

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5th January 2014 Year A



ANGELICO, Fra. Adoration of the Magi 1423-24

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: 9:00 am – 2:00pm; Friday: 8:30am – 1:30pm

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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY: 10:00am The Epiphany of the Lord For the Parish

8:30am Mass Only

Entrance Antiphon cf. Malachi 3:1; 1 Chronicles 19:12

The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Monday:	8:00am	Weekday of Christmas Time	No Mass Intention
Tuesday:	8:00am	Weekday of Christmas Time	No Mass Intention
Wednesday	8:00am	Weekday of Christmas Time	No Mass Intention
Thursday	8:00am	Weekday of Christmas Time	No Mass Intention
Friday	8:00am	Weekday of Christmas Time	Michael Corcoran
Saturday	8:30am	Weekday of Christmas Time	No Mass Intention

Readings: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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:-

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

Michael Corcoran

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: BANKED \$731.00

DONATIONS TO SANCTUARY PROJECT—
LAST WEEK BOX & INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS
\$232.00 TOTAL DONATIONS \$36,373.20

ROSARY & BENEDICTION will be held
at 5.15pm before 6:00pm Mass every Satur-
day.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2014 Any fami-
lies wanting Sacraments for their children next year
must be registered in the Parish for 4 months and
attending Mass each Sunday. Registrations 23rd
February 2014 after 10:00am Mass.

DONATIONS AND FUND-RAISING FOR OUR NEW SANCTUARY:

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.

PARISH OFFICE OPEN FRIDAYS ONLY 8:30AM—1:30PM DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY

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.

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.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, Alistair McArthur, Lawrence Devitt, John McCahon, Joan Evans, Allan Tuckwell,
Carmel Kerr, Clayton Rogers, Debbie O'Connor, Roger Stevens, Brandon Stevens, Karen Morvan, Gisela Drobiszewski,
Charles Timmins, Marie Ward, Selin Mizrak, Ann Batkin, Romanie Oliveux and Charles Marinucci

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

PLEASE PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE AT THE END OF EACH MONTH TO HAVE THE NAMES PUT ON THE SICK LIST.



**The Rosary Statue will be at the home of
Noeline Cruzado—5th January 2014**

HOMILY OF POPE FRANCIS

Vatican Basilica Wednesday, 1st January 2014

In the first reading we find the ancient prayer of blessing which God gave to Moses to hand on to Aaron and his sons: “The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace” (Num 6:24-25). There is no more meaningful time than the beginning of a new year to hear these words of blessing: they will accompany our journey through the year opening up before us. They are words of strength, courage and hope. Not an illusory hope, based on frail human promises, or a naïve hope which presumes that the future will be better simply because it is the future. Rather, it is a hope that has its foundation precisely in God’s blessing, a blessing which contains the greatest message of good wishes there can be; and this is the message which the Church brings to each of us, filled with the Lord’s loving care and providential help.

The message of hope contained in this blessing was fully realized in a woman, Mary, who was destined to become the Mother of God, and it was fulfilled in her before all creatures.

The Mother of God. This is the first and most important title of Our Lady. It refers to a quality, a role which the faith of the Christian people, in its tender and genuine devotion to our heavenly Mother, has understood from the beginning.

We recall that great moment in the history of the ancient Church, the Council of Ephesus, in which the divine motherhood of the Virgin Mary was authoritatively defined. The truth of her divine maternity found an echo in Rome where, a little later, the Basilica of Saint Mary Major was built, the first Marian shrine in Rome and in the entire West, in which the image of the Mother of God – the Theotokos – is venerated under the title of Salus Populi Romani. It is said that the residents of Ephesus used to gather at the gates of the basilica where the bishops were meeting and shout, “Mother of God!”. The faithful, by asking them to officially define this title of Our Lady, showed that they acknowledged her divine motherhood. Theirs was the spontaneous and sincere reaction of children who know their Mother well, for they love her with immense tenderness. But it is more: it is the *sensus fidei* of the holy People of God which, in its unity, never errs.

Mary has always been present in the hearts, the piety and above all the pilgrimage of faith of the Christian people. “The Church journeys through time... and on this journey she proceeds along the path already trodden by the Virgin Mary” (Redemptoris Mater, 2). Our journey of faith is the same as that of Mary, and so we feel that she is particularly close to us. As far as faith, the hinge of the Christian life, is concerned, the Mother of God shared our condition. She had to take the same path as ourselves, a path which is sometimes difficult and obscure. She had to advance in the “pilgrimage of faith” (Lumen gentium, 58).

Our pilgrimage of faith has been inseparably linked to Mary ever since Jesus, dying on the Cross, gave her to us as our Mother, saying: “Behold your Mother!” (Jn 19:27). These words serve as a testament, bequeathing to the world a Mother. From that moment on, the Mother of God also became our Mother! When the faith of the disciples was most tested by difficulties and uncertainties, Jesus entrusted them to Mary, who was the first to believe, and whose faith would never fail. The “woman” became our Mother when she lost her divine Son. Her sorrowing heart was enlarged to make room for all men and women, all, whether good or bad, and she loves them as she loved Jesus. The woman who at the wedding at Cana in Galilee gave her faith-filled cooperation so that the wonders of God could be displayed in the world, at Calvary kept alive the flame of faith in the resurrection of her Son, and she communicates this with maternal affection to each and every person. Mary becomes in this way a source of hope and true joy!

The Mother of the Redeemer goes before us and continually strengthens us in faith, in our vocation and in our mission. By her example of humility and openness to God’s will she helps us to transmit our faith in a joyful proclamation of the Gospel to all, without reservation. In this way our mission will be fruitful, because it is modeled on the motherhood of Mary. To her let us entrust our journey of faith, the desires of our heart, our needs and the needs of the whole world, especially of those who hunger and thirst for justice and peace, and for God. Let us then together invoke her, and I invite you to invoke her three times, following the example of those brothers and sisters of Ephesus: Mother of God! Mother of God! Mother of God! Amen.

A SNAPSHOT OF ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH BASED ON 2011 CENSUS

This material was prepared by the Pastoral Research Office of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference from census data obtained from the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

	2011	2006	Change
Total Population	22,927	22,807	+120
Catholic Population	7,169	7,442	- 237
Catholics make up	31.3%	32.6%	- 1.3%
Median Age of Catholics	33 years	31 years	+ 2years
Total Catholic families	2,770	2,837	- 67

548	Catholics live alone
1,379	Catholics were born overseas
76	Catholics do not speak English well
354	Catholics needs assistance with chore activities