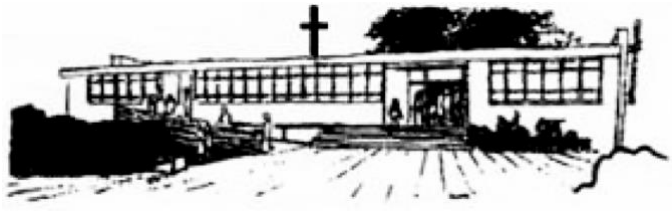
ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11th May 2025, Year C/1

The Good Shepherd Icon

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

Ms 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 9:00am – 2:00pm and Friday: 9.00am – 1:00pm

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HABEMUS PAPAM!

The first Augustinian Pope, Leo XIV is the second Roman Pontiff - after Pope Francis - from the Americas. The 69-year-old Robert Francis Prevost is from the northern part of the continent, though he spent many years as a missionary in Peru before being elected the head of the Augustinians for two consecutive terms.

First Augustinian Pope

The new Bishop of Rome was born on September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois, to Louis Marius Prevost, of French and Italian descent, and Mildred Martínez, of Spanish descent. He has two brothers, Louis Martín and John Joseph.

He spent his childhood and adolescence with his family and studied first at the Minor Seminary of the Augustinian Fathers and then at Villanova University in Pennsylvania, where in 1977 he earned a Degree in Mathematics and also studied Philosophy.

On September 1 of the same year, Prevost entered the novitiate of the Order of Saint Augustine (O.S.A.) in Saint Louis, in the Province of Our Lady of Good Counsel of Chicago, and made his first profession on September 2, 1978. On August 29, 1981, he made his solemn vows.

The future Pontiff received his theological education at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. At the age of 27, he was sent by his superiors to Rome to study Canon Law at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum). In Rome, he was ordained a priest on June 19, 1982.

Prevost obtained his licentiate in 1984 and the following year, while preparing his doctoral thesis, was sent to the Augustinian mission in Chulucanas, Piura, Peru (1985–1986) and was appointed vocation director and missions director of the Augustinian Province of "Mother of Good Counsel" in Olympia Fields, Illinois (USA).

Mission in Peru

Over the course of eleven years, he served as prior of the community (1988–1992), formation director (1988–1998), and instructor for professed members (1992–1998), and in the Archdiocese of Trujillo as judicial vicar (1989–1998) and professor of Canon Law, Patristics, and Moral Theology at the Major Seminary. At the same time, he was also entrusted with the pastoral care of Our Lady Mother of the Church, later established as the parish of Saint Rita (1988–1999), in a poor suburb of the city, and was parish administrator of Our Lady of Monserrat from 1992 to 1999.

In 1999, he was elected Provincial Prior of the Augustinian in Chicago two and a half years later the ordinary General Chapter of the Order of Saint Augustine, elected him as Prior General.

Pope Francis appointed him on November 3, 2014, as Apostolic Administrator of the Peruvian Diocese of Chiclayo and on September 26, 2015, he was appointed Bishop of Chiclayo by Pope Francis. In March 2018, he was elected second vice-president of the Peruvian Episcopal Conference. In 2019, Pope Francis appointed him a member of the Congregation for the Clergy (July 13, 2019), and in 2020, a member of the Congregation for Bishops (November 21). On April 15, 2020, he was also appointed Apostolic Administrator of the Peruvian Diocese of Callao.

On January 30, 2023, the Pope called him to Rome as the Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and the President of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, promoting him to the rank of Archbishop.

Pope Francis created him Cardinal in the Consistory of September 30, 2024.

He was elected the Supreme Pontiff on 8 May 2025 and has chosen the name Leo XIV. (Source: The Vatican News)

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

First Reading: **Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52**

Responsorial Psalm: **We are His people, the sheep of His flock.**

Second Reading: **Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17**

Gospel: **John 10:27-30**

VIGIL SATURDAY			
	6:00pm		**Anthony Almeida (For Healing)**
SUNDAY	**8:30am**		**Jamie Dowsett**
	10:00am		**For the Parish**
Monday	**8:00am**	**4th Week of Easter**	**Ligi Kochappu (Birthday Blessings)**
Tuesday	**8:00am**	**Our Lady of Fatima**	**† Baby Kurian**
Wednesday	**8.00am**	**ST MATTHIAS**	**† Kathy**
Thursday	**8.00am**	**4th Week of Easter**	
Friday	**8.00am**	**4th Week of Easter**	
Saturday	**8.30am**	**4th Week of Easter**	**†† Josephine & Carmel Attard**

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.

ROSARY AND BENEDICTION
During the month of May there will be Rosary, Litany of Our Lady and Benediction after all the weekday Masses.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:
Please speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

LATE POPE FRANCIS' MAY INTENTIONS
For Working Conditions
Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised.

MASS INTENTIONS
Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:
Baby Kurian, Kathy, Josephine & Carmel Attard

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2025

First Communion: 22nd June

All Sessions will be after 10am Mass at 11.30am

Confirmation: Thursday 6th November
Registration & 1st Session: Sunday 20th July

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Sr Louisa, Carolina Q. Alvarez, Jonathon Ansell, Tony Bogdanovic, Margaret Colville, Frances Gunn, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, Tony Jacobs, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Nympha Miller, Karen Morvan, Shayla, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, 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

May the Lord bless all our Mothers as we keep you in our prayers

From Fr Andrew, Fr Pawel & Fr Piotr

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: $970**
Loose: $499
Smart Facility: $510
A/Cs & Carpet Donations: $9288

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.

Our Special Projects Donations are now going towards the Air Conditioning and Carpet Projects for the Church. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.

BIBLE STUDY

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

PARISH LUNCH

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Our next Lunch will be this Wednesday 14th May at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome.

MEN'S BARBEQUE

Saturday 31st May after 6pm Mass. All men over 18 are invited to come and enjoy an evening together.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

SRE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you can spare an hour each week during school terms and would like to find out more about becoming a scripture teacher or helper you can call the parish office on 4721 4080. Training is provided.

WOMEN'S RECOLLECTION

Women's Recollection is on Thursday 15th May. Morning Session is held at St Joseph's Parish, Kingswood from 9am and includes Reconciliation and Mass. Evening Session is at Montgrove College, Orchard Hills from 7pm and includes Benediction. All ladies are most welcome.

MEN AT THE SHRINE

An hour of adoration on Wednesday 14th May from 8-9pm at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa.

VOLUNTEER WITH PALMS

Join Palms online for a session showing how you can make a difference using your skills in communities overseas. Thursday 22nd May from 6-7pm. Register at palms.org.au/events or ring 9560 5333 for more information.

FAMILY ENRICHMENT AUSTRALIA (FEA)

FEA are organising another 3-Part Course for Parents of 4-7 Year Olds starting on 25th May 2025 at Caddens. Please register using the QR code on the poster. For more information visit www.Fea.org.au or contact Edwin & Stephanie Sugiaman on 0430 918 777.

DIOCESAN JUBILEE OF HOPE RETREATS

See Poster at the back of the Church for more information.

OUR DIOCESE'S JUBILEE YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

For Young people (18-35) across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains 19 July – 5 August 2025. See Poster at back of Church.

ADULT JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

For adults 35 years and over from 7th to 25th September 2025. See the Poster at the back of the Church.

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 – These Modules are for new Volunteers who have not completed any safeguarding Training.
Modules 4/5 – Renewal for those who completed Modules 1-3 two years ago.

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