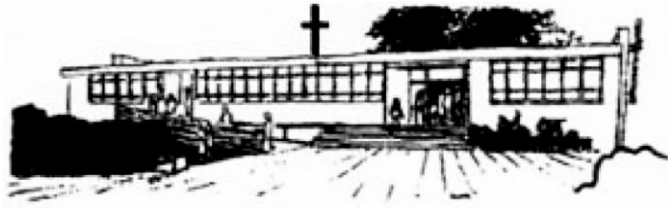


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

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EMERGENCY PHONE: 02 9673 5046

Please leave a detailed Message

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8th January 2017, Year A/1



ANGELICO, Fra, Adoration of the Magi, 1423-24

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

www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: 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.

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Immaculata Mission School, Launceston

SUNDAY

8:30am

Special Request

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday

8:00am

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Special Request

Tuesday:

8:00am

Ordinary Time

Special Request

Wednesday

8:00am

Ordinary Time

Special Request

Thursday

8:00am

Ordinary Time

Special Request

Friday

8:00am

Ordinary Time

Special Request

Saturday

8:30am

Mass of the Virgin Mary

Dec. Mems. of the Saltau Family

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: 281 Offertory: 276
Communion: 280 Reflection: 270
Recessional: 265

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mia Schoemaker

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY: Michael Corcoran,
Members of the Saltau Family

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' JANUARY INTENTIONS:

Evangelization: Christians at the service of the challenges of humanity.

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching, by striving with prayer and fraternal charity, to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

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: \$982

Loose: \$307

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.



JUBILEE 800 1216 - 2016
ORDER OF PREACHERS

www.stjoseph800.org

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 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:

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

Aloma 4731 8102; Teresa - 4731 4222

Elaine - 4736 8162.

PARISH LUNCH:

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

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.

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

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 24th to 26th January at Crosslands Youth & Convention Centre, 100 Crosslands Rd, Galston. Contact: Paula 0405 457 799. See brochure at back of Church.

BISHOP VINCENT LONG'S XMAS MESSAGE

Watch a video of Bishop Vincent's Christmas message at www.catholicoutlook.org

MASS FOR WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Includes the Sacramental Rite of Anointing of the Sick and Prayers for Healing. Bishop Vincent Long will be the principal celebrant. Mass is at 10.30am on Thursday 9th February at St Patrick's Church, 51 Allawah Street, Blacktown. Refreshments to follow.

SON OF GOD: DAILY GOSPEL YEAR A-1

This e-book, which may be downloaded free of charge to a computer, tablet or iPhone, offers the Gospel for every day of this Liturgical Year, together with a reflection on each daily Gospel. It can be accessed at the following address: www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/

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

THE HOLY FATHER'S CATECHESIS

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

In today's catechesis I would like to contemplate with you the figure of a woman who speaks to us of hope lived in weeping – hope lived in weeping. It is Rachel, wife of Jacob and mother of Joseph and Benjamin, she that, as the Book of Genesis recounts, died in giving birth to her second-born, namely, Benjamin.

The prophet Jeremiah makes reference to Rachel when addressing the Israelites in exile to console them, with words full of emotion and poetry; namely, he takes up Rachel's weeping but gives hope:

Thus says the Lord: "A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are not" (*Jeremiah 31:15*). In these verses, Jeremiah presents this woman of his people, the great matriarch of his tribe, in a reality of sorrow and weeping, but at the same time with a prospect of unimaginable life. Rachel, who in the Genesis account died giving birth and assumed that death so that her son could live now, instead, is represented by the prophet as alive at Ramah, there where the deported gathered, weeping for her children who in a certain sense are dead by going into exile; children that, as she herself says, "are not," have gone forever.

And, because of this, Rachel does not want to be consoled. Her refusal expresses the depth of her sorrow and the bitterness of her weeping. In face of the tragedy of the loss of children, a mother is unable to accept words or gestures of consolation, which are always inadequate, but capable of soothing the pain of a wound that cannot and will not be healed – a sorrow proportionate to the love.

Every mother knows all this; and there are so many mothers, also today, who weep, who are not resigned to the loss of a child, inconsolable in face of a death that is impossible to accept. Rachel encloses in herself the sorrow of all the mothers of the world, of all times, and the tears of every human being who weeps for irreparable losses.

This refusal of Rachel, who does not want to be consoled, teaches us also how much delicacy is required in face of others' sorrow. To speak of hope to one who is desperate requires sharing his despair, to dry a tear from the face of one who is suffering requires uniting our sorrow to his. Only thus will our words be really capable of giving some hope. And if I cannot say such words – weeping, sorrowing, then silence is better – a caress, a gesture and no words.

and God, with His delicacy and His love, responds to Rachel's weeping with true not feigned words thus, in fact, Jeremiah's text proceeds:

"Thus says the LORD: 'Cease your cries of weeping, hold back your tears! There is compensation for your labor – oracle of the LORD—they shall return from the enemy's land. There is hope for your future—oracle of the LORD—your children shall return to their own territory. (*Jeremiah 31:16-17*). In fact, because of the mother's weeping, there is hope again for the children, who will live again.

This woman, accepted death at the moment of giving birth, so that her son could live ... she and her weeping are now the origin of a new life for her exiled children, [who are] prisoners, far from their homeland. To Rachel's sorrow and bitter weeping, the Lord responds with a promise that can now be for her a motive for true consolation: the people will be able to return from exile and live in faith, and free, their relation with God. The tears generated hope. And this is not easy to understand, but it is true. Many times in our life tears sow hope; they are seeds of hope.

As we know, this text of Jeremiah was later taken up by the evangelist Matthew and applied to the massacre of the innocents (cf. 2:16-18). A text that puts us before the tragedy of the killing of vulnerable human beings, to the horror of power that scorns and does away with life. The children of Bethlehem died because of Jesus. And He, innocent Lamb, would then die in turn for all of us. The Son of God entered in the pain of men. We must not forget this.

When someone turns to me and asks me difficult questions, for instance: "Tell me, Father, why do children suffer?" I truly do not know what to answer. I just say: "Look at the Crucified: God has given us His Son, He suffered, and perhaps you will find an answer there" But answers from here [he points to his head] there are none. Only by looking at God's love that gives His Son, who offers His life for us, can indicate some way of consolation. And because of this we say that the Son of God entered in the pain of men; He shared and accepted death; His Word is definitively word of consolation, because it is born of weeping.

And on the Cross it is He, the dying Son, who gives new fecundity to His Mother, entrusting her to the disciple John and rendering her Mother of the believing people. Death is conquered, and thus Jeremiah's prophecy reaches fulfillment. Mary's tears also, as those of Rachel, generated hope and new life. Thank you.