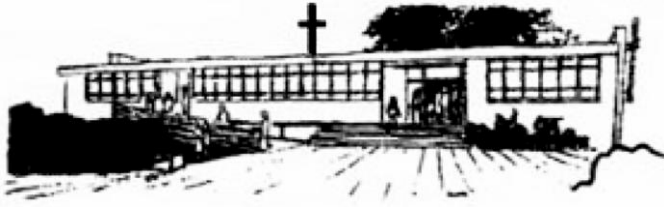


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP, Parish Priest

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Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026, Year A/2



Madonna and Child Enthroned and Twelve Angels (1420 - 1430)  
Fra Angelico (Italian, 1400-1455)

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

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# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**First Reading:** Acts 6:1-7

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, let Your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You.

**Second Reading:** Peter 2:4-9

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

### VIGIL SATURDAY

6.00pm

† Ronny Cleuskens

**SUNDAY** 8:30am

†† Austin & Eileen Conroy

10:00am

For the Parish

**Monday** 8:00am 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter

† Father Clinton

**Tuesday** 8:00am St Vincent Ferrer

† Giuseppe Baba Gallo

**Wednesday** 8.00am 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter

† Father Clinton

**Thursday** 8.00am 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter

Gai Schoemaker (For Good Health)

**Friday** 8.00am Patronage of B.V. Mary over the Order

† Father Clinton

**Saturday** 8.30am 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter

† Aunt Joan

### BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

### 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.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

### DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Austin & Eileen Conroy

### POPE'S MAY INTENTIONS

#### That Everyone Might have Food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

**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.

**SECOND COLLECTION:**            **Loose: \$402**  
   **Planned Giving: \$660**  
   **Smart Facilities: \$770**  
   **Project Donations: \$200**

### **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.

### **SCHOENSTATT MARIAN PILGRIMAGE**

#### **Mary, Light of Our Hope**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May beginning at 9.30am with the Sacrament of Reconciliation and ending with Benediction at 3.00pm. See flyer at the back of the Church for more information.

### **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.

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**

"I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world" John 6:51-52

### **SAINTLY THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION**

"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the Blessed Sacrament expressly for you, for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart!" St. Therese of Lisieux

### **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>

**POPE LEO XIV GENERAL AUDIENCE**

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**The Apostolic Journey to Algeria, Cameroon, Angola and Equatorial Guinea**

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today I would like to talk about the Apostolic Journey I made from 13 to 23 April.

Since the very beginning of my Pontificate, I have thought about a journey in Africa. I thank the Lord for granting me the opportunity to undertake it, as Shepherd, to meet and encourage the people of God; and also to experience it as a message of peace at a moment in history marked by conflicts and serious and frequent violations of international law. And I express my heartfelt thanks to the Bishops and Civil Authorities who welcomed me, and to all those who helped organize the visit.

Providence would have it that the first stop should be the very country where the sites of Saint Augustine are found, namely Algeria. Thus, I found myself, on the one hand, revisiting the roots of my spiritual identity and, on the other, crossing and strengthening bridges that are very important for the world and the Church today: the bridge with the very fruitful age of the Fathers of the Church; the bridge with the Islamic world; and the bridge with the African continent.

In Algeria I received a welcome that was not only respectful but warm, and we were able to experience first-hand and show the world that it is possible to live together as brothers and sisters, even of different religions, when we recognize ourselves as children of the same merciful Father.

In the next three countries I visited, the population is instead predominantly Christian, and I therefore found myself immersed in an atmosphere of celebration of the faith and warm welcome, enhanced also by the characteristic traits of the African people. Like my Predecessors, I too experienced something of what happened to Jesus with the crowds in Galilee: He saw them thirsting and hungry for justice, and proclaimed to them: "Blessed are the poor, blessed are the meek, blessed are the peacemakers", and, recognizing their faith, said, "You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world" (cf. Mt 5:1-16).

The visit to Cameroon allowed me to reinforce the call to work together for reconciliation and peace, for that country too is, unfortunately, marked by tensions and violence. I am glad to have travelled to Bamenda, in the Anglophone region, where I encouraged people to work together for peace. I pray that the spirit of unity which was evident during my visit may be kept alive

and guide future choices and actions.

The third leg of the trip was in Angola, a large country south of the equator, with a centuries-long Christian tradition, linked to Portuguese colonization. After achieving independence, Angola went through a troubled period, which in its case was marked by a long and bloody civil war. In the crucible of this history, God has guided and purified the Church, increasingly converting her in the service of the Gospel, human promotion, reconciliation and peace. In the Marian Sanctuary of *Mamã Muxima* — which means "Mother of the Heart" — I felt the beating heart of the Angolan people. And in the various meetings I rejoiced to see so many men and women religious of every age; I saw catechists who dedicate themselves fully to the good of the community; I saw the faces of elderly people weathered by toil and suffering yet radiant with the joy of the Gospel; I saw women and men dancing to the rhythm of songs of praise to the Risen Lord, the foundation of a hope that withstands the disappointments caused by ideologies and the empty promises of the powerful.

The last country I visited was Equatorial Guinea, 170 years after its first evangelization. With the wisdom of tradition and the light of Christ, the Guinean people have weathered the vicissitudes of their history and, in recent days, in the presence of the Pope, have renewed with great enthusiasm their determination to walk together towards a future of hope.

I cannot forget what happened in the prison in Bata, in Equatorial Guinea: the prisoners sang at the top of their voices a song of thanksgiving to God and to the Pope, asking him to pray "for their sins and their freedom". I had never seen anything like it. And then they prayed the "Our Father" with me in the pouring rain. A genuine sign of the Kingdom of God! And still in the rain, the great meeting with the young people began in the stadium in Bata. A celebration of Christian joy, with moving testimonies from young people who have found in the Gospel the path to free and responsible

Growth. This celebration culminated in the Eucharistic celebration, which fittingly concluded the visit to the entire Apostolic Journey.

Dear brothers and sisters, the Pope's visit is, for the African peoples, a chance to make their voices heard, to express the joy of being God's people and the hope for a better future, of dignity for each and every one. I am happy to have given them this opportunity, and at the same time I thank the Lord for what they have given me, an immeasurable treasure for my heart and my ministry.