

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP, Parish Priest

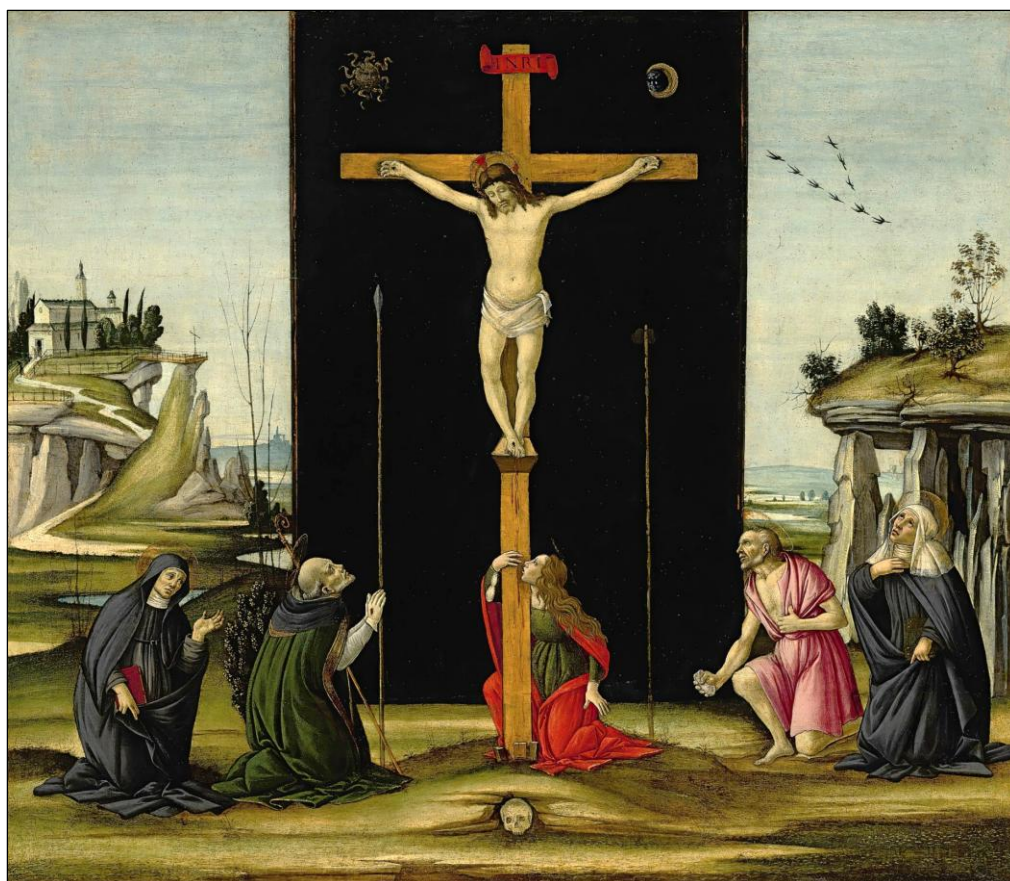
Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP, Assistant Priest

Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148 (Calls Only)

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13th September 2026, Year A/2



Christ on the Cross adored by Saints Monica, Augustine, Mary Magdalen, Jerome and Bridget of Sweden, Sandro Botticelli (Italian, 1444-1510)

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: Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

VIGIL SATURDAY

6.00pm

†† Edward & Gladys Young

SUNDAY 8:30am

† Danny Patos

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am **EXULTATION OF THE CROSS** Sajamma Benny (B'day Blessings)

Tuesday 8:00am **Our Lady of Sorrows** †† Klemens & Thea Blazek

Wednesday 8.00am **St Cornelius & St Cyprian** Sharon Sutherland (Health & Well Being)

Thursday 8.00am **Week 24 Ordinary Time** Keenan & Urszula (B'day Blessings)

Friday 8.00am **St Juan Macias** †† For God's Precious Infants

Saturday 8.30am **Mass of the Virgin Mary** † Anna Blazek

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Dionisia Columna, Alesandro Rey Saavedra, Helen Ho, Cesar Brillante, Marshall Bennett, Peter McIlvenna.

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Edward & Gladys Young, Danny Patos, Klemens & Thea Blazek, God's Precious Infants, Anna Blazek.

POPE'S SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS

For the Care of Water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of Water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2026

Confirmation: Sunday 22nd November

Sessions are held in the Parish Centre from 11.30am. Please keep our children in your prayers.

RCIA

Please pray for our candidates who are on a journey in their faith.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Sr Louisa, Carolina Q. Alvarez, Jonathon Ansell, Tony Bogdanovic, Margaret Colville, Merwyn D'Souza, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, Tony Jacobs, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, Lidya, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Michael Manche, Nympha Miller, Karen Morvan, Michael Muema, Gary O'Brien, Garry Smith, Shayla, Zen Roughley-Hutchison, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Margaret Taylor, John Vukovic, 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: \$376.25**
 Planned Giving: \$720
 Smart Facilities: \$745
 Project Donations: \$70

BIBLE STUDY

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

PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be at noon on Wednesday 14th October at Penrith RSL. 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.



PARISH COUNCIL NORMINATIONS

Maria Woodbury, Harry Sorensen & Peter Sofatzis have kindly agreed to serve on the Parish Council for another year. They will join Pauline Mbondo, Joseph McDonald & Bernie Schoemaker. Thank you and may God bless you as you bless our Parish.

BISHOPS'S FATHERS DAY APPEAL

There will be another collection this week to support our retired priests. We collected \$1688.45. To donate online please visit parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan the QR code on the flyer.

ST PADRE PIO FEAST DAY

Sunday 20th September with the Triduum from Thursday 17th to Saturday 19th September See flyer for details on the Triduum and the Feast at St Padre Pio Parish at Glenmore Park Parish.

NEPAL EMERGENCY APPEAL

See the flyer at the back of the Church for information.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

The Diocese of Parramatta renews its commitment to building a culture of care, vigilance and accountability, where the safety, wellbeing and dignity of children and vulnerable adults is a priority

Healing and Support Service

Our Diocese offers direct support, resources and pathways to assist individuals in their process of healing and recovery. For more information visit parracatholic.org/safeguarding/healing-and-support.



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.

SCRIPTURE FOR REFLECTION

"This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever". John 6:58

SAINTLY THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

"A Holy Hour of adoration testifies to the fact that the Jesus who died on the cross, is present in the Eucharist, and reigns in Heaven, are identical." Pope Pius XII

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 9th September 2026****Catechesis. The Documents of the Second Vatican Council. IV. Pastoral Constitution *Gaudium et Spes* (GS 1–10)****2. Human dignity: gift and responsibility.**

Dear brothers and sisters,

The Conciliar Constitution *Gaudium et Spes* (GS), by dedicating the first chapter to the dignity of the human person, emphasizes that it is the foundation and condition for “those values which are most highly prized today”, but these must not lose sight of their “divine source”, in order to avoid possible distortions arising from the “taint in man’s human heart” (GS, 11). The journey that made it possible to highlight the fundamental characteristics and rights of human dignity certainly represents one of the most significant chapters in human history. However, the path ahead is not yet complete and must address the contradictions, both old and new, which prevent its full realization.

The Church clearly offers her contribution, reminding us that human dignity arises from the very being of the person. I had the opportunity to reiterate this also in my recent Encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas*: “Every human person is planned and willed by God to enter into communion with Him, with others and with creation. Human dignity does not depend on a person’s abilities, wealth or position in life, nor on the right or wrong choices made; instead, it is a gift that precedes and transcends each person, endowed by God as an expression of His unfailing love” (no. 50). The infinite dignity of the human being, then, is rooted in his identity as a creature made “‘to God’s image’ ... capable of knowing and loving his Creator”, a plan and gift of love that transcends other created realities, which are entrusted to his care to “subdue them and use them to God’s glory” (GS, 12).

In faith we can understand the ultimate foundation for the dignity of the person, inasmuch as the Son, “by the revelation of the mystery of the Father and His love, fully reveals man to man himself and makes his supreme calling clear” (no. 22).

The person always implies relationship, communion and participation in relation to God and to others; hence, a filial relationship with God the Father and a fraternal relationship with Christ and with all humankind. To be a person means to perceive oneself as a gift to be shared, growing and maturing through acceptance, reciprocity and service.

This dignity is entrusted to the responsibility of each person: at the same time, it also demands solidarity and mutual care, overcoming the many falsifications and manipulations that still disfigure our perception of it and hinder its realization. Indeed, as a result of the choices made throughout history that have run counter to this dignity, even today “man is split within himself”, and “all of human life, whether individual or collective, shows itself to be a dramatic struggle between good and evil between light and darkness”. This fragile and limited condition, however, can be regarded with hope, because “the Lord Himself came to free and strengthen man, renewing him inwardly and casting out that ‘prince of this world’ (*John* 12:31) who held him in the bondage of sin” (GS, 13).

The Constitution *Gaudium et Spes* affirms that human dignity concerns the whole person and, therefore, dualistic views must be overcome: the human being “though made of body and soul, is one”. Reducing the body to an “object” to be disposed of arbitrarily is always a denial of the dignity of the person: “man is not allowed to despise his bodily life” and “is obliged to regard his body as good and honourable since God has created it and will raise it up on the last day”, while ensuring that it does not become enslaved by “the evil inclinations of his heart” (GS, 14), since we are all wounded by sin.

Finally, there *Gaudium et Spes* recalls the three most significant expressions of the dignity of the person: intelligence, which makes the human being an insatiable seeker of the truth (no. 15); conscience, through which he gives unity and meaning to his life (no. 16), and freedom, which makes him the responsible agent of his own decisions (no. 17). These dimensions are closely connected to one another: it is in conscience that truth is recognized as such, and freedom can experience it as its foundation and possibility. The Holy Spirit, who gives life in Christ, makes us free and constantly assures us of our dignity as children of God, delivering us from fear and guiding us towards the ultimate goal, that life in its fullness beyond death which Christ has promised us. It is only in Him that the mystery of the human person finds true light; from Him we receive light on the enigma of suffering and death; and with Him we journey towards the Resurrection.

Dear brothers and sisters, created in God’s image, through Christ and for His sake, we have received a unique and indelible dignity. Let us commit ourselves to promoting and defending it always, with the light and strength of the Gospel.