continue to be indifferent! And we cannot resign ourselves to evil! Saint Augustine teaches: “If you fear death, love the resurrection!” (*Sermon 124*, 4). Let us too love the resurrection, which reminds us that evil is not the last word, because it has been defeated by the Risen One. He passed through death to give us life and peace: “I leave you peace; I give you my peace. Not as the world gives it, I give it to you” (*Jn 14:27*). The peace that Jesus gives us is not merely the silence of weapons, but the peace that touches and transforms the heart of each one of us! Let us allow ourselves to be transformed by the peace of Christ! Let us make heard the cry for peace that springs from our hearts! For this reason, I invite everyone to pray for peace.

Let us abandon every desire for conflict, domination, and power, and implore the Lord to grant his peace to a world ravaged by wars and marked by a hatred and indifference that make us feel powerless in the face of evil. To the Lord we entrust all hearts that suffer and await the true peace that only he can give. Let us entrust ourselves to him and open our hearts to him! He is the only one who makes all things new (cf. *Rev 21:5*). Happy Easter!