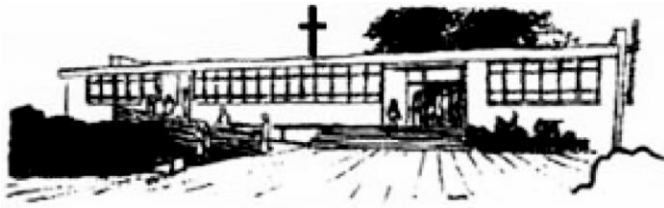


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

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Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 02 9673 5046

Please leave a detailed Message

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

3rd December 2017, Year B/2



Fra Angelico, The Annunciation, 1433-1434.

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 Reilly - Principal

School Office Times

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

Address

94 Joseph Street
Kingswood, NSW 2747

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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: To You, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In You, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in You be put to shame.

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, make us turn to You, let us see Your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Max, Claudia, Jake, Jye & Heidi
	8.30am		Luise & Christian & Mackenzie Family
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	1 st Week of Advent	Thanksgiving from Jesusa McLachlan
Tuesday:	8:00am	1 st Week of Advent	Benita Azores (for Healing)
Wednesday	8:00am	St Nicholas of Myra	Souls of Solomon & Alejandrina Pimentel & Rick Amaya
Thursday	8:00am	St Ambrose	Ricardo & his Intentions
Friday	8.00am	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Vicki O'Connor
Saturday	8.30am	1 st Week of Advent	

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.

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Rick Amaya, Solomon & Alejandrina Pimentel,
Vicki O'Connor

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be 16th December at 6pm.
Please invite all young people to come along for Mass and a get together after Mass.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve
Vigil Mass 6pm

Monday 25th December - Christmas Day
Midnight Mass - Carols from 11.30pm
Sunday morning - 9am Mass
Polish Mass - 11am

POPE FRANCIS' DECEMBER INTENTIONS

The Elderly

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, John McCahon, Kathryn Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, Gisela Drobiszewski, Katalin Domotor, Charles Timmins, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Valerie Davis, Raymond Waters, Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Noeline Cruzado, Kathleen Angoves & Margaret Colville.

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: \$733.10

Loose: \$388.65

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 Thursday at 6pm in the old office building. All interested in participating in the Legion's activities are most welcome.

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.

SACRAMENTS FOR 2018:

Reconciliation: Thursday 22nd March

Registration: Sunday 18th February

First Communion: Sunday 3rd June

Registration: Sunday 8th April

Confirmation Tuesday 23rd October

Registration Sunday 22nd July

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays after Mass – 9am to 10am in Parish Hall.

Wednesday 13th December will be our last Group until Wednesday 14th February.

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

Monday 4th December will be our last Group until Monday 5th February.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

All Calendars have been sold. Thank you for your kind support.

SKY YOUTH GROUP

Wednesday 6th December from 3pm to 5pm will be our last Youth Group for the Year. Young people from Years 6 to 12 are most welcome.

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study is every Wednesday at 10.30am in the Parish Hall. Our last session will be Wednesday 13th December, followed by our Parish Lunch. All are most welcome. Please bring your Bible with you.

PARISH LUNCH:

All Parishioners are invited to our lunch on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The Venue is Penrith Golf Club for 13th December. If you need a lift please ring the Office. All are most welcome.

THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

Thank you for your generosity to The Catholic Foundation. We have raised \$1957.70.

Correction of Information

The Catholic Foundation wishes to adhere to the preferences of its constituents, particularly surrounding mailing options. Personal details can also be removed or updated on request.

For any changes please call 8838 3482 or email yourfoundation@parra.catholic.org.au.

CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL MASS

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP is inviting all Catholics to attend the Mass which will conclude the Catholic Youth Festival. This will be the biggest Catholic outdoor Mass since Pope Benedict XVI was here for World Youth Day in 2008. Mass will be held in the Domain on Saturday 9th December at 6.30pm after an afternoon of concerts and festivities beginning at 4pm.

CHRISTMAS AT ST FINBAR'S

St Finbar's traditional Christmas feast will be held this year on Sunday 17th December at 7.30pm. Massed Choir, Readings, Harp, Handbells, Soloists and Brass. Join the great organ in singing carols with the choir and congregation, and rejoice in the Hallelujah Chorus with trumpets and timpani. Donation: Families \$35, individuals \$15. Bring the family, friends and neighbours. Proceeds towards the upkeep and maintenance of the organ. St. Finbar's Catholic Church, 46 Levy Street, Glenbrook. Enquiries 4754 1780.

REFLECTIVE MINISTRY PROGRAM 2018

The Institute of Mission is offering this Program comprising of 2 components to all involved in the Ministries of Catholic Communities. Component 1 starts 27th February, and comprises of Tuesday evenings and 2 Saturday mornings. Call or email as soon as possible to reserve your place or for more information. Fr Paul 0417 441 177; Donnie 0432 042 140 or email connect@ifm.org.au

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

Pope Francis' Angelus Address 26th November

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!
In this last Sunday of the Liturgical Year we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ King of the universe. His royalty of guide, of service, is also a royalty that at the end of time will be affirmed as Judgment. Today we have before us Christ as King, Shepherd, and Judge, which shows the criteria of belonging to the Kingdom of God. Here are the criteria.

The evangelical page opens with a grandiose vision. Turning to His disciples, Jesus says: "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the Angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne" (*Matthew 25:31*). It's the solemn introduction of the account of the Universal Judgment. After having lived His earthly existence in humility and poverty, Jesus presents Himself now in the divine glory that belongs to Him, surrounded by an angelic array. The whole of humanity is gathered before Him, and He exercises His authority separating one from another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

To those He placed on His right hand He says: "Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me" (vv. 34-36). The righteous are surprised, because they don't remember having ever met Jesus, and even less so, having helped Him in that way, but He says: "as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (v. 40). This word never ends striking us, because it reveals to us to what point the love of God reaches: to the point of identifying Himself with us, but not when we are well, when we are healthy and happy, no, but when we are in need. And He lets Himself be found in this hidden way, He stretches His hand out as a beggar. Jesus thus reveals the decisive criteria of his Judgment, namely, concrete love of one's neighbour in difficulty. And revealed thus is the power of love, the royalty of God: in solidarity with one who suffers, to arouse everywhere attitudes and works of mercy.

The parable of the Judgment continues presenting the King who sends away from Him those who during their life were not preoccupied about the needs of brothers. In this case, also they remain

surprised and ask: "Lord, when did we see Thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to Thee?" Implying: "If we had seen You, we would certainly have helped You!" But the King will answer: "as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me" (v. 45). At the end of life, we will be judged on love, namely, on our concrete commitment to love and serve Jesus in our littlest and neediest brothers. That beggar, that needy one that stretches out his hand is Jesus; that sick person that I must visit is Jesus, that imprisoned man is Jesus, that hungry man is Jesus. Let us think about this.

Jesus will come at the end of time to judge all the nations, but He comes to us every day, in so many ways, and He asks that we receive Him. May the Virgin Mary help us to meet and receive Him in His Word and in the Eucharist, and at the same time in brothers and sisters suffering hunger, sickness, oppression, injustice. May our heart *receive him in the today* of our life so that He will receive us *in the eternity* of His Kingdom of light and peace.

After the Angelus

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
The news last Friday gave us great grief of the massacre that happened in a mosque in the north of Sinai. I continue to pray for the numerous victims, for the wounded and for all that community, so harshly stricken. May God free us from these tragedies and sustain the efforts of all those who work for peace, for concord and coexistence.

Proclaimed Blessed yesterday in Cordoba, Argentina, was Mother Catherine of Mary Rodriguez, Founder of the Congregation of Sisters Slaves of the Heart of Jesus, first women's Religious Institute of Apostolic Life in Argentina. Catherine, who lived in the 19th century, first married and then, remaining a widow, she consecrated herself to God and dedicated herself to the spiritual and material care of the poorest and most vulnerable women. We praise the Lord for this "woman passionate of the Heart of Jesus.

This evening I will begin my Apostolic Journey to Myanmar and Bangladesh. I ask you to accompany me with prayer so that my presence is a sign of closeness and hope for those populations.

I wish you all a happy Sunday. And, please, don't forget to pray for me.