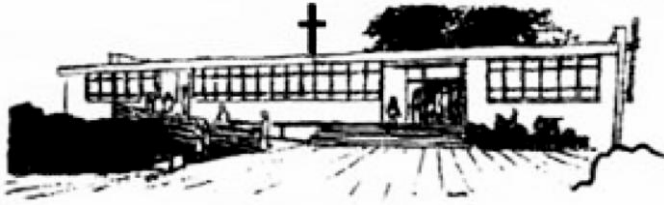


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP, Parish Priest

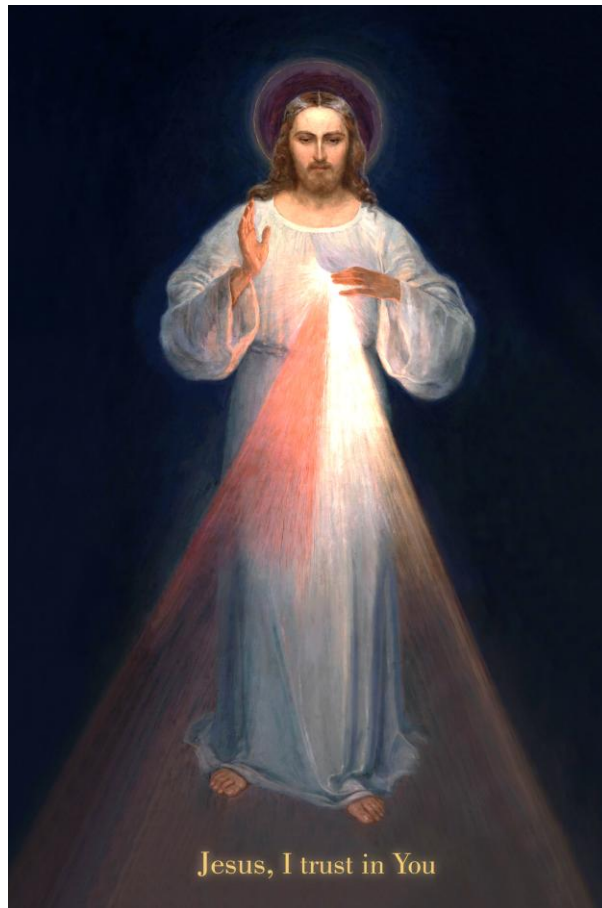
Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP, Assistant Priest

Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148 (Calls Only)

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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



Jesus, I trust in You

Divine Mercy

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

Telephone: 4726 4200

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 900am – 2:00pm and Friday: 9.00am – 1:00pm

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# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**First Reading:** Acts 2:42-47

**Responsorial Psalm:** Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

**Second Reading:** Peter 1:3-9

**Gospel:** John 20:19-31

### VIGIL SATURDAY

	6.00pm		Special Family Intention
SUNDAY	8:30am		†† Argyna Marie & Benjamin Santiago
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter	Intentions of Rose Sukker
Tuesday	8:00am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter	Thanks for Maryheart's Scholarship
Wednesday	8.00am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter	Living & †† Deceased Members of the McIlvenna, Dobranski & Colreavy Families
Thursday	8.00am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter	† Bishop Edward Kelly
Friday	8.00am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter	† Bishop Geoffrey Robinson
Saturday	8.30am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter	† Armando Silverio Lugod

### 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

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

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

2.00pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Prayers and Meditation

3.00pm – Mass

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Melania Reyes Quijano, Giuseppe Baba Gallo, Father Clinton

### DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Argyna Marie & Benjamin Santiago, Deceased Members of the McIlvenna, Dobranski & Colreavy Families, Bishop Edward Kelly, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Armando Silverio Lugod

### 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.

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Loose: \$632.35  
Planned Giving: \$650  
Smart Facilities: \$1375  
Project Donations: \$85

**BIBLE STUDY**

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

**PROJECT COMPASSION 2026**

If you have not done so yet, please return your Project Compassion boxes to Church. You can donate at [www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate) or by calling 1800 024 413.

**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. Please see poster for details and scan the QR code to register. For further information please call Marta on 0412 539 127.

**HOLY LAND COLLECTION**

We collected \$2691.90. Thank you for your generosity.

**CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS**

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm at Our Lady of the Rosary, St Marys. Celebrant is Fr Wim Hoekstra. Mass will be followed by individual prayer for healing.

**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 10.30am to 12 noon 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.

**SCRIPTURES FOR REFLECTION**

"I have been crucified with Christ so that it is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me."  
Galatians 2:19-20

**SAINTLY THOUGHT FOR REFLECTION**

"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest of the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the most helpful to us."  
St Alphonsus Liguori

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION**

What is God asking of me personally, during this year of prayer and eucharistic renewal?

How can I live a more eucharistic life?

Do we as a community live intentionally as the Body of Christ, broken and given up for others?

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

**POPE LEO XIV GENERAL AUDIENCE**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Catechesis. The Documents of Vatican Council II.**

**II. Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen gentium*.**

**7. Holiness and evangelical counsels in the Church**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning,

The Constitution of the Second Vatican Council *Lumen gentium* (LG) on the Church dedicates an entire chapter, the fifth, to the universal vocation to holiness of all the faithful: every one of us is called to live in the grace of God, practising the virtues and imitating Christ. Holiness, according to the Conciliar Constitution, is not a privilege for the few, but a gift that requires every baptized person to strive for the perfection of charity, that is, the fullness of love towards God and towards one's neighbour. Charity is, in fact, the heart of the holiness to which all believers are called: infused by the Father, through the Son Jesus, this virtue "rules over all the means of attaining holiness and gives life to these same means" (LG, 42). The highest level of holiness, as in the early days of the Church, is martyrdom, the "supreme witness of faith and charity" (LG, 50: for this reason, the Council text teaches that every believer must be ready to confess Christ even unto blood (cf. LG, 42), as has always been the case and continues to be so today. This readiness to bear witness is realized every time Christians leave signs of faith and love in society, committing themselves to justice.

All the Sacraments, and in a pre-eminent way the Eucharist, are nourishment that fosters a holy life, assimilating every person to Christ, the model and measure of holiness. He sanctifies the Church, of which He is the Head and Shepherd: holiness is, from this point of view, His gift, which is manifested in our daily life every time we receive it with joy and respond to it with commitment. In this regard, Saint Paul VI, in the General Audience of 20 October 1965, recalled that the Church, to be authentic, requires that all the baptized must "be holy, that is, truly worthy, strong and faithful children of hers". This is realized as an inner transformation, whereby the life of every person is conformed to Christ by virtue of the Holy Spirit (cf. *Rom* 8:29; LG, 40).

*Lumen gentium* describes the holiness of the Catholic Church as one of her constitutive characteristics, to receive in faith, inasmuch as she is believed to be "indefectibly holy" (LG, 39): this does not mean that she is so in a full and perfect sense, but that she is called to confirm this divine gift during her

pilgrimage towards the eternal destination, walking "amid the persecutions of the world and the consolations of God" (Saint Augustine, *De civitate Dei* 51,2; LG, 8). The sad reality of sin in the Church, that is, in all of us, invites each person to carry out a serious change of life, entrusting ourselves to the Lord, who renews us in charity. It is precisely this infinite grace, which sanctifies the Church, that entrusts us with a mission to fulfil day after day: that of our conversion. Therefore, holiness does not only have a practical nature, as if it were reducible to an ethical commitment, however great, but concerns the very essence of Christian life, both personal and communal.

From this perspective, a decisive role is played by consecrated life, which the Conciliar Constitution considers in the sixth chapter (cf. nos. 43-47). In the holy People of God, it constitutes a prophetic sign of the new world, experienced here and now in history. Indeed, signs of the Kingdom of God, already present in the mystery of the Church, are those evangelical counsels that shape every experience of consecrated life: poverty, chastity and obedience. These three virtues are not rules that shackle freedom, but liberating gifts of the Holy Spirit, through which some of the faithful are wholly consecrated to God. Poverty expresses complete trust in Providence, freeing one from calculation and self-interest; obedience takes as its model the self-giving that Christ offered to the Father, freeing one from suspicion and domination; chastity is the gift of a heart that is whole and pure in love, at the service of God and the Church.

By conforming to this style of life, consecrated persons bear witness to the universal vocation of holiness of the entire Church, in the form of radical discipleship. The evangelical counsels manifest full participation in the life of Christ, unto the Cross: it is precisely by the sacrifice of the Crucified One that we are all redeemed and sanctified! By contemplating this event, we know that there is no human experience that God does not redeem: even suffering, lived in union with the passion of the Lord, becomes a path of holiness. The grace that converts and transforms life thus strengthens us in every trial, pointing us not towards a distant ideal, but towards the encounter with God, who became man out of love. May the Virgin Mary, the all-holy Mother of the Incarnate Word, always sustain and protect our journey.

In the joy of the risen Christ, I invoke upon you and your families the loving mercy of God our Father. May the Lord bless you all and may his peace be with you!