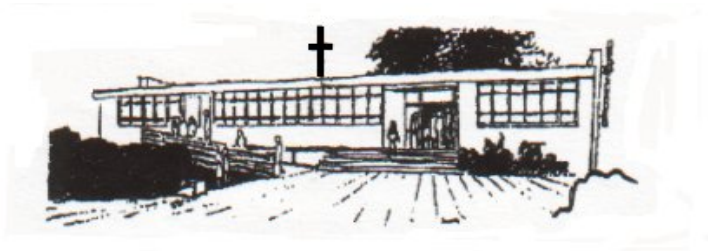


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

Assistant Priest

EMERGENCY PHONE: 02 4721 8905

Please leave a detailed Message

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th/6th October 2013 Year C

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

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday: 9:00am—2:00pm; Friday 8:30am—1:30pm

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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY:	8:30am	Twentyseventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	no Mass intention
Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.			
Monday:	8:00am	Our Lady of the Rosary	no Mass intention
Tuesday:	8:00am	Twentyseventh week in Ordinary Time	no Mass intention
Wednesday	8:00am	Twentyseventh week in Ordinary Time	no Mass intention
Thursday	8:00am	Twentyseventh week in Ordinary Time	no Mass intention
Friday	8:00am	Twentyseventh Week in Ordinary Time	no Mass intention
Saturday	8:30am	Twentyseventh Week in Ordinary Time	no Mass intention
Readings: Hab 1;2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10			

ADORATION CHAPEL

Open during office hours or speak to Father Andrew to arrange another time.

ANOINTING:

Fr. Andrew will anoint personally if the need arises. Please see Father to arrange an anointing.

RECENTLY DECEASED:- John Curtain
(husband of Brenda)

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Len Clark

READERS NEEDED—see Fr. Andrew.

PARISH CELL GROUPS

Times and Venues

- A) 1st & 3rd Tuesday of month at 1:30pm
1/23-25 Walter St. Kingswood
- B) 2nd & 4th Wednesday after Mass
Parish Hall.
- C) 2nd & 4th Thursday at 7:00pm
2/40 Single Road, South Penrith

Any enquiries ring Diane, Elaine or Mavis.

BECOME A JUNIOR ALTAR SERVER:

If your child has made their First Holy Communion and would like to be a Junior Altar Server, please see Fr. Andrew.

USED STAMPS: Please bring your used stamps and leave in the box at back of the Church. They are sold to help the missionaries.

CENTACARE COUNSELLING FOR CHILDREN RING 9630 7788

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: BANKED \$954.00

DONATIONS TO SANCTUARY PROJECT—LAST WEEK BOX & INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS \$1342.40 TOTAL DONATIONS \$ 27,231.25

CWL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THUR 10TH OCT AFTER 8AM MASS. ALL WELCOME.

CWL BINGO DAY 11AM IN PARISH HALL, THUR 17TH OCT. \$5 INCLUDES LUNCH.

FUNERAL MASS FOR JOHN CURTAIN WILL BE HELD AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH ON TUESDAY AT 10:30AM.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: George Churchward, Aaron Rhodes, Tony & Angelina Bogdanovic, Jonathon Ansell, Adell Matloob, Shakib Yousif, Kathy Carberry, Kathy Hogarth, Bertha Wetton, John McCahon, Mary D'Vaz, Kathryn Knighton, Joan Fleming, Joan Evans, Corrie Noort, Karen Morvan, Kevin Collins, Katie Domotor, John McLintock, Jeanette Rogers, Elaine Neal, Ken & Pat Fleming, Barbara Thompson, Judy Spence, Allan Tuckwell, Michael Holstein, Charles Timmins, John Ashford, Gisela Drobiszewski, Sienna Ongoongo, Faye Noonan, Josephine & Frances Zammit, Alistair McArthur, Valerie Davis, Margaret Loyola Woodward, Carmel Kerr, Michaela Barney, Faye McPherson. Brandon Stevens, Matthew McPherson, Debbie O'Connor, Lawrence Devitt, Roger Stevens and Helen Nasser.

Sick List: If you have anyone for the sick list, (due to privacy laws) contact the Parish Office to fill in a form.



**The Rosary Statue will be at the home of
Therese Ghougassian—7th October 2013 (2 weeks)**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

For odd jobs!!!! See Fr. Andrew.

OUR ICON OF ST. JOSEPH

Cards of the Icon are for sale at \$2.50 in the St. Vincent de Paul Pious Stall.

NEW WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK:

All Parish volunteers are asked to apply, especially those in Ministries such as Acolytes, Senior Servers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Baptism, Sacraments, RCIA, SRE, those involved in the Choir etc. If you have any questions or would like the forms please see Rubina or Clare.

ADULT CATHOLIC EDUCATION: At 7pm on Tuesday nights from 3rd September we will be showing a 30 minute DVD titled "What do Catholics Really Believe", followed by a cup of tea/coffee and discussion

DONATIONS AND FUND-RAISING FOR OUR NEW SANCTUARY:

1. If you would like to donate towards our new Sanctuary please give it to Father Andrew or place it in Donation Box at the entrance to the church.
2. We also want to organize a Raffle. If you are able to contribute a Major Prize please speak to Father Andrew.

TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS:

If you are new to our parish or have lived in the neighborhood and attend Mass but just never registered, we invite you to become an official member of St Joseph's Parish. Your registration is a part of being an active and responsible member of our Parish community. There are registration forms in the back of the church or in the sacristy. Please fill them out and put them in the collection basket, mail them to our Parish or give them to the priest.

The Parish membership will enrol you automatically in our Planned Giving System where your donations to the Parish will be recorded.

If you are not able to financially support our church, you can donate your time as a volunteer on a weekly basis, in lieu of your donation. Please indicate this on the form.

It is important to be a registered member of a parish since membership is required in the Catholic Church for various sacramental occasions such as: Marriage, Baptism of a child, Funeral or to serve as a godparent or sponsor for Confirmation even if the Sacrament will take place in a different parish.

PARKING: Please do not park your car on weekends (Saturday and Sunday) in front of the Church except 3 disabled spots for people with severe disability problems. For everyone else please use the school yard.

8:30AM MASS ONLY:

The school gates on Joseph Street will be open after the 8:30am Mass as an **Exit Gate Only** for those leaving the Car Park after Mass, leaving the **Main Gate** as an **Entrance only** for the 10:00am Mass.

THE 2014 COLUMBAN CALENDAR is now available in the Pious Stall for \$9.00. When you purchase the Calendar, you are participating in God's Mission and assisting us in meeting the needs of the poor.

VOTIVE CANDLES: PLEASE FEEL FREE TO LIGHT A CANDLE IN OUR NEW VOTIVE CANDLE STAND. CANDLES MAY BE LEFT ALIGHT AND UNATTENDED.

SEWING CLASSES AT ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH. If you are interested, \$10 per session. Saturday 10:00am. Starting September. For more information please ring Mary after 8:00pm 4722 5127.

ROSARY & BENEDICTION will be held after 6:00pm Mass every Saturday during the month of October. No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before Mass.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2014 Any families wanting Sacraments for their children next year must be registered in the Parish for 4 months and attending Mass each Sunday.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: 8-10 Nov at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Bookings: 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au. Info www.wwme.org.au

SPECIAL MASS FOR HSC STUDENTS: Wed 9th Oct at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 198 Old Prospect Rd Greystanes at 7.30pm followed by free BBQ. RSVP Mon 1st Oct youthevent@parra.catholic.org.au or Madonna 0407938196 or Annabelle 0408420331

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES will be available at the back of the Church. Please put the names of your deceased relatives and friends on the front of the envelope then write their names in the Book of Remembrance which will also be at the back of the Church. Your envelope can then be put in one of the collection plates.

The holiness of the Church was the theme chosen by Francis for his catechesis during Wednesday's general audience, which took place in St. Peter's Square and was attended by more than 50,000 people.\

In the Creed, after professing that the Church is "one", the Pope said, "we also confess that she is 'holy'; we thus affirm the holiness of the Church, and this is a characteristic that has been present ever since the beginning in the conscience of the first Christians, who called themselves simply 'the holy', as they were certain of the action of God, of the Holy Spirit who sanctifies the Church".

"But", he asked, "How can we say that the Church is holy, if we see that the Church throughout history, during her long journey through the centuries, has experienced many moments of darkness? How can a Church be holy if she is made up of human beings, of sinners? Of men who are sinners, women who are sinners, priests who are sinners, nuns who are sinners, bishops who are sinners, cardinals who are sinners, popes who are sinners? Everyone. How can a Church like this be holy?"

The Church is holy because "she comes from God Who is holy, Who is faithful to her and never abandons her to the power of death and evil. She is holy because Jesus Christ, Saint of God, is indissolubly united to her; she is holy because she is guided by the Holy Spirit which purifies, transforms, and renews. She is not holy by our merits, but because God makes her holy".

"You could say to me: but the Church is made up of sinners, we see this every day. And this is true: we are a Church of sinners, and we sinners are called to let ourselves be transformed ... by God. Throughout history there has been the temptation to say: the Church is just the Church of the pure, of those who are entirely coherent, and the rest are to be cast aside. No! It's true! This is heresy... The Church is holy, she does not refuse sinners; on the contrary, she welcomes them, she is open even to those who are most distant, she calls to all to allow themselves to be surrounded by the mercy, tenderness, and forgiveness of the Father, Who offers to all the opportunity to encounter Him and to walk the path to holiness. ... Is there anyone here who brings no sin with them? No, we all carry our sins with us."

In the Church, the God we encounter "is not a ruthless judge, but is like the Father in the Gospel parable. ... The Lord wants us to be part of a Church who knows how to extend her arms to welcome all, who is not the house of few, but the home of all, where everyone can be renewed, transformed and sanctified by His love; the strongest and the weakest, sinners, the indifferent, the discouraged and the lost. The Church offers to all the possibility of embarking on the road of holiness, which is the road of the Christian".

"Do not be afraid of holiness", concluded Francis, "of letting yourself be loved and purified by God. ... Let us allow God's holiness be transmitted to us. Every Christian is called to holiness; and holiness does not consist, first and foremost, in doing extraordinary things, but rather in letting God act. It is the encounter between our weakness and the strength of His grace".