

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

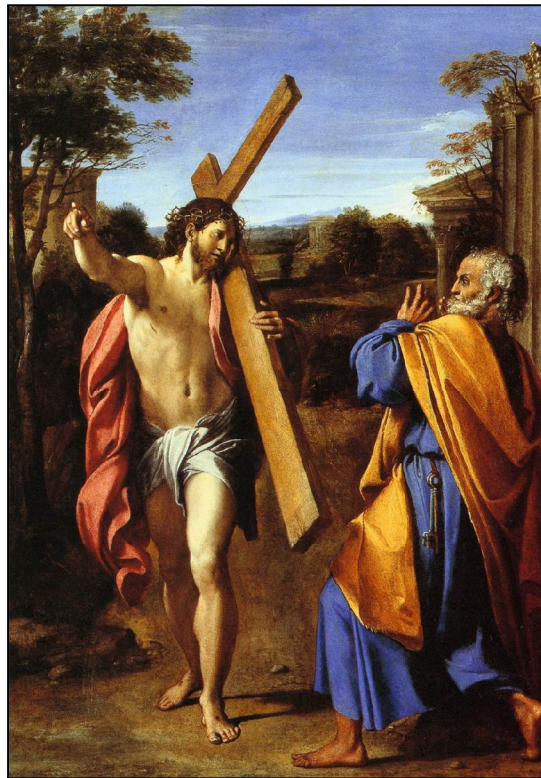
Assistant Priest

EMERGENCY PHONE: 02 4721 8945

Please leave a detailed Message

Seventh Sunday of the Ordinary Time

23th of February 2014, Year A



CARRACCI, Annibale, *Domine quo vadis?*, 1601-02

Sunday Masses:	Saturday Vigil:	4:00pm (Mass in Polish) 6:00pm (5:15pm Rosary and the Benediction)
	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 and Friday: 8:30am – 1:30pm

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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY: 10:00am Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time For the Parish
 8:30am Mass Only
 Entrance Antiphon Psalm 12:6
 O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
 I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Monday:	8:00am	Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	No Mass Intention
Tuesday:	8:00am	Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	No Mass Intention
Wednesday	8:00am	Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	No Mass Intention
Thursday	8:00am	Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	No Mass Intention
Friday	8:00am	Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	No Mass Intention
Saturday	8:30am	Mass of Virgin Mary	No Mass Intention

Readings: Lev 19:1-2. 17-18; Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

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:- Joan Graham
DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: BANKED \$972.00

DONATIONS TO SANCTUARY PROJECT—
LAST WEEK BOX & INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS \$.
TOTAL DONATIONS \$

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. Registrations for Sacraments this Sunday after 10:00am Mass.

ROSARY & BENEDICTION will be held at 5.15pm before 6:00pm Mass every Saturday

PRAYER FOR FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

Gracious God, source of all life, you call us together in faith and love as the Diocese of Parramatta.

As one body in Christ, may we respond to your Word, attend to the signs of the times, and live as your disciples in word and deed.

Renew our hearts in your Holy Spirit to grow and share our faith with the world; give us courage and grace to live faith in our future. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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.

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND APPEAL will be held this weekend 22/23 February. Our Quota is \$2,441.00. By making a donation to the DWF Appeal, you will be supporting the ministries and agency services of the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta as they carry out their mission and works

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, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Kim Nelson, Karen Morvan, Gisela Drobiszewski, Charles Timmins, Selin Mizrak, Ann Batkin, Romanie Oliveux and Charles Marinucci, Gianni Panozzo.

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
Josie Bentley—23 rd February 2014
Les & Margaret Edwards—2nd March 2014

CELL GROUPS

Cell Groups started back this month. If you would like to grow in your faith please feel free to join us **1st & 3rd Tuesdays** 1:30pm at 1/23 Walter Street, Kingswood. Dianne—4731 3685.

2nd & 4th Wednesdays after morning Mass—9am to 10am Prayer & Bible Discussion Group in Parish Hall. Mavis—4736 4138; Teresa—4731 4222

2nd & 4th Thursday 7:00pm at 2/40 Single Street, South Penrith. Elaine—4736 8162.

PLAY GROUP: Mondays at 10:00am in the Parish Hall, We welcome all Mothers with small children. Please bring something to share for morning tea. Enquiries to Fr. Pawel.

S.K.Y. YOUTH GROUP meet every Wednesday from 3:00pm in the Parish Hall. All 12 to 17 years are most welcome. Please see flyer at back of Church.

PALMS: Please bring your old Palms in so we can burn them for Ash Wednesday.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK:

All volunteers over 18 years of age including those in Ministry (Baptism, Sacraments, RCIA, Nursing Home, Ministers to the Sick etc.) and all who serve at the Liturgy of the Mass (Acolytes, Senior Servers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers, Choir) are required to apply for a Working with Children check. This is a legal requirement. Any questions please speak to Fr. Andrew or Clare, who will assist you.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES 5TH MARCH

8:00am & 7:00pm.

ADULT EDUCATION: 7:00pm Tuesday nights from 11th March.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7:00pm Fridays through Lent from 7th March.

SmartLoving Workshop: Enhancing Marriage Relations: Sunday 23rd March, 2—5pm. Holy Family School Hall, 32 Willowdene Avenue, Luddenham.

Donation at door. (Afternoon tea provided). Bookings essential. Call Jess 02 9319 6280

info@smartloving.org Spouses can attend on their own or as a couple.

SEWING HAS BEGUN—SATURDAYS AT 9:30AM

OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA OPEN DAY—SUNDAY MARCH 2. PLEASE SEE FLYER ON NOTICEBOARD FOR MORE INFORMATION.

ST. DOMINIC'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Sunday 30th March. 10:00am—2:00pm. Year 7, 2015
Information Evening Wednesday 2nd April 7:30pm.

Bereavement support—Blacktown

For those grieving the death of their spouse or partner. Tuesdays fortnightly: 4th March—10th June 2014. An opportunity to further understand and come to terms with the many ways in which grief impacts on their lives - to ask questions, explore and learn more about the ways in which grief unfolds and how best to deal with challenges and difficulties of this long and painful journey. Ph: 9933 0205. soloparent-ministry@ccss.org.au

For further information please see the noticeboard

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED .

Stepping Beyond is held on the last Tuesday of each month at CCSS Centre 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown, at 7:30pm—9:30pm. Cost: \$5.00. Registration:

soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 9933 0205

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POSITIONS VACANT:

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is seeking applications for the role of **Executive Officer, Office of the Permanent Diaconate**. This is a part time role working 2 days per week. Position is based at the Polding Centre, Sydney. Further detail about this position is available at www.catholicjobsonline.com.au Applications to Anthony Spata by email at Anthony.spata@sydneycatholic.org by Sunday 9 March 2014.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is seeking applications for the role of **Administration & Communications Assistant, Vocation Centre**. This is a part time role working 2 days per week. Position is based at the Polding Centre, Sydney. Further detail about this position is available at www.catholicjobsonline.com.au. Applications to Anthony Spata by email at Anthony.spata@sydneycatholic.org by Sunday 9 March 2014.

Vatican City, 19 February 2014 (VIS) – The Holy Father dedicated his catechesis at this Wednesday's general audience to the Sacrament of penance. After touring St. Peter's Square in an open car, greeting the thousands of faithful who applauded as he passed, the Pope explained that "the forgiveness of our sins is not something we can offer to ourselves; it is not the result of our efforts, but rather a gift from the Holy Spirit, which fills us from the wellspring of mercy and grace that surges endlessly from the open heart of Christ, crucified and risen again. ... It reminds us that it is only by allowing ourselves to be reconciled through the Lord Jesus with the Father and with our brothers that we may truly be at peace".

Pope Francis explained that the celebration of this Sacrament has transformed from its previously public nature to the private and reserved form of Confession. However, "this should not lead to the loss of the ecclesiastical matrix, which constitutes its living context. Indeed, the Christian community is the place in which the presence of the Spirit is felt, which renews hearts in God's love and brings all brothers together as one, in Jesus Christ". He continued, "For this reason, it is not enough to ask for the Lord's forgiveness in our own minds and hearts, but rather it is also necessary to humbly and trustfully confess our sins to a minister of the Church".

The Bishop of Rome emphasised that the priest does not only represent God, but rather the community as a whole, and that anyone who seeks to confess only to God should remember that our sins are also committed against our brothers and against the Church, which is why it is necessary to ask forgiveness from them too, and to be ashamed for what we have done. "Shame can be good", he affirmed; "It is good for us to have a certain amount of shame, because to be ashamed can be healthy. When someone has no shame, in my country we describe them as "sin verguenza", shameless. Shame can be good as it can make us humble, and the priest receives this confession with love and tenderness, and forgives in the name of God. Also from a human point of view, to unburden oneself, it is good to speak with a brother and to tell the priest those things which lie so heavily upon our hearts. And one feels unburdened before God, with the Church, and with a brother. Do not be afraid of Confession!"

The Pontiff went on to ask those present when they last confessed, and strongly urged them not to overlook Confession. "If a long time has passed, do not waste another day, go, the priest will be good. It is Jesus who is there, and Jesus is better than a priest, Jesus will receive you, he will receive you with love. Be courageous and go to Confession! ... Every time we confess, God embraces us, God celebrates! Let us go ahead on this path. May God bless you!"