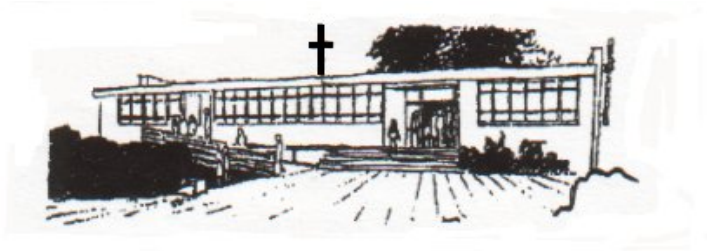


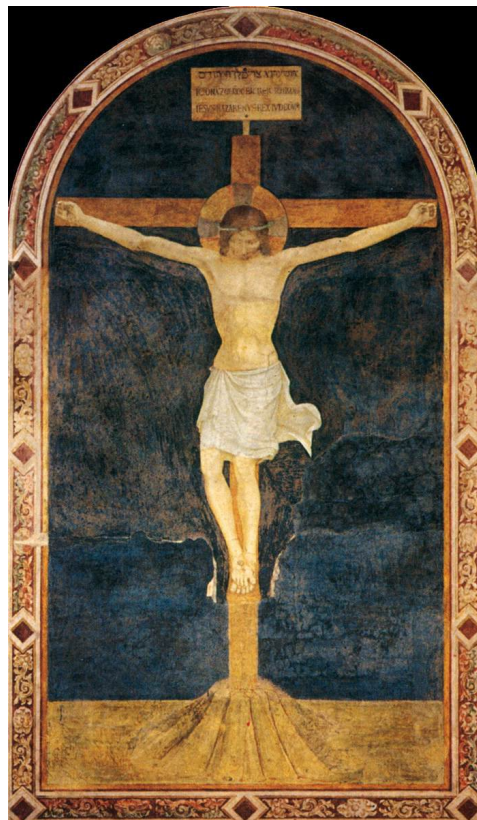
St. Joseph's Catholic Church



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

EMERGENCY PHONE: 02 4721 8945
Please leave a detailed Message

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross 14th September 2014, Year A



ANGELICO, Fra, Crucified Christ 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	The EXALTATION of the HOLY CROSS	For the Parish Yaroslav Klukow Marian Tobola
8:30am Mass Only Entrance Antiphon Ps 65:4 We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered. Responsorial Psalm: Do not forget the works of the Lord!			
Monday:	8:00am	Our Lady of Sorrows	Kathy & Luke
Tuesday:	8:00am	Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian	Julia Hall
Wednesday	8:00am	Weekday, Ordinary Time 24	Kathy & Luke
Thursday	8:00am	St. Juan Macias	Kathy & Luke
Friday	8:00am	Weekday, Ordinary Time 24	Kim Nelson
Saturday	8:30am	St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon St. Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions	No Mass Intention
	6:00pm		Gladys Young
Readings: Num 21:4-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17			

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:- Kim Nelson

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:- Yaroslav Klukow, Marian Tobola, Julia Hall, Gladys Young, Jack & Bonz Cooney, Pauline Anne Waters, Greta Colville.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: BANKED \$1000.00

DONATIONS TO RENOVATION PROJECT—LAST
WEEK BOX & INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS
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 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

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, 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
Josie Bentley—14th September 2014
Jean & Margaret Cobden—21st September 2014**

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

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

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.

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

BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY: Thank you for your generosity in contributing to the Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Priests last weekend. For those who were unable to contribute, some envelopes are available in the Church. They may be sent directly to the Foundation or placed on the collection plate. If you wish you can make online contributions anytime at csfparra.org.au using your credit card.

\$751.95 was raised through the collection last weekend.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS followed by prayer for healing and individual ministry, Sunday 21st September with Fr. David Callaghan MGL. 2:00pm and Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Cnr Mamre Road & Swanston Street, St. Marys. All welcome!

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"The mother Church teaches us to be close to those who have been abandoned and who die lonely. This is what Mother Teresa did in the streets of Calcutta and it is what many Christians, those who are not afraid to take the hand of those who are about to leave this world, have done and continue to do. And here too, mercy offers peace to those who depart and to those who remain, making us aware that God is greater than death, and that by staying with Him, even the final separation is only 'until we meet again'".

"The Church is a mother", he continued, "teaching her children the works of mercy. She has learned this path from Jesus; she has learned that this is essential for salvation. It is not enough to love those who love us. It is not enough to do good to those who do good to us in return. To change the world for the better is it necessary to do good to those who are not able to do the same for us, as our Father did for us, in giving us Jesus. How much have we paid for our redemption? Nothing. It was all free. Doing good without expecting anything in return – this is what our Father did for us and what we too must do". For this reason, he concluded, "let us give thanks to the Lord, who has given us the grace of having the Church as a mother who teaches us the way of mercy, the way of life".

Ephpheta Centre—Catholic Centre for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People will be visiting our Parish to give us a brief presentation on the work that they do. They will be attending the 10:00am Mass next Sunday 21st September 2014 with about 40 deaf people from their community. A sign language interpreter will interpret the whole Mass and hymns to the people so they can follow the service. This is a wonderful experience for our parish community to see the Mass and hymns in sign language.

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

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.**

GENERAL AUDIENCE: MERCY IS ESSENTIAL

Vatican City, 10 September 2014 (VIS) – A special aspect of the “maternity” of the Church is education through mercy, and this was the subject of the Holy Father's catechesis during this Wednesday's general audience in St. Peter's Square.

Like a good mother and educator, the Church focuses on the essential, and the essential, according to the Gospel, is mercy, as Jesus clearly tells his disciples: “Be merciful, just as your father is”. “Is it possible for a Christian not to be merciful?” asked Pope Francis. “No. The Christian must necessarily be merciful, because this is at the centre of the Gospel. And so the Church behaves like Jesus. She does not give theoretical lessons on love or on mercy. She does not spread throughout the world a philosophy or a path to wisdom. Certainly, Christianity is all of this too”, the Pope remarked, “but as a consequence, a reflection. The mother Church, like Jesus, teaches by example, and words serve to cast light on the meaning of her gestures”. Therefore, “the Mother Church teaches us to give food and drink to those who hunger and thirst, and to clothe those who are naked. And how does she do this? She does it through the example of many saints who have done it in an exemplary fashion, but she also does it through the example of many fathers and mothers, who teach their children that what we have left over is for those who are in need of basic necessities. In the most humble Christian families, the rule of hospitality is always sacred: there is always a dish of food and a place to sleep for those in need”. And to those who say they have nothing to spare, Francis gave the example of a family in his former diocese who shared half of what they had to eat with a poor man who knocked at their door. “Learning to share what we have is important”.

The mother Church teaches us to be close to those who are sick. Like the saints who have served Jesus in this way, there are many people who practise this work of mercy every day in hospitals, rest homes, or in their own homes, providing assistance for the sick.

The mother Church also teaches us to be close to those who are imprisoned. “‘But Father’, some will say, ‘This is dangerous. These are bad people’. Listen carefully: any one of us is capable of doing what these men and women in prison have done. We all sin and make mistakes in life. They are not worse than you or me. Mercy overcomes any wall or barrier, and leads us always to seek the face of the human being. And it is mercy that changes hearts and lives, that is able to regenerate a person or enable him to be newly reintegrated in society”.

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