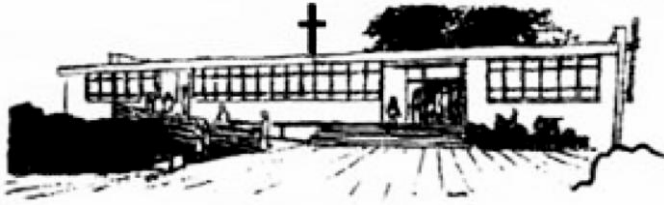


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP, Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP, Assistant Priest

Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

Fr. Grzegorz Mazur OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148 (Calls Only)

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1<sup>st</sup> February 2026, Year A/2



BARTOLOMEO, Fra, Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, 1516

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

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# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**First Reading:** Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

**Responsorial Psalm:** Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12

### VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Special Intention
SUNDAY	8:30am		Thanksgiving for all God's Blessings
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	PRESENTATION OF THE LORD † Helen Zerafa	
Tuesday	8:00am	Week 4 Ordinary Time † Lilian Lazode Ching	
Wednesday	8.00am	St Catherine de Ricci †† Tasman & Claude Henry	
Thursday	8.00am	St Agatha	Thanksgiving for all God's Blessings
Friday	8.00am	St Paul Miki & Companions † Justin Jose	
Saturday	8.30am	Mass of the Virgin Mary †† Deceased Parents of OP Brothers and Sisters	

### 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.

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2026

**Reconciliation:** Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

**Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session:** 8<sup>th</sup> February

**Your child needs to be 8 years old and Baptised to register for the Reconciliation sessions.**

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

**Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session:** 12<sup>th</sup> April

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

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

Sessions will be at 11.30am each Sunday.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests. Do not put Mass Intention envelopes into Collection Bags.

### BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Lilian Lazode Ching, Jean-Marie Albert-Thenet, Rosamma Sarojam Johnson, Michael Holstein, Sister Jeana, Iva Masek

**DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:** Helen Zerafa, Tasman & Claude Henry, Justin Jose, Dec. Parents of OP Brothers & Sisters

### POPE'S FEBRUARY INTENTIONS

#### For Children with Incurable Diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

**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

### **PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY**

Please return your Palms to the Church by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February to be burned ready for Ash Wednesday on 18<sup>th</sup> February.

**SECOND COLLECTION:**                    **Loose: \$365.75**  
   **Planned Giving: \$1210**  
   **Smart Facilities: \$615**  
   **Project Donations: \$175**

### **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.

### **BIBLE STUDY**

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

### **PARISH LUNCH**

Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February at St. Mary's Band Club. All are welcome. If you need a lift, please ring the Parish Office by Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM**

If you are new to our Parish, have not registered or want to update your information, please use the QR Code.



### **PARKING NOTICE**

We ask that people attending 8.30am Mass would exit via Joseph Street allowing 10am Mass goers access to the Main Gate on Richmond Road.  
Please leave parking near the Church for the disabled.

### **NEPEAN HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY SERVICE**

Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm call 4734 3150 and leave name, ward and bed number and the priest will visit the patient.

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.

### **SIMPLE ROSARY MAKING WORKSHOPS**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February from 7.00-8.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. Volunteer your time to make Rosary Beads for the sick in hospital. See the flyer on noticeboard.

### **HOLY SPIRIT MISSION 2026**

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Parramatta are holding this day of prayer and praise, talks and prayer ministry on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February from 12pm to 5pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Greystanes. See flyer for information and registration.

### **MAGI PILGRIMAGES 2026**

#### **Footsteps of St Paul**

From 5<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May, exploring Greece and Turkey. Cost \$9790 + tips.

#### **Saints of Italy**

From 8<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June, visiting Milan, Padua, Siena, Assisi, Rotondo, Sorrento & Rome. Cost \$9290 + tips.

Cost includes Airfares, Transfers, Accommodation, Coaches, and Meals. For inquiries and bookings email [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au) or ring 03 8839 6615.

### **LOW-COST COUNSELLING SERVICES**

Catholic Care Western Sydney provides low cost and affordable counselling services for individuals seeking support. Call Catholic Care on 8843 2500.

### **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.**

11<sup>th</sup> February from 9.30am to 2.30pm

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

11<sup>th</sup> March from 9.30am to 1.00pm

#### **Both days are at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1 Marion Street, Blacktown 2148**

#### **Module 6 – For those who have completed 1-5.**

10<sup>th</sup> February from 10am to 12.15pm at St Andrews, 36-40 Breakfast Road, Marayong 2148

**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)**

**POPE LEO XIV GENERAL AUDIENCE**

28<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Catechesis. The Documents of Vatican Council II.**  
**3. A single sacred deposit. The relationship between**  
**Scripture and Tradition.**

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning.

Continuing our reading of the Conciliar Constitution *Dei Verbum* on Divine Revelation, today we will reflect on the relationship between Sacred Scripture and Tradition. We can take two Gospel scenes as a backdrop. In the first, which takes place in the Upper Room, Jesus, in his great discourse-testament addressed to the disciples, affirms: "These things I have spoken to you, while I am still with you. But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ... When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth" (*Jn* 14:25-26; 16:13).

The second scene takes us instead to the hills of Galilee. The risen Jesus shows himself to the disciples, who are surprised and doubtful, and he advises them: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations ... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (*Mt* 28:19-20). In both of these scenes, the intimate connection between the words uttered by Christ and their dissemination throughout the centuries is evident.

It is what the Second Vatican Council affirms, using an evocative image: "There exists a close connection and communication between sacred tradition and Sacred Scripture. For both of them, flowing from the same divine wellspring, in a certain way merge into a unity and tend toward the same end" (*Dei Verbum*, 9). Ecclesial Tradition branches out throughout history through the Church, which preserves, interprets and embodies the Word of God. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (cf. no. 113) refers, in this regard, to a motto of the Church Fathers: "Sacred Scripture is written principally in the Church's heart rather than in documents and records", that is, in the sacred text.

In the light of Christ's words, quoted above, the Council affirms that "this tradition which comes from the Apostles develops in the Church with the help of the Holy Spirit" (*Dei Verbum*, 8). This occurs with full comprehension through "contemplation and study made by believers", through "a penetrating understanding of the spiritual realities which they experience" and, above all, with the preaching of the

successors of the apostles who have received "the sure gift of truth". In short, "the Church, in her teaching, life and worship, perpetuates and hands on to all generations all that she herself is, all that she believes" (*ibid.*).

In this regard, the expression of Saint Gregory the Great is famous: "The Sacred Scriptures grow with the one who reads them". [1] And Saint Augustine had already remarked that "there is only one word of God that unfolds through Scripture, and there is only one Word that sounds on the lips of many saints". [2] The Word of God, then, is not fossilized, but rather it is a living and organic reality that develops and grows in Tradition. Thanks to the Holy Spirit, Tradition understands it in the richness of its truth and embodies it in the shifting coordinates of history.

In this regard, the proposal of the holy Doctor of the Church John Henry Newman in his work entitled *The Development of Christian Doctrine* is striking. He affirmed that Christianity, both as a communal experience and as a doctrine, is a dynamic reality, in the manner indicated by Jesus himself in the parables of the seed (cf. *Mk* 4:26-29): a living reality that develops thanks to an inner vital force. [3]

The apostle Paul repeatedly exhorts his disciple and collaborator Timothy: "O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you" (*1 Tim* 6:20; cf. *2 Tim* 1:12-14). The Dogmatic Constitution *Dei Verbum* echoes this Pauline text when it says: "Sacred tradition and Sacred Scripture form one sacred deposit of the word of God, committed to the Church", interpreted by the "living teaching office of the Church, whose authority is exercised in the name of Jesus Christ" (no. 10). "Deposit" is a term that, in its original meaning, is juridical in nature and imposes on the depositary the duty to preserve the content, which in this case is the faith, and to transmit it intact.

The "deposit" of the Word of God is still in the hands of the Church today, and all of us, in our various ecclesial ministries, must continue to preserve it in its integrity, as a lodestar for our journey through the complexity of history and existence.

In conclusion, dear friends, let us listen once more to *Dei Verbum*, which exalts the interweaving of Sacred Scripture and Tradition: it affirms that they "are so linked and joined together that they cannot stand independently, and together, each in their own way, under the action of the one Holy Spirit, they contribute effectively to the salvation of souls" (cf. no. 10).