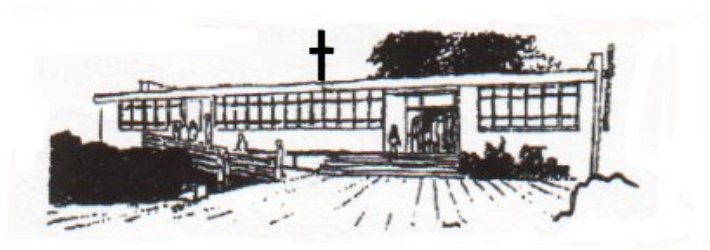


St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

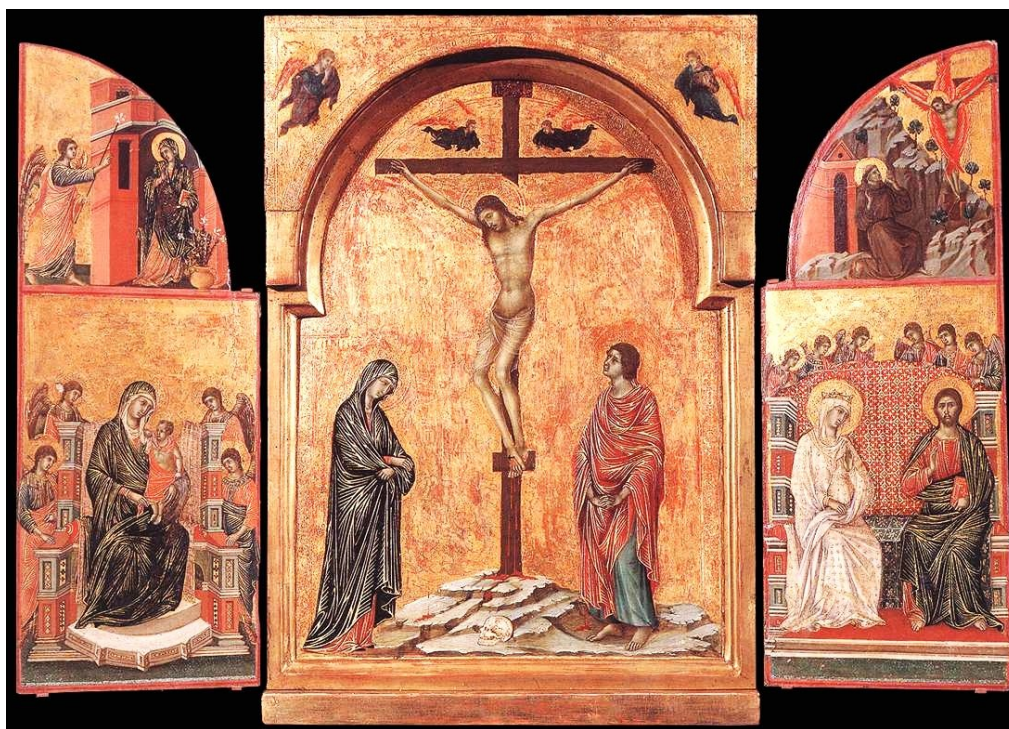
Assistant Priest

EMERGENCY PHONE: 02 4721 8945

Please leave a detailed Message

Eighth Sunday of the Ordinary Time

2nd of March 2014, Year A



Sunday Masses:	Saturday Vigil:	4:00pm (Mass in Polish) 6:00pm (5:15pm Rosary and the Benediction)
	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

Address: 12-22 Richmond Rd, PO Box 39, Kingswood, NSW 2747; Telephone: 02 4721 4080; Fax: 02 4721 0089

Email: parish@stjosephskingswood.org; Web: www.stjosephskingswood.org; Facebook: [stjosephkingswood](https://www.facebook.com/stjosephkingswood)

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY:	10:00am	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	For the Parish
8:30am Mass Only			Thelma McSpadden
Entrance Antiphon Psalm 17:19-20			
The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom;			
He saved me because he delighted in me.			
Responsorial Psalm: Rest in God alone, my soul.			
Monday:	8:00am	Eighth Week in Ordinary Time	No Mass Intention
Tuesday:	8:00am	St. Casimir	No Mass Intention
Wednesday	8:00am	ASH WEDNESDAY	No Mass Intention
Thursday	8:00am	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	No Mass Intention
Friday	8:00am	Friday after Ash Wednesday	No Mass Intention
Saturday	8:30am	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	No Mass Intention
Readings: Is 49:14-15. 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34			

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: Deceased Member of St. Vincent de Paul, Thelma McSpadden

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: BANKED \$853.00

DONATIONS TO RENOVATION PROJECT—
LAST WEEK BOX & INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS
\$850.10. TOTAL DONATIONS \$41,546.65

DONATIONS AND FUND-RAISING FOR OUR RENOVATION PROJECT:

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

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

PRAYER FOR FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

Gracious God, source of all life, you call us together in faith and love as the Diocese of Parramatta.

As one body in Christ, may we respond to your Word, attend to the signs of the times, and live as your disciples in word and deed.

Renew our hearts in your Holy Spirit to grow and share our faith with the world; give us courage and grace to live faith in our future. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND APPEAL will be held this weekend 1/2 March for those who missed out last weekend. Our Quota is \$2,441.00. So far we have raised \$1132.70 Please give generously. Thank you!

ASH WEDNESDAY: Masses at St. Joseph's: 8:00am, 7:00pm. Liturgy of the Word for the school 9:30am. Ash Wednesday is the day of Fast and Abstinence: Abstinence: restraining from eating meat. Fast: limiting eating to one full meal and two small (snacks) meals.

All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain. Also in the Calendar with the intentions at Ash Wednesday Day of Fast and Abstinence.

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, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Kim Nelson, Karen Morvan, Gisela Drobiszewski, Charles Timmins, Selin Mizrak, Ann Batkin, Romanie Oliveux and Charles Marinucci, Gianni Panozzo.

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

PLEASE PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE AT THE END OF EACH MONTH TO HAVE THE NAMES PUT ON THE SICK LIST.



The Rosary Statue will be at the home of
Les & Margaret Edwards—2nd March 2014
Jean & Margaret Cobden—9th March 2014

**ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
ENROLEMENTS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN
FOR 2015**

CELL GROUPS

If you would like to grow in your faith please feel free to join us

1st & 3rd Tuesdays 1:30pm at 1/23 Walter Street, Kingswood. Dianne—4731 3685.

2nd & 4th Wednesdays after morning Mass—9am to 10am Prayer & Bible Discussion Group in Parish Hall. Mavis—4736 4138: Teresa—4731 4222

2nd & 4th Thursday 7:00pm at 2/40 Single Street, South Penrith. Elaine—4736 8162.

PLAY GROUP: Mondays at 10:00am in the Parish Hall, We welcome all Mothers with small children. Please bring something to share for morning tea. Enquiries to Fr. Pawel.

S.K.Y. YOUTH GROUP meet every Wednesday from 3:00pm in the Parish Hall. All 12 to 17 years are most welcome. Please see flyer at back of Church.

PALMS: Please bring your old Palms in until Monday so we can burn them for Ash Wednesday.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK: All volunteers over 18 years of age including those in Ministry (Baptism, Sacraments, RCIA, Nursing Home, Ministers to the Sick etc.,) and all who serve at the Liturgy of the Mass (Acolytes, Senior Servers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers, Choir) are required to apply for a Working with Children check. This is a legal NSW Government and Diocese of Parramatta requirement. Any questions please speak to Fr. Andrew or Clare, who will assist you.

ADULT EDUCATION: 7:00pm Tuesday nights from 11th March

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7:00pm Fridays through Lent from 7th March.

SEWING HAS BEGUN—SATURDAYS AT 9:30AM

ST. DOMINIC'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Sunday 30th March. 10:00am—2:00pm. Year 7, 2015
Information Evening Wednesday 2nd April 7:30pm.

Bereavement support—Blacktown

For those grieving the death of their spouse or partner. Tuesdays fortnightly: 4th March—10th June 2014. An opportunity to further understand and come to terms with the many ways in which grief impacts on their lives - to ask questions, explore and learn more about the ways in which grief unfolds and how best to deal with challenges and difficulties of this long and painful journey. Ph: 9933 0205. soloparentministry@ccss.org.au For further information please see the noticeboard

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

Stepping Beyond is held on the last Tuesday of each month at CCSS Centre 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown, at 7:30pm—9:30pm. Cost: \$5.00. Registration:

soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 9933 0205. For more information please see noticeboard.

POSITIONS VACANT:

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is seeking applications for the role of **Executive Officer, Office of the Permanent Diaconate**. This is a part time role working 2 days per week. Position is based at the Polding Centre, Sydney. Further detail about this position is available at www.catholicjobsonline.com.au Applications to Anthony Spata by email at Anthony.spata@sydneycatholic.org by Sunday 9 March 2014.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL summary for the month of January 2014: Total Families assisted 39. Assistance with Electricity \$1850. Assistance with Water \$275. Phone Vouchers \$150. Food Vouchers through Woolworths \$1090. Food Hampers \$1320. Medical \$50.

God Bless to all who assist St. Vincent de Paul.

GRACE & SILENCE RETREAT DAY 8th MARCH for young women 17-30 who are discerning their vocation in life at Schoenstatt Shrine Mulgoa 9.30am-4.30pm Cost \$20 includes lunch. Sr Julie 0408738334, juliebrcar@gmail.com

Vatican City, 26 February 2014 (VIS) – During this Wednesday's General Audience, Pope Francis continued his catechesis on the Sacraments by speaking about the anointing of the sick, "which allows us to touch with our hands God's compassion for mankind". He explained that in the past it was referred to as "extreme unction" as it was intended as spiritual consolation when death was imminent. "Speaking of the anointing of the sick helps us to broaden our view of the experience of illness and suffering, in the horizon of God's mercy".

The parable of the Good Samaritan clearly expresses the mystery that is celebrated by this Sacrament. "The Samaritan consoles the man who suffers at the side of the road, tending to his wounds with oil and wine. The oil recalls that which is blessed by the Bishop every year, in the Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday, precisely for the anointing of the sick. The wine, instead, is a sign of Christ's love and grace, which flow from His gift of His life for us. The Pope explained that the sick person is finally entrusted to "the Church, the Christian community", to whom "every day the Lord Jesus entrusts those who are afflicted, in body and spirit, so that we may continue to lavish upon them, without measure, all His love and His salvation".

"This mandate is confirmed explicitly and precisely in the Epistle of St. James, in which he says, 'Is any among you sick? Let him call upon the elders of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord'", continued the Holy Father. "It is therefore a practice that was already in evidence at the time of the Apostles. Indeed, Jesus had taught his disciples to have His same predilection for the sick and the suffering, and transmitted to them the capacity and the task of continuing to give consolation and peace in His name ... through the special grace of this Sacrament. However, this must not lead us to search obsessively for miracles or allow us the presumption of always being able to be healed; it gives us the assurance of Jesus' closeness to the sick and the elderly – as all those above the age of 65 are able to receive this Sacrament – as it is Jesus Himself Who comes towards them".

"But when someone is sick and we say, 'Let's call the priest to come', it makes us think that it may bring bad luck, or perhaps the patient will be afraid", he continued, speaking off the cuff. "There is perhaps the idea that when one is sick and the priest arrives, he will be followed by the undertaker. But this is not true! The priest comes to help the sick or the elderly, which is why the visit is so important. It is necessary to call the priest to the home of the sick and to say: 'come, anoint him, bless him'. It is Jesus Himself Who arrives to console the sick, to give him strength, to give him hope, to help him; also to forgive his sins. And this is beautiful! And we must not think of this as a taboo, because it is always good to know that in moments of pain or sickness we are not alone; the priest and those who are present during the anointing of the sick represent, indeed, the entire Christian community who, as a single body, gathers around those who suffer and their relatives, encouraging their faith and hope, and supporting them with prayer and brotherly warmth. But the greatest comfort derives from the fact that it is the Lord Jesus Himself who is made present in the Sacrament; He takes us by the hand and reminds us that we now belong to Him and that nothing – not even sickness or death – can ever separate us from Him".

"Are we afraid of the habit of calling the priest to give this Sacrament to the sick – I don't mean in the case of influenza that lasts three or four days, but rather a serious illness – and to the elderly, so that they can find the strength from Jesus to go on?" asked the Pope, and concluded by urging those present: "Let's do this".