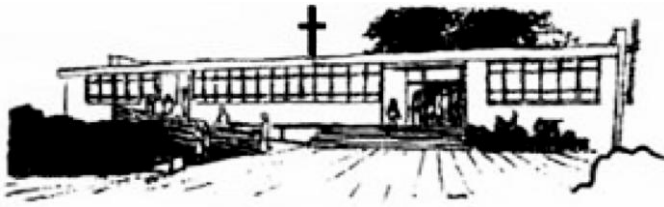


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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)

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

11<sup>th</sup> January 2026, Year A/2



The Baptism of Christ, Pietro Perugino (1448–1523), Sistine Chapel

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:** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord will bless His people with peace.

**Second Reading:** Acts 10:34-38

**Gospel:** Matthew 3:13-17

### VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Thanksgiving for all God's Blessings
SUNDAY	8:30am		Thanksgiving for all God's Blessings
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	Week 1 Ordinary Time	Living & †† Deceased Members of the Gatty & McCaffrey Families
Tuesday	8:00am	Week 1 Ordinary Time	Lejan James (Birthday Blessings)
Wednesday	8.00am	Week 1 Ordinary Time	† Jean Said
Thursday	8.00am	Week 1 Ordinary Time	Sophia (Birthday Blessings)
Friday	8.00am	Week 1 Ordinary Time	† Cardinal George Pell
Saturday	8.30am	St Anthony	Luke Schoemaker (Healing from Grief)

### 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.

### BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Stephen Davies, Estrellita Cui, Jo Von Shomberg

### DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Deceased Members of the Gatty & McCaffrey Families, Jean Said, Cardinal George Pell

### POPE'S JANUARY INTENTIONS

#### For Prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

**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: \$331.40**  
   **Planned Giving: \$640**  
   **Smart Facilities: \$860**  
   **Project Donations: \$190**

### 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 this Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January at St. Mary's Band Club. All are welcome. If you need a lift, please ring the Parish Office by Tuesday 13<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.



### SUNDAY MORNING TEA

Will resume next Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

### 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.

### CARMELITE RETREATS FOR 2026

Day or weekend retreats at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville 2566. Brochures are at the back of the Church.

### 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 flyer on noticeboard.

### SOUL FOOD PODCAST

The Mission Enhancement Team's Soul Food Podcast features life and faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen now for FREE at <https://parracatholic.org/resources/soul-food/>

### MONTHLY GATHERING FOR MEN

Every third Sunday of the month from 11am at Mt Schoenstatt Shrine. Our next Gathering is next Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January. See flyer on noticeboard for more information.

### LOW-COST COUNSELLING SERVICES

Catholic Care Western Sydney provides low cost and affordable counselling services for individuals seeking support. Whether you're looking for general guidance or assistance with specific challenges like grief, loss, or family matters, Catholic Care is here to help. Call Catholic Care on 8843 2500 for a friendly chat today.

### 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**

**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**

7<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Catechesis of the Holy Father Leo XIV**

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning.

After the Jubilee Year, during which we focused on the mysteries of the life of Jesus, we will begin a new cycle of catechesis which will be dedicated to Vatican Council II and a rereading of its documents. It is a valuable opportunity to rediscover the beauty and the importance of this ecclesial event. Saint John Paul II, at the end of the Jubilee 2000, stated: "I feel more than ever in duty bound to point to the Council as the great grace bestowed on the Church in the twentieth century" (Apostolic Letter *Novo millennio ineunte*, 57).

Together with the anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, in 2025 we remembered the sixtieth anniversary of Vatican Council II. Although the time that separates us from this event is not so long, it is equally true that the generation of bishops, theologians and believers of Vatican II is no longer with us. Therefore, while we hear the call not to let its prophecy fade, and to continue to seek ways and means to implement its insights, it will be important to get to know it again closely, and to do so not through "hearsay" or interpretations that have been given, but by rereading its documents and reflecting on their content. Indeed, it is the Magisterium that still constitutes the guiding star of the Church's journey today. As Benedict XVI taught, "as the years have passed, the conciliar documents have lost none of their timeliness; indeed, their teachings are proving particularly relevant to the new situation of the Church and the current globalized society" (First Message at the end of the Eucharistic Concelebration with the Members of the College of Cardinals, 20 April 2005).

When Pope Saint John XXIII opened the Council on 11 October 1962, he spoke of it as the dawn of a day of light for the whole Church. The work of the numerous fathers convened from the Churches of all continents did indeed pave the way for a new ecclesial season. After a rich biblical, theological and liturgical reflection spanning the twentieth century, Vatican Council II rediscovered the face of God as the Father who, in Christ, calls us to be his children; it looked at the Church in the light of Christ, light of nations, as a mystery of communion and sacrament of unity between God and his people; it initiated important liturgical reform, placing at its center the mystery of salvation and the active and conscious participation of the entire People of God. At the same time, it helped us to open up to the world and to embrace the changes and challenges of the modern age in dialogue and co-responsibility, as a Church that wishes to open her arms to humanity, to echo the hopes and anxieties of peoples, and to collaborate in building a

more just and fraternal society.

Thanks to Vatican Council II, the Church "has something to say, a message to give, a communication to make" (Saint Paul VI, Encyclical Letter *Ecclesiam suam*, 65), striving to seek the truth by way of ecumenism, interreligious dialogue and dialogue with people of good will.

This spirit, this inner disposition, must characterize our spiritual life and the pastoral action of the Church, because we have yet to achieve ecclesial reform more fully in a ministerial sense and, in the face of today's challenges, we are called to continue to be vigilant interpreters of the signs of the times, joyful proclaimers of the Gospel, courageous witnesses of justice and peace. At the beginning of the Council, Monsignor Albino Luciani, the future Pope John Paul I, as Bishop of Vittorio Veneto, wrote prophetically, "As always, there is a need to achieve not so much organizations or methods or structures, but a deeper and more widespread holiness. ... It may be that the excellent and abundant fruits of a Council will be seen after centuries and will mature by laboriously overcoming conflicts and adverse situations". Rediscovering the Council, then, as Pope Francis remarked, helps us to "restore primacy to God, to what is essential: to a Church madly in love with its Lord and with all the men and women whom he loves" (Homily on the sixtieth anniversary of the beginning of Vatican Council II, 11 October 2022).

Brothers and sisters, Saint Paul VI's words to the Council fathers at the end of its work remain a guiding principle for us today. He affirmed that the time had come to leave the Council assembly and go out towards humanity to bring it the good news of the gospel, in the awareness that they had experienced a time of grace in which the past, present and future were condensed: "The past: for here, gathered in this spot, we have the Church of Christ with her tradition, her history, her councils, her doctors, her saints; the present, for we are taking leave of one another to go out towards the world of today with its miseries, its sufferings, its sins, but also with its prodigious accomplishments, its values, its virtues; and lastly the future is here in the urgent appeal of the peoples of the world for more justice, in their will for peace, in their conscious or unconscious thirst for a higher life, that life precisely which the Church of Christ can and wishes to give them" (Saint Paul VI, Message to the Council Fathers, 8 December 1965).

This is also true for us. As we approach the documents of Vatican Council II and rediscover their prophetic and contemporary relevance, we welcome the rich tradition of the life of the Church and, at the same time, we question ourselves about the present and renew our joy in running towards the world to bring it the Gospel of the kingdom of God, a kingdom of love, justice and peace.