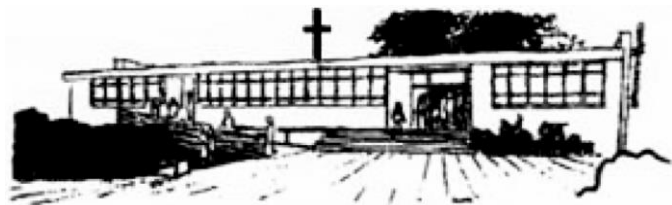


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

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Please leave a detailed Message

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5th August 2018, Year B/2



ANGELICO, Fra, Institution of the Eucharist (Cell 35), 1441-42

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 Reilly - Principal

School Office Times

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

Address

94 Joseph Street
Kingswood, NSW 2747

Telephone: 4726 4200; **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: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Gospel: John 6:24-35

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Charlie & Stephen Cutajar

SUNDAY 8:30am

Bishops of Australia

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

In Thanksgiving

Tuesday: 8:00am

18th Week Ordinary Time

In Thanksgiving

Wednesday 8:00am

ST MARY OF THE CROSS

Enrique Amaya

Thursday 8.00am

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Francois Arik

Friday 8.00am

ST LAWRENCE

In Thanksgiving

Saturday 8.30am

St Clare

In Thanksgiving

ADORATION CHAPEL:

Open during office hours or speak to Fr Andrew.

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Gerard Morvan

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Charles & Stephen Cutajar, Enrique Amaya,
Francois Arik

YOUTH MASS

The next Youth Mass will be Saturday 18th August at 6pm. Please spread the word to our young people.

POPE FRANCIS' AUGUST INTENTIONS

The Treasure of Families

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are:

Tuesday 14th August – Vigil Mass at 7pm

Wednesday 15th August – Mass of the Day at 8am
(followed by Blessing of the Statue) and 7pm

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, John McCahon, Kathryn Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, Katalin Domotor, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Valerie Davies, Raymond Waters, Jason Isbitski, Andrew Isbitski, David Jenkins, Margaret Colville, Gill Waltisbuhl, Robert Waltisbuhl.

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

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$1008.05**
 Loose: \$297.90

LEGION OF MARY – ‘Mary Seat of Wisdom’

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

ROSARY IN OUR HOMES:

Please fill in the form at the back of the Church if you would like 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 are able to bless your home during this time.

SACRAMENTS FOR 2018:

Confirmation: Tuesday 23rd October
Lessons on Sunday after 10am Mass

ST. JOSEPH’S PRAYER GROUPS:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays after Mass – 9.15am to 10.15am in the Parish Hall.

Aloma – 4731 8102; Teresa 4731 4222.

1st & 3rd Mondays 7pm in the Parish Office.

Jim – 0411 280 950

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group Wednesdays from 3pm – 5pm. All Young People from Year 6 to 18 years old are most welcome.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study every Wednesday at 10.30am. All are most welcome. Please bring your Bibles with you

PARISH LUNCH:

Held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The date for our next Lunch is this Wednesday 8th August at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

STATUE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Our new statue of Our Lady of Lourdes has arrived and will be blessed after 8am Mass on 15th August, the Feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Lady.

We are now using our new Paten.

Donations towards our statue can be left in the donation box at the back of the Church.

We have collected \$2929.85 so far. Thank you to all who have donated so generously.

ST JOSEPH’S WINTER FAIR (FETE)

Our Fair is this weekend. Please come/stay and enjoy being part of the celebrations.

LEAVING CARPARK AFTER 8.30AM MASS

We can now use the Joseph Street exit for 8.30am Mass. Richmond Road will now only be for entry.

GROUNDSKEEPER REQUIRED

St Joseph’s needs a person or persons to take responsibility for keeping the Church lawns maintained. We have all the equipment necessary including a ride-on mower. Please ring the Office.

SRE MEETING IN SRE OFFICE

This Wednesday 8th August at 9am. It is important to attend. Interested people are welcome.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Fr Pawel is running in the Sydney Marathon on Sunday 16th September to fund-raise for Vinnies. To sponsor Fr Pawel please go to the following site:

<https://donate.grassrootz.com/blackmores-sydney-running-festival-2018/vinnies/pawel-barszczewski>

Sponsors have contributed \$945 to date.

ST JOSEPH’S PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

We are now accepting Kindergarten 2019 Enrolments. Please contact the school on 4726 4200 to make an appointment.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Sunday 19th August at 2pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys. Celebrant Fr Paul Glynn.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops’ decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. Find out more at the new website:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

WORLD YOUTH DAY PANAMA 2019



Raffles tickets will be on sale shortly to support our young people. For World Youth Day Registrations please go to wydpanama2019.com.au/registration

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

Commandments 3: What is My Idol?

We have heard the first commandment of the Decalogue: "You shall not have other gods before Me" (*Exodus* 20:3). It's good to pause on the subject of *idolatry*, which is of great importance and timeliness.

The commandment prohibits making idols or images of any sort of reality: everything, in fact, can be used as an idol. We are talking about a human tendency, which doesn't spare believers or atheists. For example, we Christians can ask ourselves: who, truly, is my God? Is it the One and Triune Love or is it my image, my personal success, perhaps, within the Church? "Idolatry not only refers to false pagan worship. It remains a constant temptation to faith. Idolatry consists in divinizing what is not God" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2113).

What is a "god" on the existential plane? It's what is at the centre of one's life, and on which what one does and thinks depends. One can grow up in a nominally Christian family but focused, in reality, on points of reference that are foreign to the Gospel. The human being doesn't live without centring himself on something. So here is a world that offers a "supermarket" of idols, which can be objects, images, ideas, roles. For example, also prayer. We must pray to God, our Father. I remember once I had gone to a parish in the diocese of Buenos Aires to celebrate a Mass and then I had to do Confirmations in another parish a kilometer away. I went, walking, and found a beautiful park. However, in that park there were more than 50 small tables, each one with two chairs and the people were seated, one in front of the other. What were they doing? Tarot cards. They went there "to pray" to an idol. Instead of praying to God who is providence of the future, they went there to read the cards to see the future. This is an idolatry of our times. I ask you: how many of you have gone to have cards read to you to see the future? How many of you, for example, have gone to have your hands read to see the future, instead of praying to the Lord? This is the difference: the Lord is alive; the others are idols, idolatries that are useless.

The word "idol" in Greek derives from the verb "to see." An idol is a "vision," which tends to become a fixation, an obsession. In reality, an idol is a projection of oneself in objects or in projects. Advertising, for example, makes use of this dynamic: I don't see the object in itself but I perceive that car, that smartphone, that role — or other things — as a means to fulfil myself and of responding to my essential needs. And I seek it, speak of it, think of it; the idea of possessing that object or of doing that project, attaining that position, seems a

wonderful way to happiness, a tower to reach the heavens (Cf. *Genesis* 11:1-9), and everything becomes functional to that goal.

"You shall not bow down to them." Idols exact worship, rituals: to them one bows down and sacrifices everything. In antiquity, human sacrifices were made to idols, but also today: children are sacrificed for a career, by neglecting them or simply not generating them; beauty calls for human sacrifices. How many hours spent in front of a mirror! Certain persons, certain women, how much time they spend putting on makeup?! This is also idolatry. It's not bad to put on makeup, but in a normal way, not to become a goddess. Idols ask for blood. Money robs life and pleasure leads to loneliness. The economic structures sacrifice human lives for greater profits. We think of so many people without work. Why? Because it happens sometimes that the entrepreneurs of that business, of that firm, have decided to lay-off people, to earn more money — the idol of money. One lives in hypocrisy, doing and saying what others expect, because the god of one's affirmation imposes it. And lives are ruined, families are destroyed and young people are abandoned in the hands of destructive models, to increase profit. Drugs are also an idol.

Here the more tragic stage arrives: ". . .and not serve them," it says. Idols enslave. They promise happiness but don't give it; and one finds oneself living for that thing or for that vision, caught in a self-destructive vortex, in the expectation of a result that never arrives.

Idols promise life, but in reality they take it away. The true God doesn't ask for life but gives it. The true God doesn't offer a projection of our success, but teaches to love. The true God gives His Son for us. Idols project future hypotheses and make one disdain the present; the true God teaches one to live in the reality of every day, in the concrete, not with illusions about the future: today and tomorrow and the day-after-tomorrow walking towards the future — the concreteness of the true God against the liquidity of idols. I invite you to think today: how many idols do I have and which is my favourite idol? Love is incompatible with idolatry: if something becomes absolute and untouchable, then it's more important than a spouse, a child, or a friendship. Attachment to an object or an idea makes one blind to love. And so to go after idols, after an idol, we can even renounce father, mother, children, wife, husband, family — the dearest things. Attachment to an object or an idea makes one blind to love. Carry this in your heart: idols rob you of love, idols make you blind to love and to truly love it's necessary to be free of idols. What is my idol? Take it out and throw it out of the window!