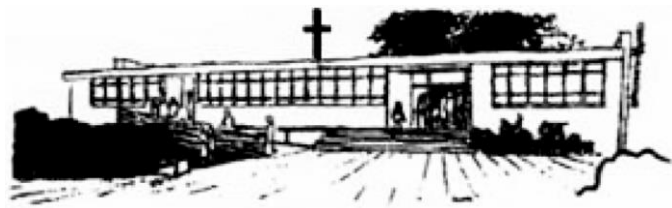


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

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Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

15th May 2022, Year C/2



PYNAS, Jacob Symonsz, Paul and Barnabas at Lystra, 1627-29

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 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

Ms. Jennifer Crowley - Principal

School Office Times

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

Address

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: 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.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise Your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading: Apocalypse 21:1-5

Gospel: John 13:31-35

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Piotr Zawadzki (Recently Deceased)

SUNDAY 8:30am

Mariam Arik (Deceased Anniversary)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 5th Week of Easter

Carole Woodbury (For her Health)

Tuesday 8:00am 5th Week of Easter

Piotr Zawadzki (Recently Deceased)

Wednesday 8.00am 5th Week of Easter

Carole Woodbury (For her Health)

Thursday 8.00am 5th Week of Easter

Piotr Zawadzki (Recently Deceased)

Friday 8.00am 5th Week of Easter

Rudi Isbitzki (Recently Deceased)

Saturday 8.30am 5th Week of Easter

Piotr Zawadzki (Recently Deceased)

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Piotr Zawadzki, Rudi Isbitzki

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Mariam Arik

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2022

First Communion: Sunday 19th June

All sessions follow the 10.00am Mass (at 11.30am)

Confirmation: Sunday 6th November

Registration & 1st Session: 31st July

POPE FRANCIS' MAY INTENTIONS

Faith-filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joy Cavanagh, Kevin Collins, Margaret Colville, Katalin Domotor, Marie Donaldson, Frances Gunn, Nora Hehir, Andrew Isbitski, Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Shayla, Graham Skinner, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Margaretha Sultana, Barbara Thompson, Charley Tonna, Kelly Tonna, David Wakeling, Mary Woodward.

SICK LIST: If you have anyone for the sick list, (Due to privacy laws) contact the Parish Office to fill in a form and update it at the end of each month to keep the names on the sick list.

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$567**
 Loose: \$354.45
 Tap & Go: \$330
 Smart Facility Donations: \$85
 Donations: \$50

TAP AND GO DONATION FACILITY

At the "Tap and Go" device at the back of the Church, tap once to donate \$10; tap twice to donate \$20 etc. up to \$150. All contributions go to the 2nd Collection.

NEW SMART DONATION FACILITY

We have a new smart donation device in the Parish, where you can make any specific donation listed on the app or any other amount using your credit/debit card. All donations go to the 2nd Collection.

PARISH DONATIONS

For online donations using your credit/debit card please visit the payment link on our parish website <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/StJosephsCatholicChurchKingswood>
Electronic bank deposit (EFT) details below:

2nd Collection and Parish Donations

BSB: 067 950
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 00000396
ACCOUNT NAME: KINGSWOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH
REFERENCE: (Initial & surname/Envelope number)

1st Collection (To Support the Priests of the Diocese)

BSB: 067 950
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 00004265
ACCOUNT NAME: PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN CLERGY
REFERENCE: 6019 St Joseph's (Your name)

BIBLE STUDY

There will be no Bible Study this Wednesday 18th May, due to our Priests having another commitment. It will resume the following week, 25th May at 9.15am.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month from 1.30 to 3.30pm.
Ring Delfin on 0478 784 885 for details.

WESTERN DEANERY YOUNG ADULTS

Our Young Adult Western Deanery Launch is from 7pm to 9pm on 27th May at St Joseph's Parish Hall, 12 Richmond Road, Kingswood. All young adults over 18 are most welcome. See the QR code on the flyers on the Church doors.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR PEACE

Forgive us for war, O Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners! Lord Jesus, born in the shadows of bombs falling on Kyiv, have mercy on us! Lord Jesus, who died in a mother's arms in a bunker in Kharkiv, have mercy on us! Lord Jesus, a 20-year-old sent to the frontlines, have mercy on us! Lord Jesus, who still behold armed hands in the shadow of your Cross, have mercy on us!

Forgive us, O Lord. Forgive us, if we are not satisfied with the nails with which we crucified Your hands, as we continue to slake our thirst with the blood of those mauled by weapons.

Forgive us, if these hands which You created to tend have been transformed into instruments of death.

Forgive us, O Lord, if we continue to kill our brother; Forgive us, if we continue like Cain to pick up the stones of our fields to kill Abel. Forgive us, if we continue to justify our cruelty with our labours, if we legitimize the brutality of our actions with our pain.

Forgive us for war, O Lord. Forgive us for war, O Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we implore You! Hold fast the hand of Cain! Illumine our consciences; May our will not be done; Abandon us not to our own actions! Stop us, O Lord, stop us!

And when you have held back the hand of Cain, care also for him. He is our brother. O Lord, put a halt to the violence! Stop us, O Lord! Amen.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

All Parish Volunteers are required to do the three Safeguarding Training Modules either online or face-to-face. Three Tuesdays from 14th to 28th June at 7pm in 2022 are booked for face-to-face training here at St Joseph's Parish. See flyer at the back of the church. If you prefer to do three Modules in the day:
St Clair – Saturday 18th June 10am to 3pm

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM TODAY

A free parish talk on 'Religious Freedom Today' by Parousia Media will be held on Thursday 19 May, 7:30pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Hall, 27 Swanson Street, St Marys NSW. See flyer for details.

NEW CHURCH SURVEY RESULTS

This weekend we have a presentation of the findings of the survey run by the Parish Council about the possibility of building a new church in our parish. Summaries are available at the back of the church. Parish Council members are available to talk after all the Masses.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE**Catechesis on Old Age - Judith**

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today we will talk about Judith, a biblical heroine. The conclusion of the book that bears her name summarizes the final part of the life of this woman, who defended Israel from its enemies. Judith is a young and virtuous Jewish widow who, thanks to her faith, beauty and cunning, saved the city of Bethulia and the people of Judah from the siege of Holofernes, general of Nebuchadnezzar king of Assyria, an overbearing and contemptuous enemy of God. And so, with her astute way of acting, she was able to behead the dictator who came against the country. She was brave, this woman, but she had faith.

After her great adventure, Judith returned to live in her town, Bethulia, where she lived until she was one hundred and five. Heroism does not consist only of the great events that fall under the spotlight, such as that of Judith, who killed the dictator; it is often found in the tenacity of love poured out in a difficult family and on behalf of a threatened community.

Judith lived more than a hundred years, a particular blessing. But it is not uncommon today to live many years after retirement. How do we make the most of this time we have? I will retire today, and will have many years ahead of me, and what can I do, in these years? How can I grow in authority, in holiness, in wisdom?

The prospect of retirement coincides for many people with that of a deserved and long-awaited rest from demanding and wearisome activities. But it also happens that the end of work can be a source for worry, and is accompanied with some trepidation. "What will I do, now that my life will be emptied of what filled it for so long?": this is the question. Daily work also means a set of relationships, the satisfaction of earning a living, the experience of having a role, recognition and a full-time job that goes beyond working hours alone.

Certainly, there is the task, joyful and tiring, of looking after grandchildren, and today grandparents have a very important role in the family in helping to raise grandchildren; but we know that fewer children are born nowadays, and parents are often farther away, more subject to displacement, with unfavourable work and housing conditions. At times they are also more reluctant to leave space to grandparents for education, granting only what is strictly linked to the need for assistance. There are new demands, also within the area of educational and family relations, that require us to reshape the traditional connection between the generations.

But, let us ask ourselves: are we making this effort to "reshape"? Or do we simply suffer the inertia of material

and economic conditions? The co-presence of generations is lengthening. Are we all trying together to make these conditions more human, more loving, more just, according to the new conditions of modern societies? For grandparents, an important part of their vocation is to support their sons and daughters in the upbringing of their children. The little ones learn the power of tenderness and respect for frailty: irreplaceable lessons that, are easier to impart and receive with grandparents. Grandparents learn that tenderness and frailty are not solely signs of decline: for young people, they are conditions that humanize the future.

Judith was soon widowed and had no children, but, as an old woman, she was able to live *a season of fullness and serenity*, in the knowledge that she had lived to the fullest the mission the Lord had entrusted to her. It was time for her to leave the good legacy of wisdom, tenderness, and gifts for her family and community: *a legacy of goodness and not only of goods*. When we think of a legacy, at times we think of *goods*, and not of the *goodness* that is done in old age, and that has been sown, that *goodness* that is the best legacy we can leave.

It was in her old age that Judith "granted freedom to her favourite handmaid." This is a sign of an attentive and humane approach to those who had been close to her. This maid had accompanied her at the moment of that adventure, to win over the dictator and to cut his throat. When we are old, we lose some of our sight, but our inner gaze becomes more penetrating – one sees with the heart. We become capable of seeing things that previously escaped us. The elderly know how to look, and they know how to see. The Lord does not entrust his talents only to the young and the strong. He has talents for everyone, made to fit each person. The life of our communities must know how to benefit from the talents and charisms of so many elderly people who are already retired, but who are a wealth to be treasured. The previous skills of active life lose their constraint and become resources to be given away: teaching, advising, building, caring, listening.

Judith freed her maid and showered everyone with attention. As a young woman, she had won the esteem of the community with her courage. As an old woman, she garnered esteem because of the tenderness with which she enriched their freedom and affections. Judith is a passionate mature woman who fills the time God gives her with gifts. Take the Bible and look at the Book of Judith: it is very short, it is ten pages long. Read this story of a courageous woman who ends up this way, with tenderness, generosity, a worthy woman. And this is how I would like all our grandmothers to be: courageous, wise, and who bequeath to us not money, but the legacy of wisdom, sown in their grandchildren. Thank you.