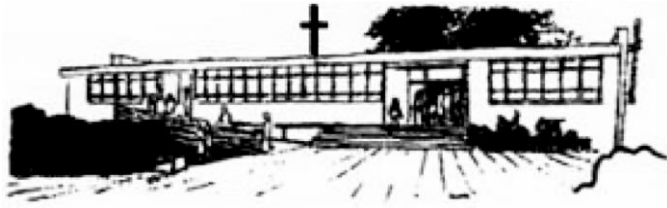


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Parish Priest

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Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

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Please leave a detailed Message

## CHRISTMAS DAY

25<sup>th</sup> December 2016, Year A/1



CAVALLINI. Pietro, Nativity of Christ 1296-1300

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. 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

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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:** A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;  
His sceptre of power rests upon His shoulder,  
and His name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

**Responsorial Psalm:** All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

#### VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm	Christmas Eve	For the Parish
	12.00am	Midnight Mass	
SUNDAY	8:30am	Christmas Day Mass	
	10:00am	Christmas Day Mass	For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	ST STEPHEN	Rosie O'Neill in Thanksgiving
Tuesday:	8:00am	ST JOHN	Rosie O'Neill in Thanksgiving
Wednesday	8:00am	HOLY INNOCENTS	Gianni Panozzo (is very ill)
Thursday	8:00am	5 <sup>th</sup> Day Octave of Nativity	Rosie O'Neill in Thanksgiving
Friday	8:00am	THE HOLY FAMILY	Kerry Clarke (Recently Dec.)
Saturday	8:30am	7 <sup>th</sup> Day Octave of Nativity	Thomas Gale (Dec. Anniversary)

#### ADORATION CHAPEL:

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

#### 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.

#### HYMNS FOR WEEKEND MASSES:

Processional: 266, 269      Offertory: Screen, 265  
Communion: 267          Reflection: 263  
Recessional: 270

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Kerry Clarke

**DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:** Thomas Gale

#### 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. Our Priests will also be able to visit your home to bless it during this time.

#### POPE FRANCIS' DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS:

**Universal:** That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

**Evangelization:** That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

**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, Charles Timmins, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Valerie Davies, Janet Boreham, 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.

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Envelopes: \$1099  
Loose: \$261.35

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.



### GIFT OF THE PLENARY INDULGENCE:

Pope Francis has granted a special Jubilee Plenary Indulgence, on usual conditions, for the faithful praying in a Dominican church. That is why every days' morning adoration we finish with special prayers.

### SACRAMENTS FOR 2017:

#### Reconciliation: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April

Registration - 5<sup>th</sup> March after 10am Mass

#### First Communion: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June

Registration - 23<sup>rd</sup> April after 10am Mass

#### Confirmation: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October

Registration - 23<sup>rd</sup> July after 10am Mass

### ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:

Will resume in February. If you have any questions about these Groups please ring:

Aloma 4731 8102; Teresa - 4731 4222

Elaine - 4736 8162.

### OFFICE HOURS DURING CHRISTMAS BREAK:

During January the Parish Office will be open on Thursdays & Fridays. If you have an urgent matter, please ring the emergency number on the front page. Normal office hours will resume in February.

### PARISH NEW YEAR'S PARTY:

Next Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January after 10am Mass, we look forward to getting together to celebrate the New Year as a Parish Community. Please bring a plate to share.

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY PARKING IN THE COURTYARD IS ONLY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABLED STICKERS. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THIS IS A SAFETY ISSUE.**

**YOU ARE ALSO ASKED TO PARK IN THE SCHOOL CARPARK DURING THE WEEKDAYS FROM MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER UNTIL SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY.**

### CLEANING THE LORD'S HOUSE:

If you have an hour to spare on a Friday or a Saturday morning, please consider assisting with cleaning the Church. Ring Clare on 0432 668 724.

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSES:

Courses at Penrith or Blacktown are open to all individuals seeking formation and training for serving at the altar. Email Office of Worship on alobo2@parra.catholic.org.au or ring on 8838 3456, or collect an enrolment form from Aruna or Clare.

### LOWANA SUMMER CAMP:

For girls Years 5-8 in 2017. From 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> January at Crosslands Youth & Convention Centre, 100 Crosslands Rd, Galston. Contact: Paula 0405 457 799. See brochure at back of Church.

### PARISH LUNCH:

All Parishioners are invited to our lunch every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month at midday. Venue for 11<sup>th</sup> January is Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

*Have a blessed Christmas and a grace filled New Year A.D. 2017  
Dominican Fathers*

Following proclamation of the Privacy Act 1988 at the end of 2001, a privacy policy has been developed in accordance with Diocesan norms and has been approved by the Parish Priest. A copy is available from the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

**POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE:**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

We have just begun a series of catechesis on the theme of hope, all the more appropriate in the Season of Advent. Up to now, the prophet Isaiah has been guiding us. Today, a few days from Christmas, I would like to reflect more specifically on the moment in which, so to speak, *hope entered the world*, with the Incarnation of the Son of God. Isaiah himself pre-announced the Messiah's birth in some passages: "Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel": (7:14); and also "There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots" (11:1). The meaning of Christmas shines through these passages: God fulfils the promise making Himself man; He does not abandon His people, He comes close to the point of despoiling Himself of his divinity. Thus God shows His fidelity and inaugurates a new Kingdom, which gives a *new hope to humanity*. And what is this hope? Eternal life.

When there is talk of hope, it refers often to that which is not in man's power and which is not visible. In fact, what we hope for goes beyond our strength and our gaze. However, Christ's birth, inaugurating the Redemption, speaks to us of a different hope, a reliable, visible and comprehensible hope, because it is founded on God. He entered the world and gave us the strength to walk with him: God walks with us in Jesus and to walk with Him towards the fullness of life gives us the strength to be in the present in a new way, though laborious. For the Christian to hope, therefore, means the certainty of being on the way with Christ towards the Father, who awaits us. Hope never stops, hope is always on the way and makes us walk forward. This hope, which the Child of Bethlehem gives us, offers a goal, a good destiny to the present, the salvation of humanity, beatitude to the one who entrusts himself to the merciful God. Saint Paul summarizes all this with the expression: "For in this hope we were saved" (*Romans* 8:24). That is, walking in this way, with hope, we are saved. And here, we can each ask ourselves the question: do I walk with hope or is my interior life stopped, closed? Is my heart a closed drawer or a drawer open to hope, which has me walk with Christ, and not alone?

During the Season of Advent, the *Crib* is prepared in Christians' homes, according to the tradition that goes back to Saint Francis of Assisi. In its simplicity, the Crib transmits hope; each of the personages is immersed in this atmosphere of hope note first of all the place where Jesus is born: *Bethlehem*. A small borough of Judea where a thousand years earlier David was born, the shepherd

chosen by God as King of Israel. Bethlehem is not a capital, therefore it is preferred by Divine Providence, which loves to act through the little ones and humble ones. In that place, the much awaited "son of David" was born, Jesus, in whom God's hope and man's hope meet.

Then we look at Mary, Mother of Hope. With her "Yes" she opened the door of our world to God: her girl's heart was full of hope, all animated by faith; and so God chose her and she believed in His word. She, who for nine months was the Ark of the new and eternal Covenant, contemplated the Child in the cavern and saw in Him the love of God, who comes to save His people and the whole of humanity.

At Mary's side is *Joseph*, descendant of Jesse and David; he too believed in the Angel's words and, looking at Jesus in the manger, he meditated that that Child came from the Holy Spirit, and that God Himself ordered him to call him thus, "Jesus." In that name is every man's hope, because through that son of woman, God will save humanity from death and sin. Therefore, it is important to look at the Crib!

Also at the Crib are the *shepherds*, who represent the humble and the poor who were awaiting the Messiah, the "consolation of Israel" (*Luke* 2:25) and the "redemption of Jerusalem" (*Luke* 2:38). In that Child they saw the fulfilment of the promises and they hope that God's salvation will finally reach each one of them. One who trusts in his own securities, especially material, does not await God's salvation. Let's get this in our head: our securities will not save us; the only security that saves us is that of hope in God. He saves us because He is strong and makes us walk in life with joy, with the desire to do good, with the desire to become happy for eternity. Instead, the little ones, the shepherds, trust in God, hope in Him and rejoice when they recognize in that Child the sign indicated by the Angels (cf. *Luke* 2:12).

And in fact *the choir of Angels* proclaims from on high the great design that the Child carries out: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased" (*Luke* 2:14). Christian hope is expressed in praise and thanksgiving to God, who has inaugurated His Kingdom of love, justice and peace.

Dear brothers and sisters, in these days, contemplating the Crib, we prepare ourselves for the Lord's Birth. It will be truly a celebration if we receive Jesus, seed of hope that God deposits in the furrows of our personal and communal history. Every "Yes" to Jesus who comes is a seed of hope. Let us have confidence in this seed of hope, in this yes: "Yes, Jesus, you can save me, you can save me." A Happy Christmas of hope to all!