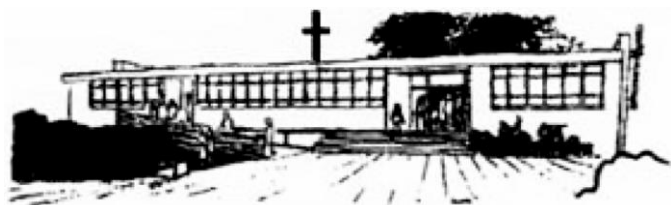


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Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

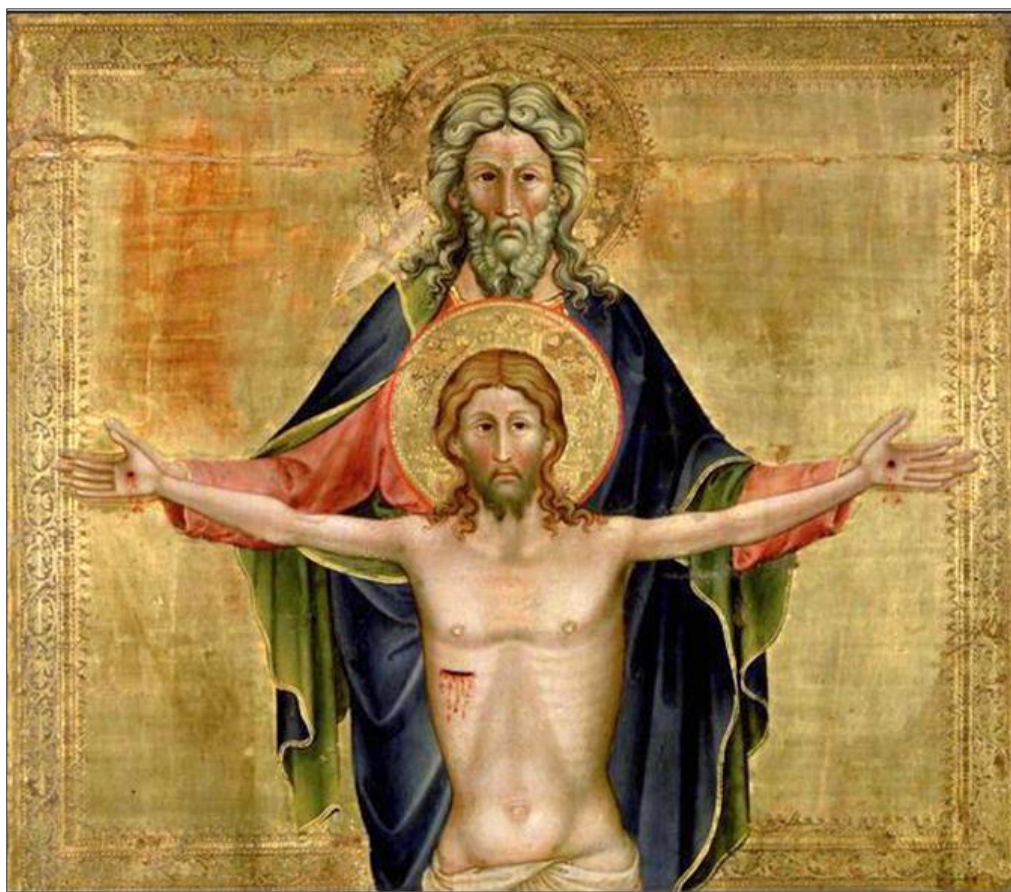
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Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148 (Calls Only)

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

15th June 2025, Year C/1



SEMITECOLO, Niccolo, The Holy Trinity, 1370

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

www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au

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

Address: 12 Richmond Road, PO Box 39, Kingswood, NSW 2747 Telephone: 02 4721 4080

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

First Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31

Responsorial Psalm: O Lord our God, how wonderful Your name in all the earth!

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-15

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Josephine (For Healing of Memory & Diabetes)

SUNDAY 8:30am

† Elaine D'Arcy

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 11th Week in Ordinary Time

Paschal Arikian

Tuesday 8:00am 11th Week in Ordinary Time

Neighbours (For Conversion)

Wednesday 8:00am 11th Week in Ordinary Time

Catherine (Healing from Dementia)

Thursday 8:00am 11th Week in Ordinary Time

Bensen Payyappilly (Birthday Bles.)

Friday 8:00am 11th Week in Ordinary Time

Paschal Arikian

Saturday 8:30am St Aloysius Gonzaga

† Remedios Jocson

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.

POPE'S JUNE INTENTIONS

That the World Might Grow in Compassion

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from His heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Remedios Jocson, John Potts, Vanessa Toomey, Angela Barca

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Elaine D'Arcy

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2025

First Communion:

Next Sunday 22nd June at 10am Mass.

Please pray for our children and their families.

Confirmation: Thursday 6th November

Registration & 1st Session: Sunday 20th July

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Sr Louisa, Carolina Q. Alvarez, Jonathon Ansell, Tony Bogdanovic, Margaret Colville, Frances Gunn, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, Tony Jacobs, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Nympha Miller, Karen Morvan, Shayla, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, 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: \$500**
 Loose: \$411
 Smart Facility: \$730
A/Cs & Carpet Donations: \$12,590

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.

Our Special Projects Donations are now going towards the Air Conditioning and Carpet Projects for the Church. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.

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 9th July at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome. If you need a lift please ring the Parish Office by Tuesday 8th July.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

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



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Please collect your envelopes from the back of the Church.

SRE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you can spare an hour each week during school terms and would like to find out more about becoming a scripture teacher or helper, you can call the parish office on 4721 4080. Training is provided.

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI ADORATION

40 hours of Adoration at St Padre Pio Parish, Glenmore Park from Friday 20th June at 7pm to the feast of Corpus Christ on Sunday 22nd June concluding with 10am Mass and Procession. Ring St Padre Pio Parish to sign up.

CAMPION COLLEGE WINTER PROGRAM

From 8th to 11th July, for Year 11 & 12 students. Go to campion.edu.au/contact/ for information & see flyer at the back of the Church.

WOMEN'S RECOLLECTION

Women's Recollection is this Thursday 19th June. Morning Session is held at St Joseph's Parish, Kingswood from 9am. Evening Session is at Montgrove College, Orchard Hills from 7pm.

LIFTED RETREAT

A spiritually enriching weekend hosted by Catholic Youth Parramatta, designed to connect, support and nourish the young people of the Parramatta Diocese. This retreat is open to Year 10–12 students (ages 16–17) and will be held on 8 July (10am–3pm) at Don Bosco Youth & Recreation Centre, 10 Mamre Rd, St Marys. Register: parracatholic.org/events/cyp-lifted-retreat-8-july/

IGNITE CONFERENCE 2025

In Sydney from 10th to 13th July. See Poster at the back of the Church for more information.

TRI-DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE EVENING

You are invited to an engaging panel conversation with Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Sr Susan Connelly and Fr Patrick McNerney about the Social Justice Statement 2024-25 "Truth & Peace – A Gospel Word in a Violent World", paired with a delicious meal and good company. This free event is co-hosted by the Dioceses of Parramatta and Broken Bay and the Archdiocese of Sydney and will be held on 25 June (6:00pm – 9:00pm) at St Monica's Parish Hall, 8 Daking St, North Parramatta. Please register by 18 June at parracatholic.org/tri-diocesan

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 – 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

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE LEO XIV GENERAL AUDIENCE

11th June 2025

Cycle of Catechesis – Jubilee 2025. *Jesus Christ our Hope. The parables. 9. Bartimaeus. "Take courage; get up, he is calling you."*

Dear brothers and sisters,

With this catechesis I would like to bring our attention to another essential aspect of the life of Jesus, namely his *healings*. For this reason, I invite you to bring before the Heart of Christ your most painful and fragile parts, those places in your life where you feel stuck and blocked. Let us trustfully ask the Lord to listen to our cry, and to heal us!

The character who accompanies us in this reflection will help us to understand that we must never give up hope, even when we feel lost. He is Bartimaeus, a blind man and a beggar, whom Jesus meets in Jericho (cf. *Mk* 10:46-52). The place is significant: Jesus is going to Jerusalem, but he begins his journey, so to speak, in the "underworld" of Jericho, a city situated below sea level. Indeed, Jesus, with his death, went to take back that Adam who fell to the bottom and who represents each one of us.

Bartimaeus means "son of Timaeus": the man is described through a relationship, and yet he is dramatically alone. This name, though, could also mean "son of honour" or "of admiration", exactly the opposite of the situation in which he finds himself. And since the name is so important in Jewish culture, it means that Bartimaeus fails to live up to what he is called to be.

Then, unlike the great movement of people who walk behind Jesus, Bartimaeus is still. The Evangelist says that he is sitting by the roadside, and so he needs someone to lift him up onto his feet and help him resume his journey.

What can we do when we find ourselves in a situation that seems to have no way out? Bartimaeus teaches us to appeal to the resources we have within us and which form a part of us. He is a beggar, he knows how to ask, indeed, he can shout! If you truly want something, you do everything in order to be able to reach it, even when others reproach you, humiliate you and tell you to let it be. If you really desire it, you keep on shouting!

The cry of Bartimaeus, in the Gospel of Mark – "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" (v. 47) – has become a very well-known prayer in the Eastern tradition,

which we too can use: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have pity on me, a sinner".

Bartimaeus is blind, but paradoxically he sees better than the others, and he recognizes who Jesus is! Before his cry, Jesus stops and has him called (cf. 49), because there is no cry that God does not hear, even when we are not aware we are addressing him (cf. *Ex* 2:23). It seems strange that, in front of a blind man, Jesus does not go immediately to him; but, if we think about it, it is the way to reactivate Bartimaeus' life: He spurs him to get up again, He trusts in his ability to walk. That man can get up on his feet again, he can rise from the throes of death. But in order to do this, he must perform a very meaningful gesture: he must throw away his cloak (cf. v. 50)!

For a beggar, the cloak is everything: it is his safety, it is his house, it is the defense that protects him. Even the law protected the beggar's cloak and imposed that it be returned in the evening if taken as a pledge (cf. *Ex* 22:25). And yet, many times, it is precisely our apparent securities that stand in our way – what we have put on to defend ourselves and which instead prevent us from walking. To go to Jesus and let himself be healed, Bartimaeus must show himself to Him in all his vulnerability. This is the fundamental step in any journey of healing.

Even the question that Jesus asks him seems strange: "What do you want me to do for you?" (v.51). But, in reality, it is not given that we want to be healed from our ailments; at times we prefer to stay still so as not to take responsibility. Bartimaeus' reply is profound: he uses the verb *anablepein*, which can mean "to see again", but which we can also translate as "to look up". Indeed, Bartimaeus does not want only to see again; he wants to regain his dignity! At times people are stuck because life has humiliated them, and they just want to find their worth again.

What saves Bartimaeus, and each one of us, is faith. Jesus heals us so that we can become free. He does not invite Bartimaeus to follow him, but tells him to go, to set out on his way (cf. v.52). However, Mark concludes the story by saying that Bartimaeus began to follow Jesus: he freely chose to follow him, He who is the Way!

Dear brothers and sisters, let us trustfully bring our ailments before Jesus, and also those of our loved ones; let us bring the pain of those who feel lost and without a way out. Let us cry out for them too, and we will be certain that the Lord will hear us and stop.