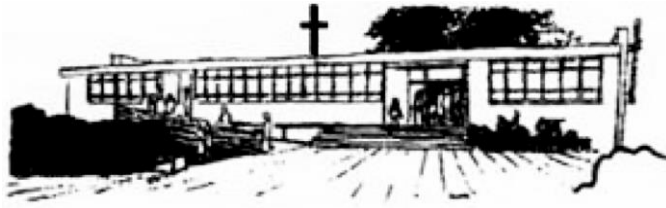


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

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Please leave a detailed Message

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10th November 2019, Year C/1



Saint Albert the Great

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 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
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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

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Let my prayer come into Your presence.
Incline Your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, when Your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16 – 3:5

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

VIGIL SATURDAY

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| | 6:00pm | | All Souls |
| SUNDAY | 8:30am | | All Souls |
| | 10:00am | | For the Parish |
| Monday | 8:00am | St Martin of Tours | All Souls |
| Tuesday | 8:00am | St Josaphat | All Souls |
| Wednesday | 8:00am | 32nd Week Ordinary Time | All Souls |
| Thursday | 8.00am | 32nd Week Ordinary Time | All Souls |
| Friday | 8.00am | ST ALBERT THE GREAT | All Souls |
| Saturday | 8.30am | Mass of the Virgin Mary | All Souls |

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

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.

NOVEMBER MASSES

All Masses during November are for our Deceased, whose names are written in the Remembrance Book or on the Envelopes. They will be included in the Masses from the time you add them to either the Book or envelope until the end of November. R.I.P. On Sunday 10:00am Mass is for the Parish.

ADORATION CHAPEL:

Open during office hours or speak to Fr Andrew.

MASS INTENTIONS

To arrange for a Mass Intention please contact one of the Priests in person.

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass is Saturday 16th November at 6pm, with a time for fellowship in the Parish Hall after Mass. Please invite any young people to come along.

POPE FRANCIS' NOVEMBER INTENTIONS

Universal – Communication & Reconciliation

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter and reconciliation emerges in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

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 Davis, Raymond Waters, Jason Isbitski, Andrew Isbitski, David Jenkins, Margaret Colville, Gill Waltisbuhl, Robert Waltisbuhl, Cecylia Tobera, Geoffrey Waltis, Ophelia Paraan, Denis Woodward, Nora Hehir.

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

CONFIRMATION

Our children who were confirmed last Sunday are:

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| Simon Amor | Nicole Muema |
| Dylan Cuevas | Michael O'Neill |
| Marly Gadzambo | Sebastian Rufo |
| Callum Hawthorne | Peter Wiggins |
| Shekaina Kully | Paolo Yu |
| Michael Muema | Teresa Yu |

Please pray for them and their families.

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$752
Loose: \$399.75
Visitor Contribution: \$30

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP:

1st & 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm in the Parish Office. All are welcome.
Any questions please ring Jim on 0411 280 950.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month in the Church from 12.30pm to 3pm. All are most welcome. Please contact Delfin on 0478 784 885 with any questions.

BIBLE STUDY

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

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group every Wednesday from 3-5pm. Young people from Year 6 to 18 years old are most welcome.

PARISH LUNCH:

Held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Our next Lunch will be this Wednesday 13th November at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

NO EXIT VIA JOSEPH STREET

Please take care when entering or leaving via Richmond Road.

UPGRADING PARKING LOT

All monies in the Donation Box at the back of the Church will go towards this project. We have banked \$960. Thank you.

CLEANING THE LORD'S HOUSE

If anyone has a free hour on a Friday or Saturday morning we would appreciate help clean the Church or arrange flowers. Our next Roster will begin in January 2020.
Please ring the Parish Office if you can help.

KINGSWOOD COURT MINISTRY

Each Sunday after 8.30am Mass the Ministers to the Sick take the Blessed Eucharist to the residents of Kingswood Court Nursing Home. We have been doing this for many years.

If anyone would like to become a Minister to the Sick, or even accompany one of our Ministers, please ring Nadia on 4731 3819. It means giving 1½ hours of your time once a month (or even once every two months if we get a good response). We really need your help!

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Sunday 17th November at 2pm at Our Lady of the Rosary, St Marys. Celebrant is Fr Adam Crouch MGL.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY COURSES

Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses for Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar begin Monday 10th February at Blacktown and Thursday 13th February at Penrith. Please see Office for Form.

NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR RAIN

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The impact of the drought is national – and so the response should be national. Access resources at www.catholic.org.au/drought

MASS FOR THOSE BEREAVED BY SUICIDE

Tuesday 19th November at St Oliver Plunkett Parish, 35 Wigram St., Harris Park at 6.45pm. Please RSVP for catering (light supper) by 14th November at 8843 2575 or soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

REFLECTION DAY FOR WOMEN

Preparing Our Hearts for Advent 9.30am to 3pm
Saturday 23 November at Mt Schoenstatt, Fairlight Rd Mulgoa. Facilitator: Sr Mary Louise. Cost \$25. BYO own lunch. Tea & coffee provided. Take some time out for prayer and reflection! To register phone 4773 8338 or email info@schoenstatt.org.au

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK IS BACK

Quarterly from Sunday 1st December.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

For the latest information on the Plenary Council please visit www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH
CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

THE HOLY FATHER'S CATECHESIS
Continuation of the Acts of the Apostles

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

We continue our "journey" with the book of the Acts of the Apostles. After the trials lived at Philippi, Thessalonica, and Beroea, Paul landed at Athens, precisely in the heart of Greece (Cf. *Acts 17:15*). This city, which lived in the shadow of ancient glories despite the political decadence, still had the primacy of culture. Here the Apostle's "spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols" (*Acts 17:16*). However, this "impact" with paganism instead of making him flee, drove him to create a bridge to dialogue with that culture.

Paul chose to become familiar with the city and so he began to frequent the most significant places and persons. He went to the synagogue, symbol of the life of faith; he went to the Square, symbol of the life of the city; and he went to the Areopagus, symbol of political and cultural life. He met with Jews, Epicurean and Stoic philosophers, and many others. He met all the people, he did not close himself, he went to talk with all the people. Thus Paul observed the culture, he observed Athens' environment, "starting from a contemplative look" that discovers "that god that dwells in their houses, in their streets and in their Squares: (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 71). Paul doesn't look at the city of Athens and the pagan world with hostility, but with the eyes of faith. And this makes us ask ourselves about the way we look at our cities: do we observe them with indifference, with contempt? Or with faith, which recognizes the children of God in the midst of the anonymous crowds?

Paul chooses the look that drives him to create an opening between the Gospel and the pagan world. In the Areopagus, heart of one of the most famous institutions of the ancient world, he gives an extraordinary example of inculturation of the message of the faith: he proclaims Jesus Christ to idol worshippers, and he doesn't do it by attacking them, but by making himself "pontiff, builder of bridges" (Homily at Saint Martha's, May 8, 2013). Paul takes his cue from the city's altar dedicated to "an unknown god" (*Acts 17:23*) — there was an altar with the writing "to the unknown god" — no image, nothing, only that inscription. Starting from that "devotion" to the unknown god, in order to enter into empathy with

his listeners he proclaims that God "lives among the citizens" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 71) and "He doesn't hide from those that seek Him with a sincere heart, even if they do so gropingly" (*Ibid.*). It is precisely this presence that Paul seeks to reveal: "What you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you" (*Acts 17:23*).

To reveal the identity of the god that the Athenians worship, the Apostles begins from creation, namely, from the biblical faith in the God of revelation, to reach redemption and judgment, namely the Christian message itself. He shows the disproportion between the grandeur of the Creator and the temples built by man, and he explains that the Creator always makes himself sought so that everyone can find Him. Thus, according to a beautiful expression of Pope Benedict XVI, Paul "proclaims Him that men ignore, yet know: the Unknown-Known" (Benedict XVI, Meeting with the World of Culture at the College of the Bernardines, September 12, 2008). Then he invites all to go beyond "the times of ignorance" and to decide for conversion in view of the imminent judgment. Paul thus comes to the kerygma and alludes to Christ, without mentioning Him, describing Him as the "man that God has appointed, and of this, He has given assurance to all men by raising Him for the dead" (*Acts 17:31*).

And here is the problem. Paul's word, which up to now had held his interlocutors with bated breath — because it was an interesting discovery —, meets a stumbling block: the Death and Resurrection of Christ seems "folly" (*1 Corinthians 23*) and arouses scorn and derision. So Paul left: his attempt seemed to have failed; however, some adhered to his word and opened themselves to the faith, among them a man, Dionysius, member of the Areopagus, and a woman, Damaris. At Athens also the Gospel takes root and runs with two voices: that of the man and that of the woman!

Let us also ask the Holy Spirit today to teach us to build bridges with cultures, with those that don't believe or have a creed different from ours. Always build bridges, always have an outstretched hand, no aggression. Let us ask Him for the capacity to enculturate with delicacy the message of faith, placing on those that are in ignorance of Christ a contemplative look, moved by a love that warms even the hardest hearts.