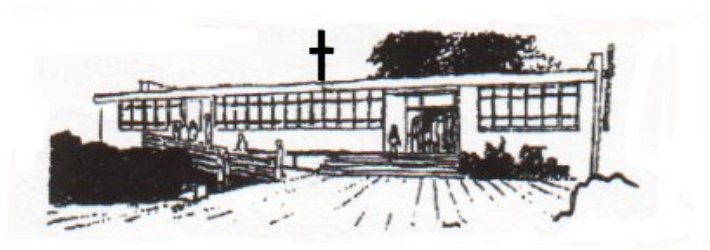


St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

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Please leave a detailed Message

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

18th May 2014 Year A



ANGELICO, Fra, Cortona Polyptych (central panel) c. 1437

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	FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER	For the Parish
8:30am Mass Only			Sandra McSpadden
Entrance Antiphon cf. Ps 97:1-2			
O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders;			
in the sight of the nations, he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.			
Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.			
Monday:	8:00am	Monday of the 5th week of Easter	No Mass Intention
Tuesday:	8:00am	Tuesday of the 5th week of Easter	No Mass Intention
Wednesday	8:00am	Wednesday of the 5th week of Easter	No Mass Intention
Thursday	8:00am	Thursday of the 5th week of Easter	No Mass Intention
Friday	8:00am	Friday of the 5th week of Easter	Elizabeth Colville
Saturday	8:30am	Saturday of the 5th week of Easter	No Mass Intention
	6:00pm		Sandra McSpadden

Readings: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pet 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

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:- Laurie Hodge

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

Sandra McSpadden, Elizabeth Colville

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: BANKED \$1014.00

DONATIONS TO RENOVATION PROJECT—LAST WEEK BOX & INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS.

TOTAL DONATIONS \$44,375.25

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.

PENTECOSTAL VIGIL SATURDAY 7th June after 6:00pm Mass:

To celebrate Pentecost there will be Adoration from 7pm to 9pm, followed by Liturgy of the Hours. Please join us.

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

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 Road, South Penrith. Elaine—4736 8162.

Pope Francis' universal prayer intention for May is: 'That the media may be instruments in the service of truth and peace'.

His intention for evangelization is 'That Mary, Star of Evangelization, may guide the Church in proclaiming Christ to all nations.

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, Gai Waltig, Selin Mizrak, Ann Batkin, Romanie & Roland Oliveux, Charles Marinucci, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Phyllis Hendrie, and Mavis Murphy.

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
Pat & Ken Fleming—18th May 2014
Zig Barglik—25th May 2014

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

PLEASE NOTE:- FIRST COMMUNION

Registration and 1st Session 18th May. Following Sessions are 25th May & 1st, 8th, & 15th June (Rehearsal). All sessions are after 10:00am Mass on Sundays.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE: Thank you to all who supported our Mother's Day Raffle. The lucky winners were: Sophie Warda, Bernie Schoemaker, Frances Gunn, Jean Kimble, Mr. Petson, L. Devine, S. Devine, J. Pappachan, Meg Castro, Josie Bentley, Dorothy O'Keefe and Mary Knox.

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.

ADULT EDUCATION: 7:00pm Tuesday night 20th May. Topic this week: *World Without End: The Last Things.*

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.

SOLO PARENT MINISTRY: Post-Separation Recovery Program. The Workshop Program. The seven workshops follow a step by step program which you work with at your own pace. Venue: Diocesan Assembly Centre. 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. Time 7:30pm—9:45pm including Supper break. Dates: Seven Wednesdays 14th May—25th June 2014. Fee: \$80.00. Bookings essential. Ph 02 9933 0205. Email: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND APPEAL will be held at all Masses this weekend. *Faith at Work* is the theme of the Diocesan Works Fund (DWF) Appeal being held in parishes and Catholic Schools during the month of May. This appeal gives us an opportunity to act together as a diocesan family to support ministries and serves that no single individual or parish can offer. For example, it supports catechists who teach the faith in state schools, seminarians who are preparing for the priesthood, young adults working in youth ministry, and the All Saints of Africa Centre in Blacktown for recent refugees and migrants. Visit the website to watch a video message from Bishop Anthony and to find out more about how you can make a difference:

CELEBRATING THE EARLY YEARS OF MARRIAGE: Celebrating 1st, 5th, 10th, 20th Wedding Anniversaries. All Couples who were married between 1994 and 2014 are invited to celebrate the early years of their marriage with their family during a special Diocesan Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta. Sunday 18th May 2014 at 11:00am. Very Rev. Peter Williams VG EV will be celebrating the Mass. Guests are invited to a light lunch at the Cathedral Parish hall following Mass. Please contact your parish Secretary on 4721 4080 to register your names by Monday 5th May 2014.

CATHOLICARE: Couples are warmly invited to this inaugural evening entitles...From "I do: to "We do": a unique approach to making couple decisions. Thursday 29th May 2014. Diocesan Assembly Centre, Cnr. Flushcombe Road and Marion Street, Blacktown. 7:30pm—9:00pm Please register attendance by emailing marriage@ccss.org.au or phone Karin at CatholicCare Parramatta on 9933 0222

THEOLOGY ON TAP: YOUNG ADULTS

18-35 yrs old. THE POPE, THE CHURCH & THE MODERN WORLD—A Public Conversation with Bishop Fisher OP & Prof. John Finnis. Tuesday 20th May at 6:30pm in UTC+10. The Commercial Hotel, 2 Hassel Street, Parramatta.

UNDERSTANDING THE PROCESS OF ANNULMENT OF A MARRIAGE WITHIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH SEMINAR: 7:30—9:30. Tuesday 20th May 2014. CCSS—2A Villiers St., Parramatta. Presents: Canon Lawyers from the Catholic Tribunal Office, Parramatta. Registration: Solo Parent Ministry Ph: 9933 0205 or soloparentministry@ccss.org.au

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS followed by prayer for healing and individual ministry, Sunday 18th May, 2:00pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Cnr. Mamre Road & Swanston Street, St. Marys. All welcome.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT AFTERNOON: 25th May. Young men who feel God might be calling them to the priesthood are invited to the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta's Vocation Discernment Afternoon. Starts 2:00pm and concludes with pizza at 6:00pm. Holy Spirit Seminary, 31-33 Allen Street, Harris Park. To find out more about priesthood in the Diocese of Parramatta contact Fr. Warren Edwards—Vocations Director Ph: 0409 172 700 or email: vocations@parra.catholic.org.au or visit: www.parra.catholic.org.au/vocations and www.parra.catholic.org.au/holyspiritseminary

Vatican City, 14 May 2014 (VIS) – The Holy Father, in the catechesis of this Wednesday's general audience, mentioned the first three gifts of the Holy Spirit considered during the previous weeks: wisdom, understanding and counsel, and went on to talk about the fourth gift, fortitude. To explain the importance of this gift, he offered the example of the parable of the sower. The seeds which fall on the road are eaten by birds, and those which fall among the stones dry out; only those that fall on good soil grow and bear fruit.

The sower is the Father, who sows the seeds of His Word. "The seeds often encounter the aridity of our heart and, even when accepted, risk remaining sterile. With the gift of fortitude, however, the Holy Spirit wakes the ground of our heart from its torpor, uncertainty and all the fears that may hold it back, so that the Word of the Lord may be put into practice, in an authentic and joyful manner". The Pope spoke about all those difficult moments and extreme situations in which the gift of fortitude manifests itself in an extraordinary way, and remarked that the Church is "resplendent with the witness of many brothers and sisters who have not hesitated to give their lives in order to remain faithful to the Lord and to His Gospel", and that nowadays there are still many Christians who offer witness to their faith in perilous circumstances. He added, "We all know people who have experienced difficult situations and great suffering. But, think of these men, these woman, who lead difficult lives, who struggle to maintain their families, to bring up their children: they do all of this because the spirit of fortitude helps them. ... These brothers and sisters of ours are saints, everyday saints, saints who are concealed among us; they have the gift of fortitude that allows them to carry out their duties as persons, as fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters and citizens. ... And it is good for us to think about these people: if they do all this, if they can do it, why can't I? It is good for us to ask the Lord for the gift of fortitude".

However, "it should not be thought that the gift of fortitude is necessary only on some occasions or in particular situations. This gift must constitute the base note of our Christian being, nurturing in us a sanctity lived in the ordinariness of our daily life". Pope Francis commented that the phrase of the apostle Paul, "I can do all things through him who strengthens me". Before concluding, the Pontiff added that "at times we are tempted by idleness or we are discouraged, especially when faced with the burdens and trials of life. In these cases, we must not lose heart, but must instead invoke the Holy Spirit, so that the gift of fortitude might lift our hearts and transmit new strength and enthusiasm to our life and to our following of Jesus".