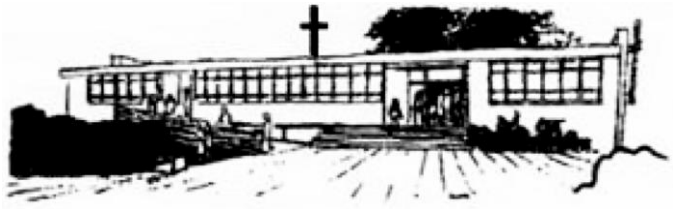
ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP
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EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148 (Calls Only)

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16th November 2025, Year C/1

BARTOLOMEO, Fra, Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, 1516

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

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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

First Reading: **Malachi 3:19-20**

Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.**

Second Reading: **2 Thessalonians 3:7-12**

Gospel: **Luke 21:5-19**

VIGIL SATURDAY			
	6:00pm		**†† All Souls**
SUNDAY	**8:30am**		**†† All Souls**
	10:00am		**For the Parish**
Monday	**8:00am**	**St Elizabeth of Hungary**	**†† All Souls**
Tuesday	**8:00am**	**33rd Week in Ordinary Time**	**†† All Souls**
Wednesday	**8.00am**	**33rd Week in Ordinary Time**	**†† All Souls**
Thursday	**8.00am**	**33rd Week in Ordinary Time**	**†† All Souls**
Friday	**8.00am**	**Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**	**†† All Souls**
Saturday	**8.30am**	**St Cecilia**	**†† All Souls**

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.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2026

Our Sacramental Sessions for 2026 will begin 7th February with Reconciliation. Please watch our Bulletin for details.

NOVEMBER MASSES

One Mass each day in November will be offered for our Deceased. When you fill out your November Mass Envelope place it in the basket on the Sanctuary and fill in the Remembrance Book with the names of your friends and relatives. Names of deceased can be added through November and will be included in the Mass of the following day until the end of November.

POPE'S NOVEMBER INTENTIONS

For the Prevention of Suicide

Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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: **Envelopes: $1015**
Loose: $332.55
Smart Facility: $600
Project Donations: $455

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
Our Bible Study is cancelled and will resume on Wednesday 10th December.

PARISH LUNCH
Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 10th December at St. Mary's Band Club. All are welcome. If you need a lift, please ring the Parish Office by Tuesday 9th.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM
If you are new to our Parish, have not registered or want to update your information, please use the QR Code.

CLEANING THE LORD'S HOUSE
We urgently need people to help clean the Church on a Friday or Saturday morning in 2026. Please ring the Parish Office or speak to Clare if you can help.

BISHOP VINCENT'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL
We will have our collection next weekend 22nd/23rd November, to enable Catholic Care to open the doors of hope to grieving hearts this Christmas.

RED NOVEMBER:
PRAY FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS
Thank you to Lukas and Cecilia for joining us last weekend to make us aware of the persecution of Christians in the world and for encouraging us to pray for them, especially throughout this Red November.
Please pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria, Sudan and the Middle East, where Christians are facing grave danger right now. Watch the official video at www.rednovember.org

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR 2025
This Sunday is the World Day of the Poor. It offers us an opportunity to renew our solidarity with those who are poor in our community and across the world. In his message, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that "the poor are not a distraction for the Church, but our beloved brothers and sisters, for by their lives, their words and their wisdom, they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel."

EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION
On the Solemnity of Christ the King, 23rd November at 9.30am, St Thomas Aquinas Parish Springwood are holding an Eucharistic Procession with Benediction and Mass. See flyer on the 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.

DIOCESAN ADVENT SCRIPTURE NIGHT
Wednesday 26th November 6:30pm – 8:30pm, upstairs @ Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown
This is an experiential, reflective evening, where participants are guided by an expert in Scripture to integrate life & faith practice, particularly within the context of the liturgical season of Advent.

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

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE LEO XIV GENERAL AUDIENCE
Wednesday 5th November 2025

Cycle of Catechesis – Jubilee 2025: Jesus Christ our hope. 4. The Resurrection of Christ and the challenges of the contemporary world.
4. *Easter spirituality animates fraternity. "Love One Another As I Have Loved You"* (Cf. *Jn* 15:12)

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning.

To believe in the death and resurrection of Christ and to live paschal spirituality imbues life with hope and encourages us to invest in goodness. In particular, it helps us to love and nurture *fraternity*, which is without doubt one of the great challenges for contemporary humanity, as Pope Francis saw clearly. Fraternity stems from something deeply human. We are capable of forming relationship and, if we want, we are able to build authentic bonds between us. Without relationships, which support and enrich us from the very beginning of our life, we would not be able to survive, grow or learn. They are manifold, varied in form and depth. But it is certain that our humanity is best fulfilled when we exist and live together, when we succeed in experiencing authentic, not formal, bonds with the people around us. If we turn in on ourselves, we risk falling ill with loneliness, and even a narcissism that is concerned with others only out of self-interest. The other is then reduced to someone from whom we can take, without ever being truly willing to give, to offer ourselves.

We are well aware that even today fraternity cannot be taken for granted, it is not immediate. Many conflicts, many wars all over the world, social tensions and feelings of hatred would seem to prove the opposite. However, fraternity is not a beautiful but impossible dream; it is not the desire of a deluded few. But to overcome the shadows that threaten it, we need to go to the source, and above all to draw light and strength from Him who alone frees us from the poison of enmity.

The word "fraternity" derives from a very ancient root, which means to care for, to have at heart, to support and sustain. Applied to every human person, it becomes an appeal, an invitation. Often, we think that the role of a brother, a sister, refers to kinship, to being related, to being part of the same family. In truth, we know well how disagreement, division and sometimes hatred can devastate even relationships between relatives, not only between strangers.

This shows the need, more urgent today than ever, to reflect on the greeting with which Saint Francis of Assisi addressed everyone, regardless of their geographical, cultural, religious and doctrinal origins: *omnes fratres* was the inclusive way in which the Saint placed all human beings on the same level, precisely because he recognized them in their common destiny of dignity, dialogue, welcome and salvation. Pope Francis reproposed this approach of the *Poverello* of Assisi, emphasizing its relevance after eight hundred years, in the Encyclical *Fratelli tutti*.

That "*tutti*", everyone, which meant for Saint Francis the welcoming sign of a universal fraternity, expresses an essential feature of Christianity, which ever since the beginning has been the proclamation of the Good News destined for the salvation of all, never in an exclusive or private form. This fraternity is based on Jesus' commandment, which is new insofar as He accomplished it Himself, the superabundant fulfilment of the will of the Father: thanks to Him, who loved us and gave Himself for us, we can in turn love one another and give our lives for others, as children of the one Father and true brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

Jesus loved us up to the very end, says the Gospel of John (cf. 13:1). As the passion draws near, the Master knows well that his historical time is coming to an end. He fears what is about to happen; He experiences the most terrible torment and abandonment. His Resurrection, on the third day, is the beginning of a new history. And the disciples become fully brothers and sisters, after so much time of life spent together, not only when they live through the pain of the death of Jesus, but above all, when they recognize Him as the Risen One, receive the gift of the Spirit and become witnesses to Him.

Brothers and sisters support each other in hardship, they do not turn their back on those who are in need, and they weep and rejoice together in the active pursuit of unity, trust and mutual reliance. The dynamic is that which Jesus Himself gives to us: "Love one another as I have loved you" (cf. *Jn* 15:12). The fraternity given by Christ, who died and rose again, frees us from the negative logic of selfishness, division and arrogance, and restores to us our original vocation, in the name of a love and a hope that are renewed every day. The Risen One has shown us the way to journey with Him, to feel and to be "brothers and sisters all".