

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

Assistant Priest

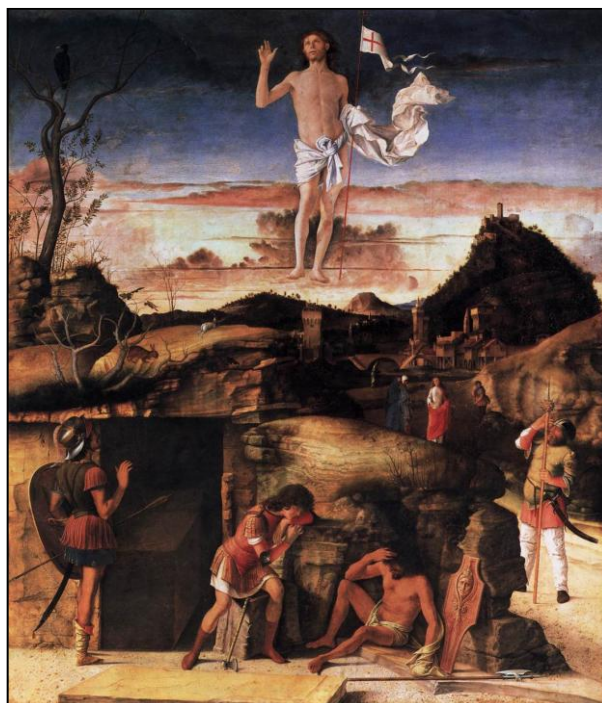
Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 02 4721 8945

Please leave a detailed Message

Fourth Sunday of Easter

26 April 2015, Year B



BELLINI, Giovanni. Resurrection of Christ
1475-79

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

Baptism. Marriage Please contact the Parish Office

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Franziska Jackson – Principal

School Office Times

8:30 am - 4:00 pm - Monday to Friday

Address

94 Joseph Street
Kingswood, NSW 2747

Telephone: 4732 3999; Fax: 4731 1432

<http://www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au>

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday 9:00am – 2:00pm and 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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Liturgy

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Responsorial Psalm: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 32:5-6. The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

No Mass Intention

SUNDAY 8:30am

Zbigniew Steindl

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday: 8:00am 4th Week of Easter

No Mass Intention

Tuesday: 8:00am St. Peter Chanel

No Mass Intention

Wednesday 8:00am St. Catherine of Siena

No Mass Intention

Thursday 8:00am St. Pius V

No Mass Intention

Friday 8:00am St. Joseph the Worker

No Mass Intention

Saturday 8:30am St. Athanasius

Dec. Members S.V.D.P.

ADORATION CHAPEL:

Open during office hours or speak to Father Andrew to arrange another time.

ANointing OF THE SICK:

Fr. Andrew will anoint personally if the need arises. Please see Father to arrange an anointing.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY: Dec. Member St. Vincent de Paul, Zbigniew Steindl.

ROSARY AND BENEDICTION:

Saturday at 5.15pm

ROSARY STATUE:

Denis & Anne Woodward - 26th April 2015

Alex & Ofelia Paraan - 3rd May 2015

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

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL:

Universal: That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.

Evangelization: That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, Alistair McArthur, Dianne Devitt, John McCahon, Allan Tuckwell, Kathryn 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, Janet Boreham & George Colville.

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

Parish and Diocese

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: BANKED \$948.00

DONATIONS AND FUND-RAISING:

PA SYSTEM PROJECT:

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS BANKED

TOTAL DONATIONS: \$7,011.75

SUNDAY MORNING CUPPA:

AFTER 10:00AM MASS:

SKY YOUTH GROUP:

Wednesday from 3:00 pm-5:00 pm. in the Parish Hall

FIRST COMMUNION:

Registration: 19 April 2015

First Communion: 7 June 2015, 10:00 am

CONFIRMATION:

Registration: 14 June 2015

Confirmation: 1 October 2015, 7:00 pm

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. Aloma 4731 8102, 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.

CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES:

\$1483.30 was raised. Thank you for your generosity.

CELEBRATING THE EARLY YEARS OF MARRIAGE:

All couples who were married between 1995 and 2014 are invited to celebrate the early years of their marriage with their family during a special Diocesan Mass at: **St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta. Sunday 17th May 2015 at 11:00am.** Very Rev Peter Williams VG EV will be celebrating the Mass and guests are invited to lunch at the Cathedral Parish Hall following Mass. **Please contact your Parish Secretary on 4721 4080 to register your names by Monday 4th May 2015.**

POSITION VACANT: PARISH SECRETARY:

St. Monica's Parish at North Parramatta is seeking applications for the part-time position of Parish Secretary. This is a maternity leave cover position, 24 hours per week. Further information www.parra.catholic.org.au. Applications close on Tuesday 12th May.

SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO ARE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED:

If you are trying to work through the crisis, blocks, challenges and opportunities associated with the breakdown of your marriage and family unit then you will find support and assistance at "Stepping Beyond", run by CCSS Solo Parent Services on Tuesday 25th May at 7:30pm, Blacktown. Further details ring Rita or Eileen on 99330205 or soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

SANTA SABINA COLLEGE:

Information Tours Term 2, 2015

Friday 1st May. 9:15 – 11:15am – Primary Campus. Wednesday 20th May 9:15am – 11:15am – Middle & Secondary Campus. Please reserve your place for the Primary Tour at: www.trybooking.com/117855 Middle & Secondary tour at: www.trybooking.com/117861 or contact Helen Ayers 9745 7030

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PAPAL ADDRESSES

Vatican City, 22 April 2015 (VIS) – Pope Francis dedicated his catechesis at today's Wednesday general audience to the second chapter of Genesis, in which we read that God created man as the culmination of all Creation and placed him in a beautiful garden so that he could cultivate it. “The Holy Spirit, who inspires all the Bible, suggests for a moment the image of man alone, without woman”, said the Pontiff. “And it suggests the thought of God, almost the sentiments of God as He watches him, as He observes Adam alone in the garden: he is free, he is the master, but ... he is alone. And God sees that this is not good; it is a lack of communion, a lack of fullness. 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him'”.

When after presenting all the other creatures, God finally presents woman to Adam, “the man joyfully recognises that creature, and only her, to be part of him: 'bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh'. Finally there is reflection, reciprocity. The woman is not a replica of man; she comes directly from God's gesture of creation. Indeed, the image of the 'rib' does not imply inferiority or subordination, but on the contrary, that man and woman are of the same substance and are complementary. And the fact that, again in the parable, God forms woman while man is sleeping, underlines that she is in no way a creation of man, but of God”.

God's trust in man and woman, to whom He entrusts the earth, is generous, direct and full. “He trusts them. But here there is the evil one who introduces suspicion, incredulity and distrust into their minds. And finally, they arrive at the point of disobeying the commandment that protects them. They give in to the delirium of omnipotence that contaminates everything and destroys harmony”.

“Sin generates diffidence and division between man and woman. Their relationship is undermined by a thousand forms of abuse and subjection, of deceptive seduction and humiliating arrogance, including the most tragic and violent. History bears their traces. Let us think, for instance, of the negative excesses of patriarchal culture. Think of the exploitation and commodification of the female body in the media in contemporary culture. But let us also think of the recent epidemic of distrust, scepticism and even hostility that is spreading in our culture – starting in particular from a comprehensible diffidence on the part of women – with regard to the alliance between man and woman that is able, at the same time, to refine the intimacy of communion and safeguard the dignity of difference”.

“If we do not find a wave of sympathy for this alliance, able to protect new generations from distrust and indifference, the children who come into the world will be increasingly rooted in it”, warned the bishop of Rome. “The social devaluation of the stable and generative alliance of man and woman is certainly a loss for all. We

must restore honour to marriage and the family”.

“The stewardship of this alliance of man and woman, even if they are sinners and wounded, confused and humiliated, distrustful and uncertain, is therefore for us as believers a demanding and exciting vocation. The account of creation and sin, at the end, offers us a beautiful image: 'And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them'. It is an image of tenderness towards the couple, sinners as they were, that leaves us speechless. It is an image of the paternal protection of the human couple. God Himself cares for and protects His finest creation”, concluded the Pope.

NEWS

Vatican City, 22 April 2015 (VIS) – The director of the Holy See Press Office, Fr. Federico Lombardi, S.J., today issued the following declaration:

“I am able to confirm that the Holy Father Francis, having received and accepted the invitation from the civil authorities and bishops of Cuba, has decided to pay a visit to the island before his arrival in the United States for the trip announced some time ago”.

Vatican City, 21 April 2015 (VIS) – On 20 April Pope Francis sent a message to the Patriarch of the Ethiopian Tewahedo Orthodox Church, His Holiness Abuna Matthias, upon hearing of the slaughter of 28 Ethiopian Christians kidnapped in Libya by the group ISIS.

“With great distress and sadness I learn of the further shocking violence perpetrated against innocent Christians in Libya. I know that Your Holiness is suffering deeply in heart and mind at the sight of your faithful children being killed for the sole reason that they are followers of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I reach out to you in heartfelt spiritual solidarity to assure you of my closeness in prayer at the continuing martyrdom being so cruelly inflicted on Christians in Africa, the Middle East and some parts of Asia.

It makes no difference whether the victims are Catholic, Copt, Orthodox or Protestant. Their blood is one and the same in their confession of Christ! The blood of our Christian brothers and sisters is a testimony which cries out to be heard by everyone who can still distinguish between good and evil. All the more this cry must be heard by those who have the destiny of peoples in their hands.

At this time we are filled with the Easter joy of the disciples to whom the women had brought the news that 'Christ has risen from the dead'. This year, that joy – which never fades – is tinged with profound sorrow. Yet we know that the life we live in God's merciful love is stronger than the pain all Christians feel, a pain shared by men and women of good will in all religious traditions.

With heartfelt condolences I exchange with Your Holiness the embrace of peace in Christ Our Lord”.