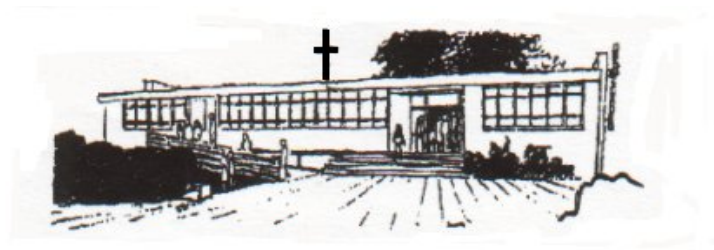


# St. Joseph's Catholic Church



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## The Epiphany Of The Lord 4th January 2015, Year B



### 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

### 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; Fax: 02 4721 0089

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## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY: 10:00am EPIPHANY TO THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Year B For the Parish

8:30am Mass Only

Entrance Antiphon Mal 3:1; 1 Chron 19:12

Behold the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;  
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

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

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| Monday:   | 8:00am | Weekday of Christmas Time | No Mass Intention |
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| Wednesday | 8:00am | St. Raymond of Penyafort  | No Mass Intention |
| Thursday  | 8:00am | Weekday of Christmas Time | Marie Ward        |
| Friday    | 8:00am | Weekday of Christmas Time | No Mass Intention |
| 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: Bronislaw Blazek, Mrs. Simpson**

**DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:- Marie Ward, Michael Corcoran.**

**WEEKLY ENVELOPES: BANKED \$865.00**

DONATIONS TOWARDS PA SYSTEM, BOX AND

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS BANKED \$84.10

TOTAL DONATIONS \$3361.20

### **DONATIONS AND FUND-RAISING FOR OUR PA SYSTEM PROJECT:**

If you would like to donate 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

**ROSARY & BENEDICTION will be held at 5:15pm before 6:00pm Mass every Saturday.**

Pope Francis' prayer intentions for January Vatican City, 30 December 2014 (VIS) – The Holy Father's universal prayer intention for January 2015 is: "That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace".

His intention for evangelisation is: "That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal".

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, Mavis Murphy, Bus Maybaum, Valerie Davies, & Jack and Stella Kane.

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  
Charles & Joan Timmins—4th January 2015  
Magla Isbitzki—11th January 2015**

## New Zealand

Many towns have a Santa parade with decorated floats, bands and marching girls. This can be any time from mid November onwards and is really a commercial event but much enjoyed by all. Many people have a **Christmas Tree** in their homes and decorate it like people in the USA or UK.

Many New Zealanders have a barbecue for Christmas lunch and this is becoming more popular. The food cooked on the barbecue is often ham slices or even venison or some other kind of exotic meat. Shrimps and other fish are also barbecued!

Desserts are also very popular! Many still have a hot fruit pudding with custard and ice cream but cold desserts are popular. These include pavlova and whipped cream, meringues, cold fruit salad, jelly and ice cream. Drinks will include a range of soft drinks. Those who like it often over do the alcoholic drinks too. **Here's a recipe for pavlova.**

They open their presents on Christmas day once the whole family is all together. This is usually before the Christmas lunch.

## Lebanon

In Lebanon, 35% of the population follow a form of Christianity called Maronite Catholic. These Christians build manger scenes in their homes called a Nativity Crib. The crib is more popular than a Christmas Tree. It's traditional for the scene to be based around a cave rather than a stable. It's often decorated with sprouted seeds such as chickpeas, broad-beans, lentils, oats and wheat that have been grown on damp cotton wool in the weeks leading up to Christmas. The crib scene then becomes a focus for the prayer of people in the house.

Other common Catholic traditions such as going to a Midnight Mass.

When people visit each other houses over the Christmas period, sugared almonds are often eaten with strong cups of coffee.

**CATHOLIC OUTLOOK READERSHIP SURVEY—HAVE YOUR SAY.** The combined Dec/Jan issue our diocesan magazine, Catholic Outlook, includes a readership survey for you to provide valuable feedback about the publication. You can also complete the survey online at:

[www.parra.catholic.org.au/catholic outlook](http://www.parra.catholic.org.au/catholic_outlook)

Top 50 responses—\$50 vouchers.

We want to know what you like about the publication. What would you like to see more or less of? How relevant is the editorial content? How can we best improve Catholic Outlook? To answer these and other questions in the survey go to:

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**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS AT BLACKTOWN:** St. John Paul II instituted the World Day of the Sick celebrations on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Our Diocese will celebrate World Day of the Sick with a Healing Mass and anointing at Blacktown on Wednesday 11th February. A welcome is extended to the sick and frail-aged, their relatives and carers. People from the healing professions—nurses, ancillary and administrative staff—from hospitals and nursing homes will also attend. Date: Wednesday 11th February 2015, commencing at 7:00pm. Where: St. Patrick's Church, 521-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown. Plenty of parking. Contact: Monsignor John Boyle, the priest co-ordinator for diocesan health matters. Telephone 02 9634 2622.

**NEED A GREAT Valentines present?** Surprise your spouse with a weekend away from the hustle of life by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. You will rejuvenate your relationship to be better than ever. Give the gift of your time. 6-8 March at Mt. Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. To apply contact 02 4283 3435 or [wsharpe@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wsharpe@bigpond.net.au)

**ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS** will resume in early February 2015.

**PLAY GROUP** will resume after the school holidays.

**S.K.Y. YOUTH GROUP** will resume after the school holidays.

(Vatican Radio) In his Angelus address on the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God - which is also observed as World Day of Peace - Pope Francis called on us "to fix our gaze of faith and of love on the Mother of Jesus."

Below, please find the complete text of Pope Francis' address at the Angelus on Thursday:  
Dear brothers and sisters,

On this first day of the year, in the joyful atmosphere of Christmas, the Church invites us to fix our gaze of faith and of love on the Mother of Jesus. In her, the humble woman of Nazareth, "the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us" (Jn 1:14). Because of this it is impossible to separate contemplation of Jesus, the Word of life Who is made visible and tangible (cf. 1 Jn 1:1), from contemplation of Mary, who has given Him her love and her human flesh.

Today we hear the words of the Apostle Paul: "God sent his Son, born of a woman" (Gal 4:4). That "born of a woman" speaks in an essential manner, and for this reason even more strongly, expresses the true humanity of the Son of God. As a Father of the Church, St Athanasius, affirms, "Our Saviour was truly man, and from that comes the salvation of all humanity" (Letter to Epictetus: PG 26).

But St Paul also adds "born under the law" (Gal 4:4). With this expression he emphasizes that Christ has taken up the human condition, freeing it from the closed, legalistic mentality. In fact, the law deprived of grace becomes an insupportable yoke, and instead of being good for us it is bad for us. This, then, is the end for which God sent His Son to earth to become man: a finality of liberation; indeed, of regeneration. Of liberation, "to ransom those under the law" (v. 5); and the ransom occurred with the death of Christ on the Cross. But especially of regeneration: "so that we might receive adoption as sons" (v. 5). Incorporated in Him, men and women really become children of God. This amazing transition takes place in us with Baptism, which grafts us into Christ as living members, and inserts us into the Church.

At the beginning of a new year, it is good to remember the day of our Baptism: we rediscover the gift received in that Sacrament which has regenerated us to new life – the divine life. And this through Mother Church, which has as a model Mother Mary. Thanks to Baptism we were introduced into communion with God and we are no longer at the mercy of evil and sin, but [rather] we receive the love, the tenderness, the mercy of the heavenly Father.

This closeness of God to our existence gives us true peace, the divine gift that we want especially to implore today, the World Day of Peace. "No longer slaves, but brothers": this is the Message of this Day. It is a message that involves all of us. We are all called to combat every form of slavery and to build fraternity — all of us, each one according to his or her own responsibility.

To Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, we present our good intentions. We ask you to extend the mantle of your maternal protection over each and every one of us in the new year: "O Holy Mother of God despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin" (Sub tuum praesidium).