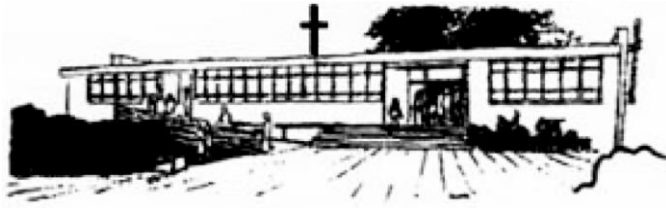


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

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Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 02 9673 5046

Please leave a detailed Message

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5th January 2020, Year A/2



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

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
Kingswood, NSW 2747

Telephone: 4726 4200; **Fax:** 4731 1432

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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

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in His grasp, and power and dominion.

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore You.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Ken & Pat Fleming (Dec. Ann.)

SUNDAY 8:30am

Margarita Coronel Macalintal (D.A.)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am **Monday in Christmas Time**

Peter Aarts (Recently Deceased)

Tuesday 8:00am **St Raymond of Penafort**

In Thanksgiving

Wednesday 8.00am **Wednesday in Christmas Time**

Thomas Houlihan (Dec. Ann.)

Thursday 8.00am **Thursday in Christmas Time**

For the Souls in Purgatory

Friday 8.00am **Friday in Christmas Time**

David & Hannelore Restoccia
(Thanksgiving 5th Wedding Ann.)

Saturday 8.30am **Saturday in Christmas 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Peter Aarts

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Ken & Pat Fleming, Margarita Coronel Macalintal,
Thomas Houlihan, Michael Corcoran

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

YOUTH MASS

Next Youth Mass will be Saturday 1st February 2020
at 6pm.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2020

Reconciliation: Thursday 2nd April
Registration & 1st Session: 1st March

First Communion: Sunday 14th June
Registration & 1st Session: 26th April

Confirmation: Sunday 15th November
Registration & 1st Session: 28th June

POPE FRANCIS' JANUARY INTENTIONS

Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions,
and all people of goodwill may promote peace and
justice in the world.

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

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: Loose: \$1079.35

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$992
Loose: \$431.85
Visitor Contribution: \$1

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP:

Next Group is Monday 3rd February 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 4pm. All are most welcome. Please contact Delfin on 0478 784 885 with any questions.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study every Wednesday at 9.15am. All are welcome.

YOUTH GROUP

Our next Group is Wednesday 5th February 2020.

PARISH LUNCH:

Held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Our next Lunch will be this Wednesday 8th January at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

NO EXIT VIA JOSEPH STREET

Please take care when entering or leaving via Richmond Road.

OUR LADY'S ROSARY STATUE

If anyone would like Our Lady's Rosary Statue to take home for one week about once every three months, please ring the office as soon as possible.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 – STAGE 2

Please return your Forms to the Pink Box at the back of the Church by 19th January.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Our Parish contributed \$2494.75. We will use Parish Funds to meet our quota of \$3580. Thank you for your generosity.

GIRLS' FAITH & FUN DAY

For girls aged 9 to 14 from 10.30am to 3.30pm on Monday 27th January at "Home of Light" 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa 2745. Cost \$15. RSVP by 21st January. Registration Forms are at the back of the Church.

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.

ANNUAL RED MASS

Bishop Vincent Long and Fr Bob Bossini warmly invite members of the judiciary and legal community, public service officials, law students and their families to the annual Red Mass on 28 January at St Patrick's Cathedral at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be served after Mass. Confirm attendance and any dietary requirements by 20 January to (02) 8839 8411 or events@stpatscathedral.com.au.

INSTITUTE OF MISSION

Themes of Faith – 10 Monday evening sessions from 9th March. A guided exploration of key Catholic themes for our life, faith and action in the World.

Reflective Ministry Part 1 – Tuesday evenings from 10th March. A program to enrich and enthuse those involved in the Ministries of Catholic Communities.

See information for both of these courses on the Notice Board or at the back of the Church

MT CARMEL 2020 RETRET PROGRAM

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre is at 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville. Phone 8795 3400.

See the Program at the back of the Church or visit the web site mtcarmel.com.au.

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. See www.catholic.org.au/drought

HOUSE OF WELCOME DONATIONS

If you would like to donate groceries for the refugees please leave them at the Parish Office. They need olive oil, tinned tomatoes, Basmati rice, flour, UHT milk, washing and dishwashing liquid, cleaning products, chick peas, tea and coffee.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' ANGELUS ADDRESS

Solemnity of Mary, Most Holy Mother of God

Before the Angelus:

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning and Happy New Year!

Yesterday evening we ended the year 2019 thanking God for the gift of time and for all His benefits. Today we begin 2020 with the same attitude of *gratitude* and *praise*. It's not a given that our planet began a new rotation of the sun and that we human beings continue to inhabit it. It's not a given, rather, it's always a "miracle" of which to be astonished and grateful.

On the first day of the year, the Liturgy celebrates the Holy Mother of God, Mary, the Virgin of Nazareth, who gave birth to Jesus, the Saviour. That Child is *God's blessing* for every man and woman, for the great human family and for the entire world. Jesus did not remove evil from the world but He defeated it at its root. His salvation isn't magical, but it is a "patient" salvation, that is, it entails the patience of love, which takes charge of iniquity and takes away its power. The patience of love: love makes us patient. We lose patience so often; I do too, and I apologize for yesterday's bad example [*He is probably referring to his reaction to a person who yanked him*]. Therefore, contemplating the Nativity Scene we see, with the eyes of faith, the world renewed, freed from the dominion of evil and placed under Christ's royal lordship, the Babe lying in the manger.

Therefore, the Mother of God *blesses us*. And, how does Our Lady bless us? By showing us the Son. She takes Him in her arms and shows Him and thus She blesses us. She blesses the whole Church; She blesses the whole world. As the Angels sang at Bethlehem, Jesus is "joy for all the people: He is God's glory and peace for men (Cf. *Luke 2:14*). And this is the reason that the holy Pope Paul VI wished to dedicate the first day of the year to peace — it is the Day of Peace —, to prayer, to awareness and responsibility towards peace. For this year 2020, the Message reads thus: peace is a *path of hope*, a path in which one advances through *dialogue, reconciliation, and ecological conversion*.

Therefore, we fix our gaze on the Mother and on the Son that She shows us. At the beginning of the year, let us allow ourselves to be blessed! Let us allow ourselves to be blessed by Our Lady with her Son.

Jesus is the blessing for all those that are oppressed by the yoke of slaveries, moral slaveries, and material slaveries. He liberates with love. To one who has lost self-esteem, remaining a prisoner of vicious circles, Jesus says: The Father loves you, He doesn't abandon you; He waits for your return with unwavering patience (Cf. *Luke 15:20*). To one who is victim of injustices and exploitation and doesn't see the way out, Jesus opens the door of fraternity, to find welcoming faces, hearts, and hands, where he can share the bitterness and despair, and recover somewhat his dignity. To one who is gravely ill and feels abandoned and discouraged, Jesus draws close, touches his wounds with tenderness, pours the oil of consolation and transforms weakness in the strength of goodness to loose the most tangled knots. To one who is in prison and tempted to close himself in himself, with a little glimmer of light, Jesus reopens a horizon of hope.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us come down from the pedestals of our pride and ask for the blessing of the Holy Mother of God, the humble Mother of God. She shows us Jesus: let us allow ourselves to be blessed, let us open our heart to her goodness. Thus the year that is beginning will be a path of hope and peace, not with words, but through daily gestures of dialogue, reconciliation, and care of creation.

After the Angelus:

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

To all of you, I express my best wishes of peace and goodness for the New Year.

I extend my greeting and my encouragement to all the peace initiatives that the particular Churches, Ecclesial Associations and Movements have promoted on this Day of Peace: meetings of prayer and fraternity accompanied with solidarity with the poorest.

My thought goes also to the many volunteers that, in places where peace and justice are threatened, choose courageously to be present in a non-violent and unarmed way; as well as the military men that operate in the peace missions in many areas of conflict. Many thanks to them!

To all, believers and non-believers, because we are all brothers, I hope you will never cease to hope in a world of peace, to build together day by day. And, please, don't forget to pray for me.