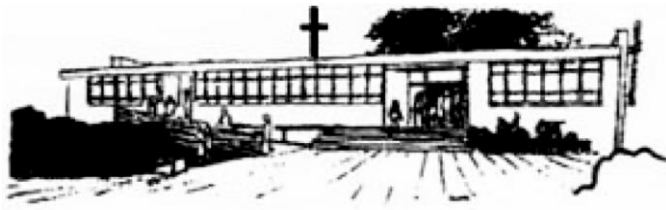


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

Assistant Priest

Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148

Please leave a detailed Message

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

29th March 2020, Year A/2



BONDONE, Giotto Di, Raising of Lazarus, 1304-06

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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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for You, O God, are my strength.

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Responsorial Psalm: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm **Intention will be celebrated in a private mass (No live broadcast)**

SUNDAY

8:30am

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 5th Week of Lent

Tuesday 8:00am 5th Week of Lent **Odile St Lambert & Kim Nelson (Dec. Ann.)**

Wednesday 8.00am 5th Week of Lent

Thursday 8.00am 5th Week of Lent

Friday 8.00am 5th Week of Lent **For God's Precious Infants**

Saturday 8.30am 5th Week of Lent **Dec. Mem. of St Vincent de Paul Society**

DAILY MASS, ROSARY AND ADORATION

Please visit our website

<http://stjosephskingswood.org/> or type in your browser bit.ly/stJoe

Click the link [Live stream of the Masses, Rosary and Adoration](#)

For direct link to livestream masses type in your browser bit.ly/stjosephlive

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK AND CONFESSION

If you require Anointing of the Sick and/or Sacrament of Reconciliation, please contact us on our mobile number 0423 725 148 and one of the priests will be available.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,

I believe that You

are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment

receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace

You as if You were already there and unite myself

wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated

from You.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2020

Postponed till further notice

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Zig Barglik, Kevin Collins, Margaret Colville, Valerie Davis, Katalin Domotor, Nora Hehir, Andrew Isbitski, Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Shayla, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Barbara Thompson, Cecylia Tobera, Kelly Tonna, Kathryn Tuckwell, Geoffrey Waltis, Gill Waltisbuhl, Robert Waltisbuhl, Raymond Waters, Denis Woodward.

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

Dear Parishioners,

First of all, I would like to tell you that we miss you and pray for you in this time of difficulties and trial. We miss your participation during the liturgy, especially Eucharist when we celebrate it in private in our chapel at St. Marys. We Celebrate it for all your intentions those you have scheduled and booked and these you have in your hearts.

We pray for all of you for strength and protection against this disease, which limits severely our ability to communicate and interact as the Parish. You probably have heard this expression "the church building is closed but the church is opened". It is very true. I think, that our Lord allows us to go through this time of the Holy Saturday to make us stronger in charity, to fortify our faith and to increase our hope.

We are all called to pray at this testing time. In this bulletin, you will find helpful references to the resources that are available to help you to go through the time of restrictions and self-isolation.

Please be assured of my closeness and prayers for you.

May the Blessed Mother keep you in her motherly care and St. Joseph, patron of our Parish, show you how to keep safe in this difficult time for all of us!

God bless,

**Fr. Andrew Fornal OP
and Dominican Brothers**

COUNSELLING

For counselling, or just to have a chat or to make an appointment please call us on our new mobile number 0423 725 148.

NEW MOBILE NUMBER FOR PARISH

Kindly note our new mobile number 0423 725 148 in order to make any appointments and contact the priest on duty.

We are also available on WhatsApp, Viber, Line or Duo Messenger through our new mobile number.

OFFICE HOURS

Parish Office is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00am to 2:00pm and on Friday from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

REGULAR UPDATES

For regular updates please visit us on our website <http://stjosephskingswood.org/> or type in your browser bit.ly/stJoe or visit our Facebook page stjosephkingswood

**SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$830
Loose: \$254.40
Visitor Contribution: \$Nil**

DONATIONS & WEEKLY PLANNED GIVING

Planned giving envelopes and any donations can be placed in the letterbox slot of the Parish Office building at any time.

If you would like to contribute through online banking, please use the following details for EFT deposits:

BSB: 067 950
Account Number: 00000396
Account Name: Kingswood Catholic Church

Please send us an email with details of your donation including name, contact number and envelope number (if you have one) on our parish email.

Thank you for your generosity.

**POPE FRANCIS' MARCH INTENTIONS
Catholics in China**

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

DIOCESE LITURGY HELP

During this time when we are no longer able to gather to celebrate the Eucharist, Liturgy Help has enabled free access to all parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta.

The URL for Parramatta is:

www.liturgyhelp.com/aus/parra/pray



CELEBRATIONS FOR 2020

We will celebrate when the Church is officially open and will extend our celebration into next year.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

On the Annunciation

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Twenty-five years ago, on this same date of March 25, which in the Church is the Solemn Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord, Saint John Paul II promulgated the Encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, on the value of the inviolability of human life. The link between the Annunciation and the "Gospel of Life" is close and profound, as Saint John Paul underscored in his Encyclical. Today we meet to re-launch this teaching in the context of a pandemic that threatens human life and the global economy — a situation that makes one feel even more the demanding words with which he begins the Encyclical. Here they are: "The Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' message. Received by the Church every day with love, it is proclaimed with courageous fidelity as good news to men of every time and culture" (n. 1).

As every evangelical proclamation, this is also first of all witnessed. And I think gratefully of the silent witness of so many people that, in different ways, are spending themselves at the service of the sick, of the elderly, of those that are alone and more indigent. They put into practice the Gospel of life, as Mary that, receiving the angel's announcement, went to help her cousin Elizabeth who was in need of it.

In fact, the life we have been called to promote and to defend isn't an abstract concept, but is always manifested in a person in flesh and bone: a baby just conceived, a poor marginalized man, a sick man alone and discouraged or in a terminal state, one who has lost his job or unable to find one, a migrant rejected or ghettoized . . . Life is manifested concretely in persons.

Every human being is called by God to enjoy the fullness of life; and, being entrusted to the maternal solicitude of the Church, every threat to human dignity and life cannot but have repercussions in her heart, in her maternal "innermost being." For the Church, the defense of life isn't an ideology; it's a reality, a human reality that involves all Christians, precisely because they are Christians and human.

Unfortunately, attacks on the dignity and life of people continues also in our time, which is the time of Universal Human Rights; instead, we find ourselves faced with new threats and new slaveries, and the legislations don't always protect the weakest and most vulnerable human life.

Therefore, the message of the Encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* is more than ever timely. Beyond the emergencies, such as the one we are living, it's about acting on the

cultural and educational plane to transmit to the future generations an attitude to solidarity, to care, to hospitality, knowing well that the culture of life isn't the exclusive patrimony of Christians, but belongs to all those that, doing their utmost to build fraternal relations, recognize the value proper of every person, also when the person is fragile and suffering.

Dear brothers and sisters, every human life, unique and unrepeatable, has value in itself and constitutes an inestimable value. This is always proclaimed again, with the courage of the word and with the courage of actions. This calls for solidarity and fraternal love for the great human family and for each of its members. Therefore, with Saint John Paul II, who wrote this Encyclical, I confirm with renewed conviction the appeal he made to all twenty-five years ago: "Respect, defend, love and serve life, every life, every human life! Only in this way will you find justice, development, freedom, peace and happiness!" (Encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, 5).

LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

Monday 23rd March 2020

Dear Fathers, Deacons and Parish Staff,
Prime Minister Scott Morrison last night said that churches, religious gatherings, and places of worship are to close by midday today, 23 March 2020.

These new rules must be adhered to and there are no exceptions to these rules. In an emergency, clergy are encouraged to assess the individual matter and act prudently. Further instructions for clergy will be issued via an Ad Clerum later today.

As the Diocese of Parramatta has previously indicated, fines may be enforced against organisations and parishes that do not enact these new rules.

Public Masses (**both indoor and outdoor**), baptisms, funerals and weddings must now cease. Also affected are church buildings, adoration chapels and other church buildings used for prayer and religious services. I understand this new directive will be deeply troubling and upsetting to many Catholics. However, we are in a pandemic and we are actively working with the relevant authorities to ensure the health and safety of our people.

As a reminder, Catholics from the Diocese of Parramatta are from 20 March 2020 dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice (Canon 1248 §2 and Catechism 2181.)

Yours in Christ,
**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv
Bishop of Parramatta**