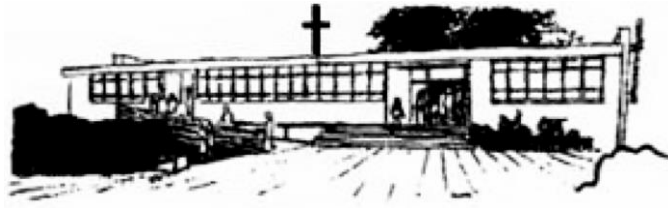


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

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Assistant Priest

Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148 (Calls Only)

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

22nd September 2024, Year B/2



ANGELICO, Fra, St Cosmas & St Damian, Crucified & Stoned, 1438-40

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

During Morning Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
(Please let the Priest know.)

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ms. Jennifer Crowley - Principal

School Office Times

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

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to Me in any distress.
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord upholds my life.

Second Reading: James 3:16 – 4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		† Rosie Grima
SUNDAY	8:30am		† Eduardo Devela
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	St Pius of Pietrelcina	Living & Dec. Mems. of McIlvenna, Colreavy, McCaffrey, Dobranski & Lahood Families
Tuesday	8:00am	25 th Week Ordinary Time	† Bishop Edward Kelly
Wednesday	8.00am	25 th Week Ordinary Time	† Bishop Geoffrey Robinson
Thursday	8.00am	St Cosmas & St Damian	† Kazimiera Ostrowski
Friday	8.00am	St Vincent de Paul	†† Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	8.30am	St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions	† Eduardo Devela

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

For an hour before the 8am Masses during the week and before the 8.30am Masses at the weekend. Confessions are also available during Adoration. Please speak to the Priest.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2024

Confirmation: Sunday 3rd November

Sessions: After 10am Mass, at 11.30am.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Charley Tonna, Rosie Grima, Eduardo Devela, Hiroaki Matsuzawa, Anafo Abangya.

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Deceased Members of the McIlvenna, Colreavy, McCaffrey, Dobranski & Lahood Families, Bishop Edward Kelly, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Kazimiera Ostrowski, Souls in Purgatory.

ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

During the month of October there will be Rosary, Litany of Our Lady and Benediction after all the weekday Masses.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Sr Louisa, Carolina Q. Alvarez, Jonathon Ansell, Tania Blazek, Tony Bogdanovic, Margaret Colville, Frances Gunn, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Nympha Miller, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Benjamin Santiago, Shayla, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Cynthia Sulvita, Maureen van Hoogenest, David Wakeling, Mary Woodward.

SICK LIST: Due to privacy laws, if you have anyone for the sick list, please 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

POPE FRANCIS' SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS

For the Cry of the Earth

Let us pray that each of us listens with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$1642**
 Loose: \$699.90
 Tap & Go: \$160
 Smart Facility: \$440
 Carpet Donations: \$Nil

TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

Donations from the Tap & Go & two Smart terminals at the door, go towards the 2nd Collection. Donations from the Smart terminal near the creche go towards Special Project Donations.

SPECIAL PROJECT DONATIONS

St Joseph's Statue – We collected a total of \$8834.

Carpet for Church – The total cost is \$27,500 (incl. GST). Donations can be made in cash (donation box), smart terminal (near creche) or online on the parish website (Bpoint: Parish Project Donations). Thank you very much for your ongoing support and generosity.

BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday at 9.15am in the Parish Hall.

WESTERN DEANERY YOUNG ADULTS

PUB NIGHT

We will meet outside the Red Cow Hotel, Penrith at 7pm on Friday 27th September. Young people from 18 to 35 years old are welcome to join us and bring a friend.

PARISH LUNCH

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 9th October at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

If you are new to the Parish, have not registered or want to update your information, please use the QR Code.



OUR LADY'S STATUE

If anyone is interested in being on a roster to have Our Lady's Statue in their home for a week at a time, please ring the Parish Office. As you will remember, we had to discontinue during COVID.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

We have received three nominations to fill our positions on the Parish Council, so we have no need for elections. Maria Woodbury has been re-elected, while Peter Sofatzis and Harry Sorensen are our new members. Thank you to our retiring members, Camille Wiggins and Andrew Zahra for your loyalty and commitment to our Parish.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Calendars are on sale after weekend Masses at \$10 each. They make a lovely Christmas gift.

INSTAGRACE TEENS RETREAT

28th September to 1st October at Grose Vale. Led by Fr. Bony Abraham & Mr. Cyril Abraham. See the flyer at the back of the Church for more information.

PREGNANCY & INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE

Monday 15th October at 10am ICET, Level 3 Building C, Nepean Hospital. A ceremony for parents, family and friends who have been touched by the loss of a baby.

WOLLEMI 25TH ANNIVERSARY SPRING FAIR

Sunday 20th October from 11am to 3pm at Wolleml College, 4 Gipps Street, Werrington. See flyer on the noticeboard for more information.

PASTORAL PLAN 2024-2028

For more information: parracatholic.org/synodality.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding Mandatory Training.

Under the Children's Guardian Act 2019 and the NSW Child Safe Standards all volunteers in Parish Ministry are Mandatory Reporters and are required to have completed their Safeguarding Training.

Modules 1-3 – Saturday 28th September from 10am to 3pm at Our Lady of the Rosary, St Marys.

These Modules are for new Volunteers who have not completed any safeguarding Training.

Modules 4/5 – Renewal for those who completed Modules 1-3 two years ago.

For the direct link to training dates and to register:

<https://parracatholic.org/connect/?series=safeguarding-training>

To complete the modules online go to

<https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

For any questions, please email Maria Kervin, at

maria.kervin@parracatholic.org

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS GENERAL AUDIENCE**Wednesday 18th September 2024****Catechesis. The Apostolic Journey to Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste and Singapore**

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today I will talk about the Apostolic Journey I made in Asia and Oceania: it is called an Apostolic Journey because it is not a tourist trip, it is a journey to bring the Word of the Lord, to make the Lord known, and also to get to know the souls of the peoples. This is very good.

Paul VI, in 1970, was the first Pope to fly towards the rising sun, with long visits to the Philippines and Australia, but pausing also in various Asian countries and in the Samoan Islands. And that was a memorable journey, wasn't it? Because the first to leave the Vatican was Saint John XXIII, who went to Assisi by train; then, Saint Paul VI did that: a memorable journey! In this one too I tried to follow his example but, being a few years older than he was, I limited myself to four countries: Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste and Singapore. I thank the Lord who allowed me to do as an elderly Pope what I would have liked to do as a young Jesuit, because I wanted to go there as a missionary!

A first reflection that comes naturally after this journey is that in thinking of the Church, we are still too Eurocentric, or as they say, "western". But in reality, the Church is much bigger, than Rome and Europe and much more alive, in those countries. I experienced this in an exciting way by meeting those communities, listening to the testimonies of priests, religious sisters, laypeople, and especially catechists, who drive evangelization. Churches that do not proselytize, but grow "by attraction", as Benedict XVI wisely said.

In *Indonesia*, about ten per cent of people are Christians, and three per cent Catholics. But what I encountered was a lively, dynamic Church, capable of living and transmitting the Gospel in a country which has a very noble culture, inclined to harmonize diversity, and at the same time has the largest Muslim presence in the world. Compassion is the path that Christians can and must walk to bear witness to Christ the Saviour, and at the same time to encounter the great religious and cultural traditions. If a Christian does not have compassion, he is of no use. "Faith, fraternity, compassion" was the motto of the visit to Indonesia: on the basis of these words, the Gospel enters every day into the life of the people in a concrete way, welcoming it and giving it the grace of Jesus who died and rose again. There, I saw that fraternity is the future, it is the answer to anti-civilization, to the diabolical plots of hatred and war – also sectarianism. There is brotherhood, fraternity.

I rediscovered the beauty of an outbound missionary Church in Papua New Guinea. There, the diverse ethnic

groups speak over eight hundred languages – an ideal environment for the Holy Spirit, who loves to make the message of love resonate in the symphony of languages. What the Holy Spirit makes is not uniformity, it is symphony, harmony. There, in a particular way, the protagonists have been and still are the missionaries and catechists. I rejoiced to be able to stay a while with the missionaries and catechists of today; and I was moved to listen to the young people's songs and music: in them, I saw a new future, without tribal violence, without dependency, without ideological and economic colonialism; care for the wondrous natural environment. Papua New Guinea can be a "laboratory" for this model of integral development, inspired by the "leaven" of the Gospel. The missionaries of Vaimo are between the forest and the sea. They enter the forest in search of the most hidden tribes, there... that is a beautiful memory.

The power of the Christian message of human and social promotion is particularly evident in the history of Timor-Leste. There, the Church has shared the independence process with the entire population, always guiding it towards peace and reconciliation. It is faith that becomes culture and at the same time enlightens it, purifies it, elevates it. This is why I relaunched the fruitful relationship between faith and culture, to which Saint John Paul II had pointed in his visit. Faith must be enculturated, and cultures must be evangelized. I was struck by the beauty of the people who have endured much but are joyful, a people wise in suffering. A population that not only bears a lot of, but also teaches them how to smile. I will never forget the smile of the children. Faith teaches them to smile, and this is a guarantee for the future. In Timor-Leste I saw the youthfulness of the Church: families, children, young people, many seminarians and aspirants to consecrated life. I would like to say that I breathed the "air of springtime" there!

The last stop on this journey was *Singapore*. A country very different to the other three: a city-State, ultra-modern, an economic and financial hub for Asia and beyond. There, Christians are a minority, but they nonetheless form a lively Church, engaged in fostering harmony and fraternity between the various ethnicities, cultures and religions. Even in wealthy Singapore there are the "little ones", who follow the Gospel and become salt and light, witnesses to a hope greater than what economic gains can guarantee.

I would like to thank all who listened to me with such warmth and love, and to thank all who helped with this visit, so that it could be conducted in an orderly manner, without problems. I thank all those who also collaborated in this, and I give thanks to God for the gift of this journey! May God bless the peoples I encountered and guide them on the way to peace and fraternity!