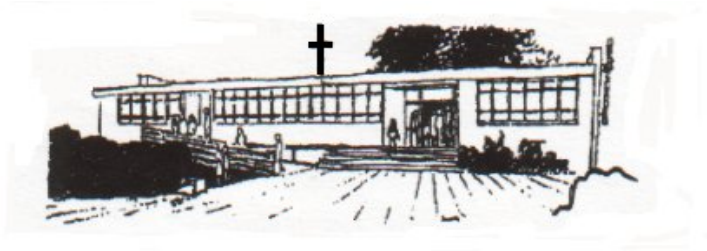


St. Joseph's Catholic Church



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Parish Priest

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HOLY FAMILY

29th December 2013 Year A



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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 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph For the Parish

8:30am Mass Only

Kevin & Brian Woodward

Entrance Antiphon Luke 2:16

The shepherds hastened to Bethlehem, where they found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Monday:	8:00am	6th day in Octave of Christmas	No Mass Intention
Tuesday:	8:00am	7th day in Octave of Christmas	No Mass Intention
Wednesday	8:00am	Mary, the Holy Mother of God	No Mass Intention
Thursday	8:00am	Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory	No Mass Intention
Friday	8:00am	Weekday of Christmas Time	No Mass Intention
Saturday	8:30am	Weekday of Christmas Time	No Mass Intention

Readings: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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 ANNIVERSARY:

Kevin & Brian Woodward

January 1st Mass 8:00am & 7:00pm with Parish Party to follow. Please bring a plate to share and your own drinks. Tea and coffee supplied.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: BANKED \$895.00

DONATIONS TO SANCTUARY PROJECT—
LAST WEEK BOX & INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS
\$161.70 TOTAL DONATIONS \$36,141.20

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

On 13th December, 2013 Mrs. Maria Loveridge resigned her position as Parish Secretary. I would like to express our gratitude to her for her work here at St. Joseph's for the last 4 years and 10 months.

**God Bless,
Fr. Andrew Fornal OP.
Parish Priest**

All the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Kingswood Conference extends their sincere thanks for your most generous donations to this years Christmas Tree and the leaving collection. All the gifts went to those who received a Christmas Hamper some 60 in total. The leaving collection totalled \$1118.70. God Bless each and everyone for your loyal support.

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. Registrations 23rd February 2014 after 10:00am Mass.

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
Alex & Ofelia Paraan—29th December 2013
Noeline Cruzado—5th January 2014**

Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours (Lk 2:14)

Dear brothers and sisters in Rome and throughout the whole world, Greetings and Happy Christmas!

I take up the song of the angels who appeared to the shepherds in Bethlehem on the night when Jesus was born. It is a song which unites heaven and earth, giving praise and glory to heaven, and the promise of peace to earth and all its people.

I ask everyone to share in this song: it is a song for every man or woman who keeps watch through the night, who hopes for a better world, who cares for others while humbly seeking to do his or her duty.

Glory to God!

Above all else, this is what Christmas bids us to do: give glory to God, for he is good, he is faithful, he is merciful. Today I voice my hope that everyone will come to know the true face of God, the Father who has given us Jesus. My hope is that everyone will feel God's closeness, live in his presence, love him and adore him.

May each of us give glory to God above all by our lives, by lives spent for love of him and of all our brothers and sisters.

Peace to mankind

True peace - we know this well - is not a balance of opposing forces. It is not a lovely "façade" which conceals conflicts and divisions. Peace calls for daily commitment, but making peace is an art, starting from God's gift, from the grace which he has given us in Jesus Christ.

Looking at the Child in the manger, Child of peace, our thoughts turn to those children who are the most vulnerable victims of wars, but we think too of the elderly, to battered women, to the sick... Wars shatter and hurt so many lives!

Too many lives have been shattered in recent times by the conflict in Syria, fueling hatred and vengeance. Let us continue to ask the Lord to spare the beloved Syrian people further suffering, and to enable the parties in conflict to put an end to all violence and guarantee access to humanitarian aid. We have seen how powerful prayer is! And I am happy today too, that the followers of different religious confessions are joining us in our prayer for peace in Syria. Let us never lose the courage of prayer! The courage to say: Lord, grant your peace to Syria and to the whole world. And I also invite non-believers to desire peace with that yearning that makes the heart grow: all united, either by prayer or by desire. But all of us, for peace.

Grant peace, dear Child, to the Central African Republic, often forgotten and overlooked. Yet you, Lord, forget no one! And you also want to bring peace to that land, torn apart by a spiral of violence and poverty, where so many people are homeless, lacking water, food and the bare necessities of life. Foster social harmony in South Sudan, where current tensions have already caused too many victims and are threatening peaceful coexistence in that young state.

Prince of Peace, in every place turn hearts aside from violence and inspire them to lay down arms and undertake the path of dialogue. Look upon Nigeria, rent by constant attacks which do not spare the innocent and defenseless. Bless the land where you chose to come into the world, and grant a favourable outcome to the peace talks between Israelis and Palestinians. Heal the wounds of the beloved country of Iraq, once more struck by frequent acts of violence.

Lord of life, protect all who are persecuted for your name. Grant hope and consolation to the displaced and refugees, especially in the Horn of Africa and in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Grant that migrants in search of a dignified life may find acceptance and assistance. May tragedies like those we have witnessed this year, with so many deaths at Lampedusa, never occur again!

Child of Bethlehem, touch the hearts of all those engaged in human trafficking, that they may realize the gravity of this crime against humanity. Look upon the many children who are kidnapped, wounded and killed in armed conflicts, and all those who are robbed of their childhood and forced to become soldiers.

Lord of heaven and earth, look upon our planet, frequently exploited by human greed and rapacity. Help and protect all the victims of natural disasters, especially the beloved people of the Philippines, gravely affected by the recent typhoon.

Dear brothers and sisters, today, in this world, in this humanity, is born the Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. Let us pause before the Child of Bethlehem. Let us allow our hearts to be touched, let us not fear this. Let us not fear that our hearts be moved. We need this! Let us allow ourselves to be warmed by the tenderness of God; we need his caress. God's caresses do not harm us. They give us peace and strength. We need his caresses. God is full of love: to him be praise and glory forever! God is peace: let us ask him to help us to be peacemakers each day, in our life, in our families, in our cities and nations, in the whole world. Let us allow ourselves to be moved by God's goodness.

2013 Christmas Message from Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP—Bishop of Parramatta

At Christmas we adore the Baby Jesus lying and enthroned in His mother's arms. We celebrate the Word of God in human flesh, the Prince of Peace bringing God's reconciliation to every man, woman and child.

We are conscious that, like the Baby Jesus born in a stable, there are families who have lost their homes to the recent fires in the Blue Mountains region of the Diocese of Parramatta and elsewhere.

I pray that this Christmas the Holy Family will be especially present to the victims of the fires and those who have worked to keep them safe.

We are also conscious that like the Baby Jesus forced into exile by the terrible King Herod, many people today suffer for their faith. The International Society of Human Rights reports that acts of religious discrimination are escalating worldwide and that eight out of 10 of these are directed against Christians.

Throughout the Middle East and parts of Africa and Asia, Christians face imprisonment, torture, forced labour, economic and other discrimination. 'Religious cleansing' is very real and over the past decade 100,000 Christians have been killed for their faith each year. That's 11 Christians killed every hour of every day of every week of every year.

And there can be 'softer' forms of discrimination against believers, even in countries like our own. The fact is: not everyone welcomes the Baby Jesus.

At Christmas the king of the universe came as a baby not to conquer by fire or force but to win hearts and minds. We must be thankful for the freedom we have to celebrate Christmas and never forget those who are suffering.