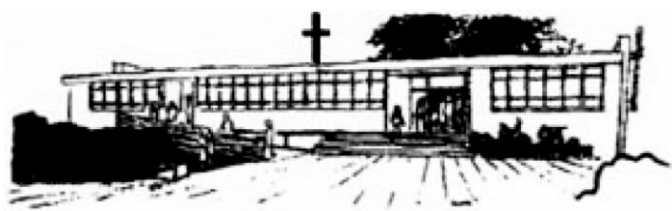


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

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Please leave a detailed Message

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

20 December 2015, Year C



MASTER of the Life of the Virgin, Visitation, 1463

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

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Franziska Jackson – Principal

School Office Times

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

Address

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LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Entrance Antiphon: Isa 45:8. Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		No Mass Intention
SUNDAY	8:30am		Ralph Mahoney
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday:	8:00am	Mass of 21 st December	Charlie & Victoria Vella
Tuesday:	8:00am	Mass of 22 nd December Anniversary of the Approval of the Order	No Mass Intention
Wednesday	8:00am	Mass of 23 rd December	No Mass Intention
Thursday	8:00am	Mass of 24 th December	No Mass Intention
	6:00pm	Vigil Mass	For the Parish
Friday	Midnight & 9:00am	Christmas Day	For the Parish
Saturday	8:30am	St. Stephen	Lily & Charlie Tonna

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: Ralph Mahoney

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

ROSARY AND BENEDICTION:

Saturday at 5.15pm

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 DECEMBER:

Universal: That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

Evangelization: That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK : Kevin Collins, Alistair McArthur, Dianne Devitt, John McCahon, Kathryn Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Debbie O'Connor, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, Gisela Drobiszewski, Charles Timmins, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Mavis Murphy, Bus Maybaum, Valerie Davies, Jack Kane, Janet Boreham, Anne Tucker, Raymond Waters, Francene Flannery, Jason Isbitski & Noeline Cruzado.

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.

PARISH AND DIOCESE

WEEKLY

SECOND COLLECTION: ENVELOPES \$1044.00
LOOSE: \$ 367.55

DONATIONS AND FUND-RAISING:

THIS WEEK DONATIONS: \$

SUNDAY MORNING CUPPA:

After 10:00am Mass.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM:

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 2 April 2016

Registration: 14th February 2016

First Communion: 29 May 2016.

Registration 3rd April 2016.

Confirmation: 22 November 2016.

Registration: 28th August 2016.

COLUMBAN CALENDAR \$9.00
AND CHRISTMAS CARD PACKS OF 10 \$6.00.
Available for purchase after all Masses

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:

Reconciliation Monday 21 December:

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Masses:

Christmas Eve: 8:00 am, 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

Christmas: 12:00 am (Principal Mass), 9:00 am,
11:00 am (Mass in Polish).

OFFICE HOURS DURING SUMMER:

During the month of January 2016 the Parish Office will be open on Fridays. 8:30am - 1:30pm. Normal office hours will resume from February 2016.

PRAYER GROUPS resume in February.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

Thank you to the Catholic Women's League for their donation of \$100 to our SKY Youth Group. Provisions will be purchased in February when they resume.

NEW YEARS MASSES:

Friday 1st January 8:00am & 6:00pm.

Evening Mass followed by our Parish Party. Please bring a plate to share.



YEAR OF MERCY

Pope Francis has called on the whole Church to celebrate an extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. The Jubilee commenced on 8th December 2015 and will close on the Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe 20 November 2016.



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ORDER OF PREACHERS

www.stjoseph800.org

GET TO KNOW YOUR DOMINICANS!

First from the series of meetings about the Dominican Order and Spirituality. 22 December 2015, 7:00 pm. Parish Hall.



RAFFLE TICKETS:

To help offset the cost of the Pilgrimage for young people going to WYD in Cracow Poland.

Booklet of 10 tickets \$20.00. Please feel free to take a book to sell to your friends.

Have a blessed Christmas and a grace filled New Year A.D. 2016!

Dominican Fathers

Following proclamation of the Privacy Act 1988 at the end of 2001, a privacy policy has been developed in accordance with Diocesan norms and has been approved by the Parish Priest. A copy is available from the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

PAPAL AUDIENCE

Vatican City, Dec 16, 2015 / 10:05 am (CNA/EWTN News).- The Church is the "living sign" of God's love and mercy in the world, Pope Francis said during his Wednesday general audience. He reflected on the universality of communion as demonstrated by the global scale of the Jubilee of Mercy.

"May this ecclesial communion become more and more intense, because the Church is in the world the living sign of the love and mercy of the Father," the Pope said in his Dec. 16 catechesis.

This "mystery of communion," which is a sign of the "Father's love" for the Church, "grows and matures in our heart when love, which we recognize in Christ's Cross and in which we immerse ourselves, causes us to love as we ourselves are loved by Him."

"It is an endless Love, which has the face of forgiveness and mercy."

The Jubilee of Mercy is an Extraordinary Holy Year that officially commenced Dec. 8 – the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – with the opening of the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica. It will close Nov. 20, 2016 with the Solemnity of Christ the King.

Although the Jubilee of Mercy officially began last week, Pope Francis opened the Holy Door in the Basilica of Saint John Lateran this past Sunday.

During his Wednesday catechesis, the Pope noted how every Holy Door – or "door of Mercy" has been opened in the cathedrals of every dioceses worldwide, as well as in individual churches and shrines by the respective bishops.

He reiterated his desire for the Holy Door to be available at the local level, "in order that the Jubilee of Mercy may become a shared experience for every person.

By extending the celebration of the Jubilee of Mercy to all dioceses – here the Pope cited especially his opening of the Holy Door in Bangui, Central African Republic during his visit

November – the Holy Year becomes a "visible sign of universal communion."

The start of the Jubilee coincided with the 50th anniversary of the close of the Vatican II council, which

– Pope Francis observed -- had drawn attention to the theme of communion within the Church.

"In effect, the Council contemplated and presented the Church in the light of the mystery of communion," the Pope said.

The pontiff said forgiveness and mercy are more than just nice words; they must be lived out in daily life.

"Loving and forgiving are concrete and visible signs that the faith has transformed our hearts," allowing us "to love and forgive as God loves and forgives."

During the Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis said, the Holy Door is a sign of faith in Jesus, who came who came to save, not to judge.

The pontiff warned against those who suggest that one must pay for salvation. "You do not buy salvation! The door is Jesus, and he is free! Salvation is free! It is a sign of true conversion in our hearts."

Those who walk through the open Holy Door should ask the Lord for help in keeping their hearts open, whereby they share the Lord's love with others, the Pope continued.

"Just as the Holy Door remains open, in order for it to be the sign of welcome which God Himself reserves for us, so too may our door always be wide open in order to exclude no one," including those we find annoying.

Pope Francis stressed the importance of the Sacrament of Confession as an important sign of the Jubilee of Mercy.

To receive the sacrament by which we are reconciled with God is to have direct experience of his mercy," the Pope said. "When we recognize our sins there is a celebration in Heaven!"

The pontiff reiterated that we cannot receive God's forgiveness if we ourselves are unable to forgive.

"Certainly, forgiveness is not easy," and cannot be accomplished on our strength alone. "If, however, we are open to welcoming God's mercy for us, we too will become capable of forgiveness."

"Therefore, have courage!" he said. "We live the Jubilee starting with these signs that involve the great strength of love."