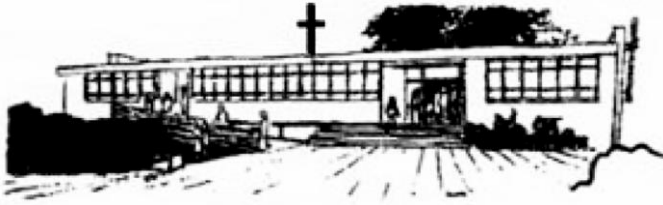


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

4th January 2026, Year A/2



The Adoration of the Magi (ca. 1470) Sano di Pietro (1406-1481)

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

www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au

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: Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore You.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Ziva Zamora (Birthday Blessings)
SUNDAY	8:30am		†† Pat & Ken Fleming
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	Weekday of Christmas	Living & †† Deceased Members of the McIlvenna, Dobranski & Colreavy Families
Tuesday	8:00am	Weekday of Christmas	† Bishop Edward Kelly
Wednesday	8.00am	St Raymond of Penyafort	† Bishop Geoffrey Robinson
Thursday	8.00am	Weekday of Christmas	† Thomas Houlihan
Friday	8.00am	Weekday of Christmas	†† For the Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	8.30am	Weekday of Christmas	† Michael Corcoran

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 26th March

Registration & 1st Session: 8th February

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

First Communion: Sunday 7th June

Registration & 1st Session: 12th April

Confirmation: Sunday 22nd November

Registration & 1st Session: 19th 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, Helen Harpur, Lee Gregory

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Pat & Ken Fleming, Deceased Members of the McIlvenna, Dobranski & Colreavy Families, Bishop Edward Kelly, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Thomas Houlihan, Michael Corcoran, the Souls in Purgatory

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

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.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Loose: \$1064.70**
 Planned Giving: \$1325
 Smart Facilities: \$1770
 Project Donations: \$290

SMART DONATION FACILITIES

Donations from the two Smart terminals at the door go towards the 2nd 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 14th January at St. Mary's Band Club. All are welcome. If you need a lift, please ring the Parish Office by Tuesday 13th.

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 Sunday 18th 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.

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 via Spotify: <https://pfparra.org.au/soulfood/> or visit the website at <https://parracatholic.org/resources/soul-food/>.

MT SCHOENSTATT CAMPS

Boys Camp – 8th – 10th January

Girls Summer Camp – 12th – 18th January

See the flyers on noticeboard for more information.

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.

SUMMER SCHOOL OF EVANGELISATION 2026

January 10-16 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Theme: "Soar" is run by the Disciples of Jesus Community and is a truly amazing experience to be part of. Come join about 200 young people and be open for a unique encounter with the Living God. Opportunities for making friends, prayer, Mass, sport, adoration, reflection, learning and relaxation. Go to the website for more details and to register www.summerschool.org.au

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.

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

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

POPE LEO XIV GENERAL AUDIENCE

31st December 2025

Catechesis of the Holy Father Leo XIV

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning.

We are gathering for this moment of reflection on the last day of the calendar year, close to the end of the Jubilee and at the heart of Christmas time.

The past year has certainly been marked by important events: some of them joyful, such as the pilgrimage of so many of the faithful on the occasion of the Holy Year; others painful, such as the passing of the late Pope Francis, and the scenarios of war that continue to convulse the planet. At its end, the Church invites us to place everything before the Lord, entrusting ourselves to his Providence, and asking him to renew, in us and around us, in the coming days, the wonders of his grace and mercy.

It is in this dynamic that the tradition of the solemn singing of the *Te Deum*, with which we will thank the Lord this evening for the blessings we have received, finds its place. We will sing, "You are God: we praise you", "In you, Lord, is our hope", "Have mercy on us". In this regard, Pope Francis observed that while "worldly gratitude, worldly hope are evident ... they are focused on the self, on its interests ... Instead, in this Liturgy ... one breathes an entirely different atmosphere: one of praise, of wonder, of gratitude" (*Homily of First Vespers of the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God*, 31 December 2023).

And it is with these attitudes that today we are called upon to reflect on what the Lord has done for us over the past year, as well as to examine our consciences honestly, to evaluate our response to his gifts and to ask forgiveness for all the times we have failed to treasure his inspirations and invest the talents he has entrusted to us in the best possible way (cf. *Mt 25:14-30*).

This leads us to reflect on another great sign that has accompanied us in recent months: that of the "journey" and the "destination". This year, countless pilgrims have come from all over the world to pray at the Tomb of Peter and to confirm their adherence to Christ. This reminds us that our whole life is a journey, whose final destination transcends space and time, to be fulfilled in the encounter with God and in full and eternal communion with Him (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1024). We will also ask for this in the *Te Deum* prayer, when we say: "Bring us with your saints to glory everlasting". It is no coincidence

that Saint Paul VI defined the Jubilee as a great act of faith in "anticipation of future destinies ... which we already foretaste and ... prepare for" (*General Audience*, 17 December 1975).

And in this eschatological light of the encounter between the finite and the infinite, a third sign can be seen: the passage through the Holy Door, which so many of us have made, praying and imploring forgiveness for ourselves and our loved ones. It expresses our "yes" to God, who with his forgiveness invites us to cross the threshold of a new life, animated by grace, modelled on the Gospel, inflamed by "love for that neighbour, in whose definition ... every man is included ... in need of understanding, help, comfort, sacrifice, even if personally unknown to us, even if bothersome and hostile, but endowed with the incomparable dignity of a brother" (Saint Paul VI, *Homily on the occasion of the closing of the Holy Year*, 25 December 1975; cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1826-1827). It is our "yes" to a life lived with commitment in the present and oriented towards eternity.

Dear friends, we meditate on these signs in the light of Christmas. Saint Leo the Great, in this regard, saw the feast of the Birth of Jesus as the proclamation of a joy that is for everyone: "Let the saint rejoice", he exclaimed, "because he is approaching his reward; let the sinner rejoice, because he is offered forgiveness; let the pagan take courage, because he is called to life" (*First Discourse on the Nativity of the Lord*, 1).

His invitation is addressed today to all of us, holy by Baptism, because God has become our companion on the journey towards true Life; to us sinners, because, forgiven, with his grace we can stand up and set off again; and finally, to us, poor and fragile, because the Lord, making our weakness his own, has redeemed it and shown us the beauty and strength of his perfect humanity (cf. *Jn 1:14*).

Therefore, I would like to conclude by remembering the words with which Saint Paul VI, at the end of the Jubilee of 1975, described its fundamental message. It is contained, he said, in one word: "love". And he added, "God is Love! This is the ineffable revelation with which the Jubilee, through its teaching, its indulgence, its forgiveness and finally its peace, full of tears and joy, has sought to fill our spirit today and our lives tomorrow: God is Love! God loves me! God awaited me, and I have found him! God is mercy! God is forgiveness! God is salvation! God, yes, God is life!" (*General Audience*, 17 December 1975). May these thoughts accompany us in the passage from the old to the new year, and then always, in our lives.