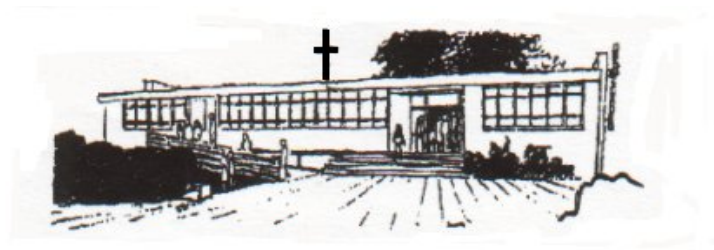


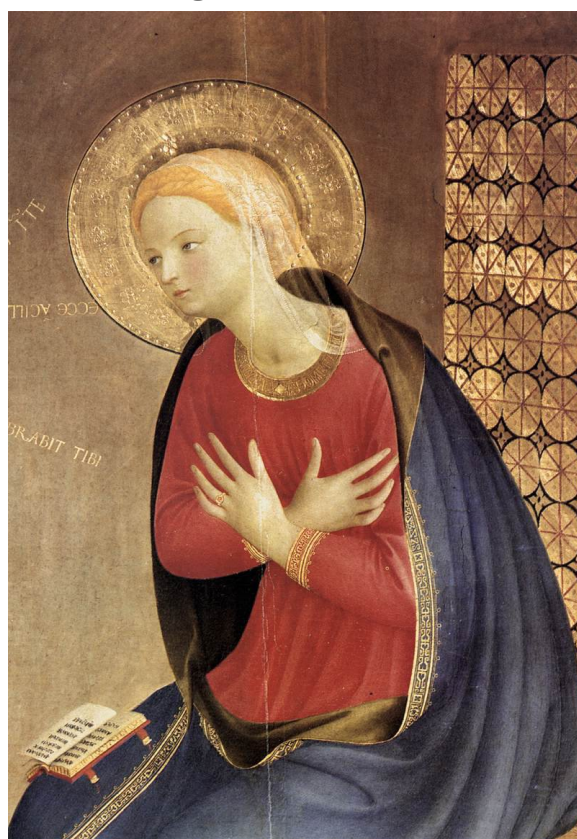
St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP
Parish Priest
Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP
Assistant Priest

EMERGENCY PHONE: 02 4721 8945
Please leave a detailed Message

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 31st August 2014, Year A



ANGELICO, Fra, Annunciation (detail) 1433-34

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:

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs Franziska Jackson—Principal

School Office Times
8:30am—4:00pm Monday to Friday

Address
94 Joseph Street
Kingswood NSW 2747

Telephone 4732 3999; Fax 4731 1432

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

Address: 12-22 Richmond Rd, PO Box 39, Kingswood, NSW 2747; Telephone: 02 4721 4080;

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY:	10:00am 8:30am	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	For the Parish Stewart Gunn
8:30am Mass Only Entrance Antiphon Ps 118: 137, 124 You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love. Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.			
Monday:	8:00am	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	No Mass Intention
Tuesday:	8:00am	Weekday, Ordinary Time 23	Thomas Mahoney
Wednesday	8:00am	Weekday, Ordinary Time 23	Angele Ghougassian
Thursday	8:00am	Weekday, Ordinary Time 23	Dec. Members CWL
Friday	8:00am	The Most Holy Name of Mary	No Mass Intention
Saturday	8:30am	St. John Chrysostom	No Mass Intention
Readings: Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13: 8-10; Mt 18:15-20			

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:-Stewart Gunn, Thomas Mahoney, Angele Ghougassian, Julia Hall, Dec. Members of Catholic Women's League.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: BANKED \$1095.00

DONATIONS TO RENOVATION PROJECT—LAST
WEEK BOX & INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS \$674.55
TOTAL DONATIONS \$47,968.70

DONATIONS AND FUND-RAISING FOR OUR RENOVATION PROJECT:

If you would like to donate towards our Renovation Project please give it to Father Andrew or place it in Donation Box at the entrance to the church.

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

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS

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 Road, South Penrith. Elaine—4736 8162.

In these groups we: Pray, Study the Bible, have a Teaching, Reflect & Share our Faith. You are most welcome to join us at any of these groups.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for September:

The Holy Father's universal prayer intention for September is: "That the mentally disabled may receive the love and help they need for a dignified life". His intention for evangelization is: "That Christians, inspired by the Word of God, may serve the poor and suffering".

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, Alistair McArthur, Lawrence Devitt, John McCahon, Allan Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Debbie O'Connor, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Kim Nelson, Karen Morvan, Gisela Drobiszewski, Charles Timmins, Romanie & Roland Oliveux, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Phyllis Hendrie, Mavis Murphy & Margaret Woodward

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
Les & Margaret Edwards—7th September 2014
Josie Bentley—14th September 2014**

**ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
ENROLMENTS ARE NOW BEING
TAKEN FOR 2015.**

COMPUTER LESSONS FOR BEGINNERS:

Fridays from 11:00am to 12 noon for those who have little or no computer experience. Feel free to bring your lunch to have together after session. Inquiries please ring Office 4721 4080 or speak to Eliza or Clare.

ADORATION BEFORE MASS: There will be no Adoration before morning Masses from 11th September to 3rd November.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: *Monthly Meeting Thursday 11th September at 9:00am. After the Meeting at 11:00am we will hold a Bingo Morning. Entry \$5.00 includes a like lunch. Come and join us in the Parish Hall.*

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2015 are now available at the Pious Stall. Price is \$9.00. When you purchase the calendar, you are participating in God's Mission and assisting the Columbans in meeting the needs of the poor. A great Christmas gift for family and friends. It assists you to keep up to date with all the feasts throughout the Church year.

CONFIRMATION 9TH SEPTEMBER at St. Nicholas of Myra, Penrith—7:30pm. Preparations Sunday after 10am Mass. Please note: Rehearsal for Candidates and Sponsors Sunday 7th September, 3:00pm at St. Nicholas of Myra. Penrith.

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 Lovine 0423 746 186

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.

IF YOU HAVE ANY family or friends in the Nepean Hospital who would like a visit from the Catholic Chaplain, please ask them to ring Michelle on 4734 3150

THE BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RE-

TIRED AND SICK CLERGY: The Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta assists in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the Diocese, and an annual appeal, The Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy, is held on Father's Day each year to support the Foundation. It is hoped to raise \$200,000 each year through this appeal. Last year, through your generosity we reached the target of \$200,000 and the Foundation thanks you for this contribution. This year the appeal in the Diocese will be held this weekend September 6—7. A third collection will be held at each Mass. Special envelopes will be available and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. If you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and write your details clearly on the envelope. If you wish you can make online contributions at csfparra.org.au using your credit card.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM—

SPRINGWOOD: Solo Parent Ministry will be running an 8 session program for men or women who have suffered the death of their spouse or long term partner. Sessions held on every second Wednesday commencing 3rd Sept., from 10:30am—12:30pm at the Baptist Church Hall, 313 Macquarie Rd., Springwood. Details and registration soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph: 9933 0205

SMART LOVING MARRIAGE: A two day seminar to enrich and empower married couples. Wollongong September 20/21; Kincumber October 11/12; Varroville November 28/30. Enquiries: www.SmartLoving.org

Bishop Peter A. Comensoli will celebrate the annual Memorial Mass for the Unborn on Friday 12th September at 7:00pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. The Mass will be offered in commemoration of the lives lost to abortion and in solidarity with the women and men who grieve this loss. During the Mass 82 candles will be brought forward to represent the 82 lives lost to abortion each day in NSW. All are invited to attend. Enquiries: Life, Marriage and Family Centre, 9390 5290 or LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org

CASUAL HOUSEKEEPER: Toongabbie Parish is after a Housekeeper 4 hours per day, 4 days per week. To view the full job Ad and Download the Job Description, please visit the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta's Website www.parra.catholic.org and go to the employment page to view the full advertisement and the position description. **Applications close 15th September.**

MARY: MODEL OF MOTHERLY COURAGE FOR THE CHURCH

Vatican City, 3 September 2014 (VIS) – “We do not become Christians by ourselves, of our own will, autonomously, but rather we are generated and grow in faith within the great body of the Church”, said Pope Francis during this morning's general audience. “The Church is truly a mother, a mother who gives life in Christ and who enables us to live with all our brethren in the communion of the Holy Spirit”.

The Holy Father explained that the Church has a model for this maternity in the Virgin Mary. “The maternity of the Church is in continuity with that of Mary. ... The Church, in the fruitfulness of the Spirit, continues to generate new sons and daughters in Christ. .. The birth of Jesus from Mary's womb is indeed the prelude to the rebirth of every Christian and He is the first-born of a multitude of brothers. Therefore, we are able to understand the depth of the relationship between Mary and the Church; when we look to Mary, we see the most beautiful and most tender face of the Church; when we look to the Church, we recognise the sublime features of Mary. We Christians are not orphans”.

He remarked that the Church is our mother as she gave birth to us in our Baptism, and, “since that day, like an affectionate mother, brings us up in faith and shows us, through the strength of God's Word, the path of salvation, defending us from evil”. The maternity of the Church is particularly evident in the service of evangelisation, in which she is “committed, like a mother, to offering her sons the spiritual nourishment that nurtures them and renders Christian life fruitful. The path of salvation, by which the Church guides us and accompanies us with the strength of the Gospel and the support of the Sacraments, gives us the capacity to defend ourselves against evil, like a courageous mother who protects her children from danger.

The Pope warned that, although God has defeated Satan, he always returns with his temptations. “We must not be ingenuous”, he said, “but must instead remain vigilant and firm in our faith, with the counsel and the help of the mother Church who ... accompanies her children in difficult moments”. Similarly, Francis encouraged those present to remember that we, all baptised persons, are the Church, and must not be afraid to bear witness to this maternity. “Let us entrust ourselves to Mary”, he concluded, “so that she may teach us to have the same maternal spirit towards our brethren, with a sincere capacity to accept, forgive,