

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

Assistant Priest

Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 02 4721 8945

Please leave a detailed Message

Third Sunday of Easter

19 April 2015, Year B



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1450-60

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

Baptism. Marriage Please contact the Parish Office

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Franziska Jackson – Principal

School Office Times

8:30 am - 4:00 pm - Monday to Friday

Address

94 Joseph Street
Kingswood, NSW 2747

Telephone: 4732 3999; Fax: 4731 1432

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

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Liturgy

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your face shine on us.

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 65:1-2. Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

No Mass Intention

SUNDAY 8:30am

John F. Walsh

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday: 8:00am St. Agnes of Montepulciano

Paul, Viviane & Family

Tuesday: 8:00am 3rd Week of Easter

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Wednesday 8:00am 3rd Week of Easter

No Mass Intention

Thursday 8:00am 3rd Week of Easter

Gabriel Ghougassian

Friday 8:00am Conversion of St. Augustine

No Mass Intention

Saturday 8:30am ANZAC DAY

No Mass Intention

ADORATION CHAPEL:

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY: John Walsh, Stuart Knox.

ROSARY AND BENEDICTION:

Saturday at 5.15pm

ROSARY STATUE:

Magda Isbitzki - 19th April 2015

Denis & Anne Woodward - 26th April 2015

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

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL:

Universal: That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

For Evangelization: That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, Alistair McArthur, Lawrence Devitt, Dianne Devitt, John McCahon, Allan Tuckwell, Kathryn Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Debbie O'Connor, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, Gisela Drobiszewski, Charles Timmins, Romanie & Roland Oliveux, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Mavis Murphy, Bus Maybaum, Valerie Davies, Jack and Stella Kane, Janet Boreham & George Colville.

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

Parish and Diocese

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: BANKED \$1309.00

DONATIONS AND FUND-RAISING:

PA SYSTEM PROJECT:

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS BANKED

TOTAL DONATIONS: \$7,011.75

SUNDAY MORNING CUPPA:

AFTER 10:00AM MASS:

SKY YOUTH GROUP:

Wednesday from 3:00 pm-5:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

FIRST COMMUNION:

Registration: 19 April 2015

First Communion: 7 June 2015, 10:00 am

CONFIRMATION:

Registration: 14 June 2015

Confirmation: 1 October 2015, 7:00 pm

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:

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

2nd & 4th Wednesdays after morning Mass – 9am to 10am in Parish Hall. Aloma 4731 8102, Teresa – 4731 4222

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

In these groups we: Pray, Study the Bible, have a Teaching, Reflect & Share our Faith. You are most welcome to join us at any of these groups.

We are currently updating our parish records at St. Joseph's and would appreciate if you could fill in your details (forms are at the back of the Church) and hand it over to the church/parish office

Very Warm Welcome to Fr. Piotr (Peter) Kruk OP who has joined our Polish Dominicans and Parish Community on Thursday evening.

CELEBRATING THE EARLY YEARS OF MARRIAGE:

All couples who were married between 1995 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 17th May 2015 at 11:00am.** Very Rev Peter Williams VG EV will be celebrating the Mass and guests are invited to lunch at the Cathedral Parish Hall following Mass. **Please contact your Parish Secretary on 4721 4080 to register your names by Monday 4th May 2015.**

CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES:

Please return your box as soon as possible. There is a basket at the back of the Church where you can leave them.

YOUNGER WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP:

CCSS Solo Parent Services Younger Widowed Support Group is held on the 3rd Tuesday of this month. The Support Group is for men and women widowed at a younger age with or without children. Next gathering: Tuesday 21st April. Venue: CCSS Centre, 52-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown. Time: 7pm – 9pm. Cost \$5.00. Registration: Eileen or Rita Ph: 9933 0205 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

POSITION VACANT: PARISH SECRETARY:

St. Monica's Parish at North Parramatta is seeking applications for the part-time position of Parish Secretary. This is a maternity leave cover position, 24 hours per week. Further information www.parra.catholic.org.au. Applications close on Tuesday 12th May.

Catholic Church in the World

PAPAL ADDRESSES

Vatican City, 15 April 2015 (VIS) – Pope Francis continued his catechesis on the family by dedicating this morning's general audience to the difference and complementarity between man and woman, recalling first of all that the Book of Genesis insists that both are the image and semblance of God. “Not only man as such, not only woman as such, but rather man and woman, as a couple, are the image of God. The difference between them is not a question of contrast or subordination, but instead of communion and generation, always in the image and semblance of God”.

“Experience teaches us that for the human being to know him- or herself well and to grow harmoniously, there is a need for reciprocity between man and woman”, said the Pope to the thirty thousand faithful present in St. Peter's Square. “When this does not happen, we see the consequences. We are made to listen to each other and to help each other. We can say that, without mutual enrichment in this relationship – in terms of thought and action, in personal relationships and in work, and also in faith – the two cannot even fully understand what it means to be a man and a woman”.

“Modern and contemporary culture has opened up new spaces, new freedoms and new depths for the enrichment and understanding of this difference. But it has also introduced many doubts and much scepticism. I wonder, for example, if so-called gender theory is not an expression of frustration and resignation, that aims to cancel out sexual difference as it is no longer able to face it. Yes, we run the risk of taking step backwards. Indeed, the removal of difference is the problem, not the solution. To solve their problems in relating to each other, men and women must instead speak more, listen more, know each other better, value each other more. They must treat each other with respect and cooperate in friendship. With these human bases, supported by God's grace, it is possible to plan a lifelong matrimonial and family union. The marriage and family bond is a serious matter for all, not only for believers. I would like to encourage intellectuals not to ignore this theme, as if it were secondary to our efforts to promote a freer and more just

society”.

“God has entrusted the earth to the alliance between man and woman; its failure makes our emotional life arid and obscures the heaven of hope. The signs are already worrying, and we can see them. I would like to indicate due points, among many, that I believe must concern us with greater urgency”.

“Undoubtedly we must do far more in favour of women, if we want to strengthen to the reciprocity between men and women. Indeed, it is necessary for a woman not only to be listened to, but also for her voice to carry real weight, recognised authority, in society and in the Church. The way in which Jesus Himself regarded women, in a context that was far less favourable than our own, casts a powerful light illuminating a road that takes us far, on which we have travelled only a short distance. It is a road we must travel with more creativity and boldness”.

He added, “a second point relates to the theme of man and woman created in God's image. I wonder if the crisis of collective trust in God, that is so harmful to us, that causes us to ail with resignation to incredulity and cynicism, is not also connected to the crisis in the alliance between man and woman. In effect, the biblical account, with the great symbolic fresco of earthly paradise and original sin, tells us precisely that communion with God is reflected in the communion of the human couple, and the loss of trust in the heavenly Father generates division and conflict between man and woman”.

“This leads to the great responsibility of the Church, of all believers, and above all of Christian families, to rediscover the beauty of the Creator's plan that inscribes the image of God also in the alliance between man and woman. The earth is filled with harmony and trust when the alliance between man and woman is lived well. And if men and women seek this together between them and with God, without doubt they will find it. Jesus explicitly encourages us to bear witness to this beauty, which is the image of God”, concluded the Pontiff.