

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

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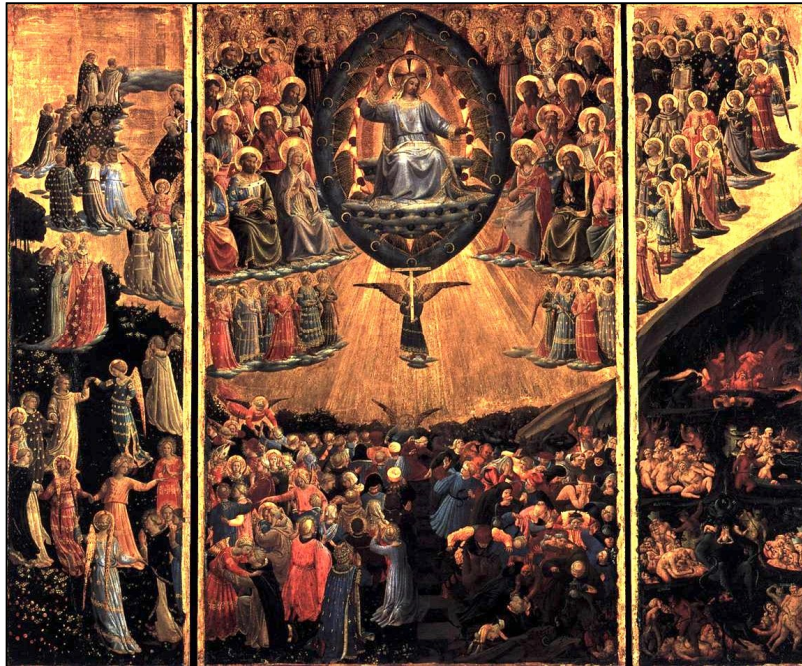
Assistant Priest

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Please leave a detailed Message

First Sunday of Advent

1st of December 2013, Year A



ANGELICO, Fra. Triptych: The Last Judgment, c. 1450

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

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday: 9:00 am – 2:00pm; Friday: 8:30am – 1:30pm

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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY: 10:00am First Sunday of Advent For the Parish

8:30am Only:

Entrance Antiphon Ps 24:1-3

To you I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted: let me not be put to shame.

Nor let my enemies exult over me: and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Monday:	8:00am	First week of Advent	No Mass Intention
Tuesday:	8:00am	St Francis Xavier	No Mass Intention
Wednesday	8:00am	First week of Advent	No Mass Intention
Thursday	8:00am	First week of Advent	No Mass Intention
Friday	8:00am	St Nicholas	No Mass Intention
Saturday	8:30am	St Ambrose	No Mass Intention

Readings: Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

ADORATION CHAPEL

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

ANOINTING:

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:-

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

PARISH CELL GROUPS

Times and Venues

- A) 1st & 3rd Tuesday of month at 1:30pm
1/23-25 Walter St. Kingswood
- B) 2nd & 4th Wednesday after Mass
Parish Hall.
- C) 2nd & 4th Thursday at 7:00pm
2/40 Single Road, South Penrith

Any enquiries ring Diane, Elaine or Mavis.

USED STAMPS: Please bring your used stamps and leave in the box at back of the Church. They are sold to help the missionaries.

BECOME A JUNIOR ALTAR SERVER:

If your child has made their First Holy Communion and would like to be a Junior Altar Server, please see Fr. Andrew.

CHURCH CLEANERS REQUIRED: With our new Sanctuary we desperately need some helpers to volunteer for the Church Cleaning Roster, Please ring Clare on 9623 2812 or 0432 668 724

CENTACARE COUNSELLING FOR CHILDREN RING 9630 7788

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: BANKED \$1013.00

DONATIONS TO SANCTUARY PROJECT—LAST WEEK BOX & INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS \$585.95 TOTAL DONATIONS \$34,841.20

THE 2014 COLUMBAN CALENDAR is now available in the Pious Stall for \$9.00 also Christmas Cards. Pack of 10 cards \$6.00

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, Alistair McArthur, Lawrence Devitt, John McCahon, Joan Evans, Allan Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Clayton Rogers, Debbie O'Connor, Roger Stevens, Brandon Stevens, Karen Morvan, Gisela Drobiszewski, Charles Timmins.

SICK LIST: If you have anyone for the sick list, (due to privacy laws) contact the Parish Office to fill in a form.



**The Rosary Statue will be at the home of
Charles & Joan Timmins—1st December 2013
Magda Isbitzki—8th December 2013**

ADULT CATHOLIC EDUCATION: At 7pm on Tuesday nights from 3rd September we will be showing a 30 minute DVD titled "What do Catholics Really Believe", followed by a cup of tea/coffee and discussion

DONATIONS AND FUND-RAISING FOR OUR NEW SANCTUARY:

If you would like to donate towards our new Sanctuary please give it to Father Andrew or place it in Donation Box at the entrance to the church.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2014 Any families wanting Sacraments for their children next year must be registered in the Parish for 4 months and attending Mass each Sunday.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: All are welcome to the Christmas Pageant at 6:00pm on Tuesday 17th December at the School.

CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED

PLEASE JOIN OUR CHRISTMAS CHOIR: We will be having a Christmas Choir at the Midnight Mass this Christmas with Christmas Carol Singing beginning at 11:30pm. If you would like to join us, we would love to have you and ask that you come to our practices beginning Saturday 30th November at 9:15am following Mass and Rosary and continuing each Saturday up to Christmas. Any enquiries please speak to Anna or Robina.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS TREE will be at the back of the Church from w/e of 30th November/1st December. Please take a gift tag from the tree. All gifts must be back by weekend 14/15 December. *Thank you!*

CAN YOU HELP? Pine tree branches are needed for Advent Wreath. Please ring Clare 0432 668 724

The Fr Colin McKay Institute of Counselling offers a course designed to develop skills in personal growth, communication, parenting and general counselling principles. Tuesday evenings during school term 7.30pm-9.45pm at Holy Cross College, Victoria Rd Ryde, commencing 4th Feb 2014. Contact Michael Hill 9869 3774 or 0431774432.

SEWING CLASSES AT ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH. If you are interested, \$10 per session. Saturday 10:00am. Started September. For more information please phone the Parish Office during office hours.

ROSARY & BENEDICTION will be held at 5.15pm before 6:00pm Mass every Saturday during Advent

CATHOLIC YOUTH PARRAMATTA: Christmas 2013. Saturday 14th December. Mass 6:00pm St. Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place Parramatta, after Mass join in the Christmas party at 7:00pm. Don't forget to invite your friends for a great night of enjoyment. Ages 16-35 years. RSVP by 10th December to:- youthevent@parra.catholic.org.au

TYPHOON HAIYAN AID RESPONSE. Millions of people are now in need of emergency aid in the Philipines. Please give generously to **Caritas Australia Typhoon Haiyan Appeal.** Call 1800 024 413, **donate online at www.caritas.org.au or send your donation to GPO Box 9830 in your Capital City.**

KEY FAITH ENCOURAGEMENT CHANCES IN OUR DIOCESE—DON'T MISS OUT!

Our Diocese's *Institute for Mission* has two great opportunities for 2014 which need participants to finalise right now. Go to www.instituteformission.com.au Click on "Courses" in the website and see

+ 'Certificate in Pastoral Formation'
and

+ 'Beginning Theology'

(or see your priest or parish office for info)

The two programs are structured for people's different time availabilities.

CHECK THEM OUT NOW and LET GOD BLESS YOU!

You can talk with FR. PAUL or SUSAN at the *Institute for Mission* **Ph: 9831 4911** or office@instituteformission.com.au

WELCOME TO BISHOP ANTHONY'S TALK PLUS Q&A ON SOME HOT TOPIC

MORAL ISSUES Mon. 2nd Dec 7pm, Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion St Blacktown. How can we make sense of a Christian moral life today? No cost, bring a friend, all faiths welcome.

Focus of Wednesday's catechesis, which will also be the theme of next Wednesday's general audience, was the resurrection of the flesh, our death and resurrection in Christ; the Pope analysed the first element, our death in Christ, and will turn to the aspect of our resurrection next week.

The Pope first thanked the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square – over 50,000 participants – praising them for braving the cold weather that has affected the Italian capital in these days, and complementing them on their “resistance” before beginning the catechesis.

“There is a wrong way of looking at death”, he said. “Death affects all of us, and challenges us profoundly, especially when it touches someone close to us, or when it strikes the very young or defenceless in a way that appears 'scandalous' to us. I am always struck by the question, 'why do children suffer? Why do children die?'. If it is understood as the end of everything, death ... terrifies us; it is transformed into a threat that ... stops us in our tracks. This happens when we consider our life as a period of time closed between two poles, birth and death; when we do not believe in a horizon that goes beyond that of our present life; when we live as if God did not exist. This concept of death is typical of atheist thought, which interprets existence as a matter of appearing in the world by chance and walking a path towards nothingness. But there also exists a form of practical atheism, which involves living only for one's own interests and for earthly goods. If we allow ourselves to be ensnared by this erroneous view of death, we have no choice other than that of evading death, denying it, or of trivialising it so that it no longer frightens us.

“But man's heart - the desire we all have for the infinite, our nostalgia for eternity – rebels against this false solution. And so what is the Christian meaning of death? If we look at the most painful moments of our lives, when we have lost someone dear to us ... we realise that, even in the drama of loss, there rises from the heart the conviction that it cannot all be over. ... There is a powerful instinct within us that tells us that our life does not end with death”.

“This thirst for life finds its true and reliable answer in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The resurrection of Jesus not only gives us the certainty of life beyond death, but it also casts light on the mystery of the death of every one of us. If we live united with Jesus, faithful to Him, we will be capable of facing even the passage of death with hope and serenity”.

From this perspective, “we understand Jesus' invitation to always be ready and watchful in the knowledge that life in this world is given to us also in preparation for the other life, that with the celestial Father. And for this there is a sure way: preparing oneself well for death, staying close to Jesus in prayer, in the Sacraments and also in the practice of charity. Remember that He is present in the weakest and neediest among us. He himself identified with them, in the famous parable of the final judgement, when he says 'Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me'. Therefore a sure way is to recover the meaning of Christian charity and fraternal sharing, curing the bodily and spiritual wounds of our neighbour”.

“Those who live with mercy”, he concluded, “do not fear death, because they face it directly in the wounds of their brothers, and overcome it with Jesus Christ's love”.