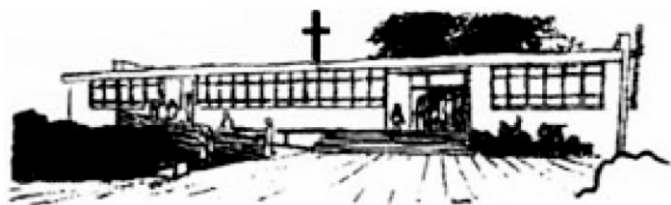


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

Assistant Priest

Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148 (Calls Only)

COMMEMORATION OF ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED

2nd November 2025, Year C/1



ANGELICO, Fra, Predella of the San Domenico Altarpiece Fiesole (detail)

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

Mrs. Rochelle Borg – Principal

School Office Times

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

Address

94 Joseph Street
Kingswood, NSW 2747

Telephone: 4726 4200

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading: Romans 5:5-11

Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

†† All Souls

SUNDAY 8:30am

†† All Souls

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am **ST MARTIN DE PORRES**

†† All Souls

Tuesday 8:00am **St Charles Borromeo**

†† All Souls

Wednesday 8:00am **31st Week in Ordinary Time**

†† All Souls

Thursday 8:00am **31st Week in Ordinary Time**

†† All Souls

Friday 8:00am **ALL SAINTS OF THE ORDER OF PREACHERS** †† All Souls

Saturday 8:30am **Anniversary of Deceased Brothers and Sisters** †† All Souls

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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 2025

Confirmation: This Thursday at 7pm

Please keep our children and their families in your prayers.

NOVEMBER MASSES

One Mass each day in November will be offered for our Deceased. When you fill out your November Mass Envelope place it in the basket at the back of the Church and fill in the Remembrance Book with the names of your friends and relatives. Names of deceased can be added through November and will be included in the Mass of the following day until the end of November.

POPE'S NOVEMBER INTENTIONS

For the Prevention of Suicide

Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Sr Louisa, Carolina Q. Alvarez, Jonathon Ansell, Tony Bogdanovic, Margaret Colville, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, Tony Jacobs, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, Lidya Wah, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Nympha Miller, Karen Morvan, Michael Muema, Gary O'Brien, Shayla, Garry Smith, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Margaret Taylor, 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

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$1060**
 Loose: \$455
 Smart Facility: \$935
 Project Donations: \$435

SMART DONATION FACILITIES

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

BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday at 9.15am in the Parish Hall. All are most welcome.

PARISH LUNCH

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 12th November at St. Mary's Band Club. All are welcome. If you need a lift, please ring the Parish Office by Tuesday 11th.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

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



CLEANING THE LORD'S HOUSE

We urgently need people to help arrange flowers and clean the Church on a Friday or Saturday morning in 2026. Please ring the Parish Office or speak to Clare if you can help.

PARKING NOTICE

We ask that people attending 8.30am Mass would exit via Joseph Street allowing 10am Mass goers access to the Main Gate on Richmond Road.

Please leave parking near the Church for the disabled.

VINNIES SUPPORT CENTRES

St Vincent de Paul Support Centre is available to arrange food vouchers or other items. Call 8861 9770 if you need assistance. To find out more visit <http://vinnies.org.au/covidsupportnsw>

BISHOP VINCENT'S VATICAN II LECTURE

Gaudium ET Spes: 60 Years On

Wednesday 12th November from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Parramatta Cathedral Hall. Featuring Bishop Vincent and members of the Augustinian community within the Diocese of Parramatta. See flyer at back of the Church to register.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) – the Pontifical Foundation supporting suffering and persecuted Christians, will be giving a presentation at all Masses next weekend 8th/9th November to commemorate Red November.

You are also warmly invited to join ACN for a special morning tea and presentation after the 10am Mass next Sunday in the Parish Hall, where you'll discover how persecution affects the lives of Christians around the world and learn how we can support our brothers and sisters in the midst of great suffering. To find out more about Red November, visit www.rednovember.org.

WATER & SPIRIT

A four week course presented by Simon Carrington of Fire Up Ministries, at Don Bosco Centre, 10 Mamre Road, St Marys on Mondays from 3rd to 24th November. It explains how Baptism forgives, sanctifies and prepares you for Heaven. See flyer on noticeboard to register.

NEPEAN HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY SERVICE

Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm call 4734 3150 and leave name, ward and bed number and the priest will visit the patient.

Between 5pm and 9am Monday to Friday and on Weekends there is a Priest on call for end-of-life anointing of the sick. To get a Priest in an emergency you can phone the switchboard and make the request on 4734 2000.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding Mandatory Training.

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

Modules 1-3 – For all Volunteers.

Modules 4/5 – For those who completed Modules 1-3 two years previously.

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 LEO XIV GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday 29th October 2025**Catechesis on the Occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the Conciliar Declaration *Nostra Aetate***

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning and welcome to you all.

At the centre of today's reflection, in this General Audience, I would like to place the Lord Jesus' words to the Samaritan woman: "God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth" (*Jn* 4:24). In the Gospel, this encounter reveals the essence of authentic religious dialogue: an exchange that is established when people open up to one another with sincerity, attentive listening and mutual enrichment. It is a dialogue that arose from thirst: God's thirst for the human heart, and the human thirst for God. At the well of Sychar, Jesus overcomes the barriers of culture, gender and religion. He invites the Samaritan woman to a new understanding of worship, which is not limited to a particular place but is realized *in Spirit and truth*. This moment captures the very core of interreligious dialogue itself: the discovery of God's presence beyond all boundaries and the invitation to seek him together with reverence and humility.

Sixty years ago, on 28 October 1965, Vatican Council II, with the promulgation of the Declaration *Nostra Aetate*, opened up a new horizon of encounter, respect and spiritual hospitality. This Document teaches us to meet the followers of other religions not as outsiders, but as travelling companions on the path of truth; to honour differences affirming our common humanity; and to discern, in every sincere religious search, a reflection of the one divine Mystery that embraces all creation.

It should not be forgotten that the first focus of *Nostra Aetate* was towards the Jewish world, which Saint John XXIII intended to re-establish the original relationship. For the first time in the history of the Church, a doctrinal treatise on the Jewish roots of Christianity was to take shape, which on a biblical and theological level would represent a point of no return. A "bond ... spiritually ties the people of the New Covenant to Abraham's stock. Thus the Church of Christ acknowledges that, according to God's saving design, the beginnings of her faith and her election are found already among the Patriarchs, Moses and the prophets" (*Nostra Aetate*, 4). In this way, the Church, "mindful of the patrimony she shares with the Jews and moved not by political reasons but by the Gospel's spiritual love, decries hatred, persecutions, displays of anti-Semitism, directed against Jews at any time and by anyone" (*ibid.*). Since then, all my predecessors have condemned anti-Semitism with clear words. And I too confirm that the Church does not

tolerate anti-Semitism and fights against it, on the basis of the Gospel itself.

Today we can look with gratitude at everything that has been achieved in Jewish-Catholic dialogue during these six decades. This is due not only to human effort, but to the assistance of our God who, according to Christian conviction, is dialogue itself. We cannot deny that there have been misunderstandings, difficulties and conflicts in this period, but these have never prevented the dialogue from continuing. We must not allow political circumstances and the injustices of some to divert us from friendship.

The spirit of *Nostra Aetate* continues to illuminate the path of the Church. She recognizes that all religions can reflect "a ray of that Truth which enlightens all men" (*NA*, 2) and seek answers to the great mysteries of human existence, so that dialogue must never be solely intellectual, but profoundly spiritual. This is necessary today in practically every city where, due to human mobility, our spiritual and cultural differences are called to encounter one another and to live together fraternally. *Nostra Aetate* reminds us that true dialogue is rooted in love, the only foundation of peace, justice and reconciliation, whereas it firmly rejects every form of discrimination or persecution, affirming the equal dignity of every human being (cf. *NA*, 5).

Our respective traditions teach truth, compassion, reconciliation, justice and peace. We must reaffirm service to humanity, at all times. Together, we must be vigilant against the abuse of the name of God, of religion, and of dialogue itself, as well as against the dangers posed by religious fundamentalism and extremism. We must also face the responsible development of artificial intelligence because, if conceived as an alternative to humans, it can gravely violate their infinite dignity and neutralize their fundamental responsibilities.

As we all know, our religions teach that peace begins in the human heart. In this regard, religion can play a fundamental role. We must restore hope to our personal lives, our families, our neighbourhoods, our schools, our villages, our countries and our world. This hope is based on our religious convictions, on the conviction that a new world is possible.

Sixty years ago, *Nostra Aetate* brought hope to the world after the Second World War. Today we are called upon to rekindle that hope in our world, devastated by war and our degraded natural environment. Let us collaborate, because if we are united, everything is possible. Let us ensure that nothing divides us. Let us transmit a spirit of friendship and collaboration to the future generation too, because it is the true pillar on which dialogue rests. And now, let us pause a moment in silent prayer: prayer has the power to transform our attitudes, our thoughts, our words and our actions.