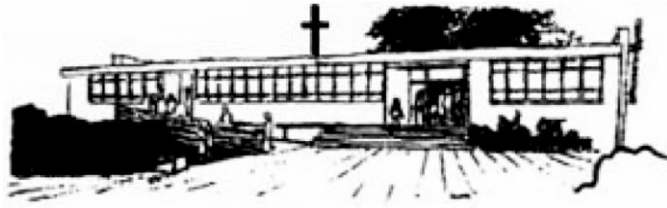


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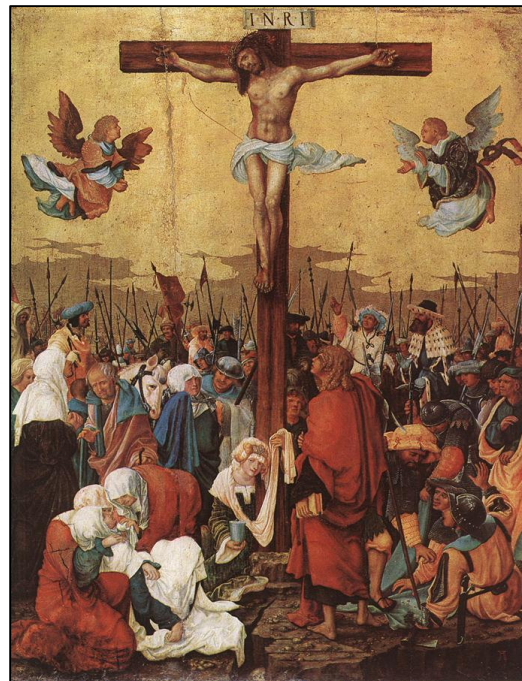
Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 02 9673 5046

Please leave a detailed Message

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26th February 2017, Year A/1



ALTDORFER, Albrecht, Christ on the Cross, c. 1520

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

Benediction: Saturday 5.15pm

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Patricia Riley - 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

www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am - 2:00pm and Friday: 8:30am - 1:30pm

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom;
He saved me because He delighted in me.

Responsorial Psalm: Rest in God alone, my soul.

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

SUNDAY 8:30am

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am **Ordinary Time** **Souls in Purgatory**

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Wednesday 8:00am **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Thursday 8:00am **Thursday after Ash Wednesday**

Friday 8:00am **Friday after Ash Wednesday** **People contemplating abortion & for abortionists**

Saturday 8:30am **St Casimir** **Dec. Mem. of St Vincent de Paul**

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please contact the Parish Office or one of the priests.
In the case of Emergency please call the emergency number at the front of this bulletin.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office.

HYMNS FOR WEEKEND MASSES:

Processional: 516 Offertory: 593

Communion: 527 Reflection: 555

Recessional: 594

Hymns for Youth Mass will be on the overhead.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

ADORATION CHAPEL

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

ROSARY IN OUR HOMES:

Please fill in the form at the back of the Church if you are interested in having Our Lady's Statue and the Rosary in your home for a week at a time. The Statue will be delivered to you by the Legion of Mary.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses on Wednesday are 8am and 7pm.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition will be for 24 hours from 4pm Thursday 2nd March to 4pm Friday 3rd March.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent at 6.30pm

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, Alistair McArthur, Dianne Devitt, John McCahon, Kathryn Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Debbie O'Connor, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, Gisela Drobiszewski, Katalin Domotor, Charles Timmins, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Valerie Davies, Raymond Waters, Francene Flannery, Jason Isbitski, Rosslyn Talbot, David Jenkins, Noeline Cruzado, Elaine D'Arcy & Kathleen Angoves

SICK LIST: If you have anyone for the sick list, (Due to privacy laws) contact the Parish Office to fill in a form and update it at the end of each month to keep the names on the sick list.

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

POPE FRANCIS' FEBRUARY INTENTIONS:

Universal: Welcome the needy

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$900.90**
 Loose: \$565.30

First Collection contributions go to the Diocese to support the priests working in the Parish.

Second collection contributions go directly to the Parish to support day to day operation of the Parish.

LEGION OF MARY - 'Mary Seat of Wisdom'

Meetings are held every Tuesday from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the old office building. All persons interested in meeting and participating in Legion's activities are most welcome.

SACRAMENTS FOR 2017:

Reconciliation: Friday 7th April

Registration – 5th March after 10am Mass

First Communion: Sunday 18th June

Registration – 23rd April after 10am Mass

Confirmation: Tuesday 24th October

Registration – 23rd July after 10am Mass

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays after Mass – 9am to 10am in Parish Hall. Aloma 4731 8102; Teresa – 4731 4222

2nd & 4th Thursdays 7pm at 2/40 Single Road, South Penrith. Elaine – 4736 8162.

DWF APPEAL

We have reached our Quota. Thank you for your generosity.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Boxes at the back of the Church from Ash Wednesday.

SKY YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group every Wednesday from 3pm to 5pm. All young people from Year 6 to Year 12 are most welcome. If anyone would like to assist on the afternoon or donate afternoon tea please see Clare.

PARKING IN THE COURTYARD IS ONLY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY PARKING PERMITS. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THIS IS A SAFETY ISSUE.

PARKING INCIDENT

Cars have been broken into so please do not leave any valuables in your car.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A service will be held at St Nicholas of Myra Church at Penrith this Friday 3rd March at 9.30am. The service will be followed by morning tea. All welcome.

ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Sunday 5th March from 10am to 2.30pm.

2018 enrolments are now open.

McCARTHY CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Open Evening Wednesday 8th March from 4pm to 7pm. Enrolments for 2018.

MT SCHOENSTATT

Shrine at 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year from 7am to 8pm.

Formation for Young Adults 18-35 on 3rd Sunday of the month from 12 noon to 3pm. Bring lunch to share.

Retreat Day for Families – Sunday 5th March: 11am Mass followed by BYO Picnic; 1.30pm Input for Adults and Program for Children; 3pm Prayer followed by Afternoon Tea.

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Paul's Journey in the Acts of the Apostles, presented by Dr Laurie Woods every Friday in March from 10am to 2pm at the Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. BYO lunch. Registration mcollis@ccdparramatta.com.au or 9890 4731.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting was held Thursday 23rd February. Minutes from January are available in the Office. Copy of February's agenda in the noticeboard.

PARISH LUNCH:

All Parishioners are invited to our lunch every 2nd Wednesday of the Month at midday. Venue for 8th March is Penrith Golf Club. If you need a lift please ring the Office. All are most welcome.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

THE HOLY FATHER'S CATECHESIS

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

We are often tempted to think that Creation is our property, a possession that we can exploit to our pleasure and to which we must render account to no one. In the passage of the Letter to the Romans (8:19-27), of which we just heard a part, the Apostle Paul reminds us, instead, that Creation is a wonderful gift that God has put in our hands, so that we can enter in relationship with Him and recognize the sign of His design of love, to whose realization we are all called to collaborate, day after day.

However, when the human being lets himself be gripped by egoism, he ends up by ruining even the most beautiful things that were entrusted to him. And so it has happened also with Creation. We think of water. Water is a most beautiful thing and so important; water gives us life, it helps us in everything but to exploit minerals water is contaminated, Creation is soiled and destroyed. This is only one example. There are so many. With the tragic experience of sin, communion with God broken, we have broken the original communion with all that surrounds us and we have ended up by corrupting Creation, thus rendering it a slave, subject to our perishability. And, unfortunately, the consequence of all this is dramatically before our eyes every day. When man breaks his communion with God, he loses his original beauty and ends up disfiguring everything around him; and where everything at first referred back to the Father-Creator and to His infinite love, now it bears the sad and desolate sign of human pride and voracity. Human pride, exploiting Creation, destroys.

However, the Lord does not leave us alone and, even in this desolate picture, He offers us a new prospect of liberation, of universal salvation. It is what Paul makes evident with joy, inviting us to listen to the groaning of the whole of Creation. In fact, if we pay attention, everything around us groans: Creation itself groans, we human beings groan and the Spirit groans within us, in our heart. Now, these groans are not a sterile, disconsolate lament but – as the Apostle specifies – they are the groans of one giving birth; they are the groans of one who suffers, but who knows that a new life is about to come to light. And in our case it is truly so. We are still dealing with the consequences of our sin and everything around us still bears the sign of our toils, of our

failures, of our closures. At the same time, however, we know that the Lord has saved us and it has already been given to us to contemplate and to enjoy in ourselves and in what surrounds us signs of the Resurrection, of Easter, which brings about a new Creation.

This is the content of our hope. A Christian does not live outside the world; he is able to recognize in his life and in what surrounds him signs of evil, of egoism and of sin. He is supportive of those who suffer, of those who weep, of those who are marginalized, of those who feel desperate But, at the same time, a Christian has learned to read all this with the eyes of Easter, with the eyes of the Risen Christ. And so he knows that we are living a time of expectation, a time of longing that goes beyond the present, the time of fulfilment. We know in hope that the Lord wants to heal, definitively with His mercy, wounded and humiliated hearts and all that man has disfigured in his impiety, and that thus He will regenerate a new world and a new humanity, finally reconciled in His love.

How many times we Christians are tempted to disappointment, to pessimism. Sometimes we let ourselves fall into useless lament or we remain without words and we do not even know what to ask for, what to hope for ... However, once again the Holy Spirit comes to help us, breath of our hope, who keeps alive the groan and expectation of our heart. The Spirit sees for us beyond the negative appearances of the present and already now reveals to us the new heavens and the new earth that the Lord is preparing for humanity.

Holy Father's Appeal

Of particular concern is the painful news reaching us of martyred South Sudan, where, joined to a fratricidal conflict, is a grave food crisis that scourges the region of the Horn of Africa and that condemns millions of people to death due to hunger, among them many children. At this moment, more than ever the commitment of all is necessary not to stop a declaration but to render food aid concrete and to enable it to reach the suffering populations. May the Lord sustain these brothers of ours and all those who work to help them.