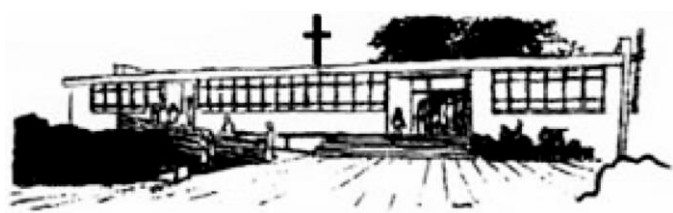


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

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Please leave a detailed Message

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6 December 2015, Year C



ANGELICO, Fra, The Annunciation
1442-43

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm (Mass in Polish)
6:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am
10:00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday-Friday 8:00am
Saturday 8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday after 8:30am Mass

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Franziska Jackson – Principal

School Office Times

8:30 am - 4:00 pm - Monday to Friday

Address

94 Joseph Street
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LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Entrance Antiphon: Isa 30:19, 30. O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Barnabe Patos

SUNDAY 8:30am

Bruce Gale

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday: 8:00am St. Ambrose Sandra Sullivan & Peter Carrick

Tuesday: 8:00am Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Ralph Mahoney

Wednesday 8:00am 2nd Week of Advent Ralph Mahoney

Thursday 8:00am 2nd Week of Advent Patrick Houlihan

Friday 8:00am 2nd Week of Advent Ralph Mahoney

Saturday 8:30am 2nd Week of Advent No Mass Intention

ADORATION CHAPEL:

Open during office hours or speak to Father Andrew to arrange another time.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Fr. Andrew will anoint personally if the need arises. Please see Father to arrange an anointing.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ralph Mahoney

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY: Dec.
Members of S.V.D.P. Bruce Gale, Max Gale, Patrick Houlihan.

ROSARY AND BENEDICTION:

Saturday at 5.15pm

PRAYER FOR FAITH IN OUR FUTURE:

Gracious God, source of all life, you call us together in faith and love as the Diocese of Parramatta.

As one body in Christ, may we respond to your Word, attend to the signs of the times, and live as your disciples in word and deed.

Renew our hearts in your Holy Spirit to grow and share our faith with the world; give us courage and grace to live faith in our future. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER:

Universal: That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

Evangelization: That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: : Kevin Collins, Alistair McArthur, Dianne Devitt, John McCahon, Kathryn Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Debbie O'Connor, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, Gisela Drobiszewski, Charles Timmins, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Mavis Murphy, Bus Maybaum, Valerie Davies, Jack Kane, Janet Boreham, Anne Tucker, Mark Fitzgerald, Raymond Waters, Francene Flannery & Noeline Cruzado.

SICK LIST: If you have anyone for the sick list (due to privacy laws) contact the Parish Office to fill in a form
Please phone the Parish Office at the end of each month to have the names put on the sick list.

PARISH AND DIOCESE

WEEKLY

SECOND COLLECTION: ENVELOPES \$ 927.00

LOOSE: \$ 201.85

DONATIONS AND FUND-RAISING:

THIS WEEK DONATIONS: \$

SUNDAY MORNING CUPPA:

After 10:00am Mass.

SKY YOUTH GROUP:

Wednesday from 3:00 pm-5:00 pm

Parish Hall

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM:

Registration: 14th February 2016

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 2nd April 2016

First Communion: 29th May 2016

Confirmation: 22nd November 2016

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:

1st & 3rd Tuesdays 1:30pm at 1/23 Walter Street, Kingswood. Dianne—4731 3685.

2nd & 4th Wednesdays after morning Mass—9am to 10am in Parish Hall. Aloma 4731 8102 Teresa—4731 4222

2nd & 4th Thursday 7:00pm at 2/40 Single Road, South Penrith. Elaine—4736 8162.

In these groups we: Pray, Study the Bible, have a Teaching, Reflect & Share our Faith. You are most welcome to join us at any of these groups.

COLUMBAN CALENDAR \$9.00

AND CHRISTMAS CARD PACKS OF 10 \$6.00

Available for purchase after all Masses

SRE CHRISTMAS THANK YOU LUNCH:

10th December, 12 noon at St. Joseph's Kingswood.

VISIT OF THE SICK:

In the week of 13 December 2014 Fr. Peter and Fr. Andrew will be available to visit sick homebound Parishioners with the Sacrament of the Sick. If you would like to arrange such a visit for your close ones or your neighbour please contact the Parish Office or put the name of the sick person with the detail contact in the special book in the sacristy.

WOLLEMI COLLEGE:

Thank you to Wollemi College students year 9 who with their teachers Mr Edwin Choi and Mr. Raphael Lambert came last Thursday to do some gardening and cleaning around St. Joseph's

CHURCH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:

TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER: BBQ AT 6:00PM AND CAROLS START AT 7:00PM IN THE MPA.



For Photos from our opening please refer to webpage above. During a Jubilee Year there is a special plenary indulgence that may be obtained for visiting our church, spending sometime at the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and praying for the Holy Father's intentions prayers which are on the flyers at the back of the church. Regular conditions for the plenary indulgence apply.



RAFFLE TICKETS:

To help offset the cost of the Pilgrimage for young people going to WYD in Cracow Poland. Booklet of 10 tickets \$20.00. Please feel free to take a book to sell to friends.

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CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

PAPAL AUDIENCE

Vatican City, 2 December 2015 (VIS) – The catechesis of today's Wednesday general audience was dedicated to the Holy Father's apostolic trip to Kenya, Uganda and the Central African Republic from 25 to 30 November. "How beautiful Africa is!" he said, before explaining the details of the trip to the thousands of faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square.

The first country he visited, Kenya, "is a country that represents very well the global challenge of our time: protecting creation while reforming the model of development, so that it may be equitable, inclusive and sustainable", he said. "All this is reflected in Nairobi, the largest city in East Africa, where wealth and poverty coexist. But this is a scandal! Not only in Africa: even here, everywhere. The coexistence of wealth and poverty is a scandal, it brings shame upon humanity".

The Pope recalled that on many the occasions he encouraged Kenyans to cherish the great wealth of their country: their natural and spiritual wealth, made up of the resources of the land, the new generations and the values that form the wisdom of the people. In this context, so dramatically relevant today, I had the joy of bringing the Jesus' Word of hope: be firm in faith, do not be afraid. This was the motto of the visit. A word that is lived every day by many humble and simple people, with noble dignity; a word that was demonstrated tragically and heroically by the young people of the University of Garissa, killed on 2 April because they were Christians. Their blood is the seed of peace and fraternity for Kenya, for Africa, and for the whole world".

In Uganda, the second country, the fiftieth anniversary of the canonisation of the nation's martyrs by Blessed Paul VI set the tone for the visit. "For this, the motto was, 'You will be my witnesses'. ... The entire visit to Uganda took place in the fervour of witness animated by the Holy Spirit. Witness in the explicit sense of the service of catechists ... the witness of charity ... that involves many communities and associations in service to the poorest, the disabled, and the sick. There was witness of the young who, in spite of difficulties, safeguard the gift of hope and seek to live according to the Gospel and not according to the world, thus going against the grain. There was the witness of the priests and consecrated persons who day by day renew their total 'yes' to Christ and devote themselves with joy to the service of God's holy people. ... All this multiform witness, inspired by the Holy Spirit, is a leaven for all society, as is shown by the effective work carried out in Uganda in the battle against AIDS and in the welcome to refugees".

The third stage in the Pope's trip was the Central African Republic, the geographical heart of the continent, the heart of Africa. "This visit was in reality

the first in my intentions, as it is a country that is trying to come out of a very difficult period, of violent conflicts and great suffering among the population. For this reason I wanted to open there, in Bangui, a week ahead of time, the Holy Door of the Jubilee of Mercy, as a sign of faith and hope for the people, and symbolically for all the African peoples who are most in need of redemption and consolation."

Christ's invitation to His disciples – to go over to the other side – was the theme of this leg of the journey. "Passing to the other side, in the civil sense, means leaving behind war, divisions and poverty, and choosing peace, reconciliation, development. But this presupposes a 'passage' that takes place in the conscience, in the attitudes and intentions of the people. And at this level, the contribution of religious communities is decisive. For this reason I met with the Evangelical and the Muslim communities, sharing in prayer and commitment to peace. ... And finally, in the final Mass in the Bangui stadium ... we renewed our commitment to following Jesus, our hope, our peace, the face of Divine Mercy. This final Mass was marvellous: it was full of young people, a stadium full of the young! Half the population of the Central African Republic is less than eighteen year old; a promise for the future".

The Pope also spoke about missionaries, "the men and women who left their homeland, when they were young, leading a life of work, at times sleeping on the ground". Francis mentioned that when he was in Bangui he met an Italian religious sister aged 81, who had been in Africa since she was 24, and had come to Bangui from her home in nearby Congo by canoe, accompanied by a child. "This is how missionaries are: brave", he said. She was a nurse who then became a midwife, and had delivered 3,280 babies. "All a life, spent for life, for the life of others. And there are many more like her, many: nuns, priests, men and women religious who spend their life proclaiming Jesus."

"I would like to say a word to the young", he concluded. "Think about what you do with your lives. Think about that religious sister and the many others like her, who have given their lives, and so many others like her have died there. Being a missionary is not about proselytism: she told me that Muslim women came to her because they knew that religious sisters were good nurses who cure well, without giving catechesis to convert them! Bearing witness: then offering catechesis to those who want it. Witness is the great heroic missionary act of the Church. Announcing Jesus Christ with your own life. I ask the young: think about what you want to do with your life. It is the moment to think and ask the Lord to let you hear His will. But do not exclude, please, this possibility of becoming a missionary, to take love, humanity and faith to other countries. Not to proselytise: no. Those who do that are seeking something else. Faith is preached first in witness and then in words. Slowly".