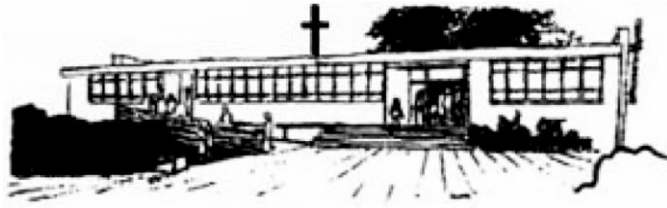


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

29th December 2019, Year A/2



PISANO, Nicola, The Holy Family, 1500s

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: The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

SUNDAY	8:30am		Dec. Mems of the Woodward & Hewitt Families
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	6 th day in Octave of Christmas	In Thanksgiving
Tuesday	8:00am	7 th day in Octave of Christmas	
Wednesday	8.00am 6.00pm	Mary, the Holy Mother of God Mary, the Holy Mother of God	For the Parish
Thursday	8.00am	St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen	
Friday	8.00am	Most Holy Name of Jesus	For God's Precious Infants
Saturday	8.30am	St Zedislava Berkiana of Lemberk	Dec. Mems. of St Vincent de Paul

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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There is an opportunity to spend time with the Lord on Friday 3rd January from 5pm to 10pm. All are welcome.

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Deceased Members of the Woodward & Hewitt Families, Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

YOUTH MASS

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

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

NEW YEAR MASS

6pm Wednesday 1st January 2020 followed by Bingo. Please bring a Salad or a Dessert to share. Meat, bread and soft drinks will be provided. All are most welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

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.

Have a grace filled New Year A.D. 2020

Dominican Fathers

POPE FRANCIS' DECEMBER INTENTIONS

Universal – The Very Young

That every country resolutely commits to taking the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$944
Loose: \$296.95
Visitor Contribution: \$21

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

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 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.

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

This Weekend we have another collection. Our quota is \$3580 and so far we have received \$2494.75. Thank you for your generosity and please consider a further contribution at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or in the Envelopes.

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.

CAMPION COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAM

5th to 9th January 2020 for Youth aged 16 to 20 years old interested in history, literature, philosophy and theology. Spaces are limited. Find out more or register at www.campion.edu.au/summer-program

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

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, canned fish, peas and corn and chick peas, canned fruit, biscuits, tea and coffee They also need washing and dishwashing liquid, cleaning products and toiletry items.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE'S "URBI ET ORBI" BLESSING

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Is 9:1)

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Merry Christmas!

From the womb of Mother Church, the incarnate Son of God is born anew this night. His name is Jesus, which means: "God saves". The Father, eternal and infinite Love, has sent him into the world not to condemn the world but to save it (cf. *Jn* 3:17). The Father has given him to us with great mercy. He has given him to everyone. He has given him forever. The Son is born, like a small light flickering in the cold and darkness of the night.

That Child, born of the Virgin Mary, is the Word of God made flesh. The Word who guided Abraham's heart and steps towards the promised land, and who continues to draw to himself all those who trust in God's promises. The Word who led the Hebrews on the journey from slavery to freedom and who continues to call the enslaved in every age, including our own, to come forth from their prisons. He is the Word brighter than the sun, made incarnate in a tiny son of man: Jesus the light of the world.

This is why the prophet cries out: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (*Is* 9:1). There is darkness in human hearts, yet the light of Christ is greater still. There is darkness in personal, family and social relationships, but the light of Christ is greater. There is darkness in economic, geopolitical and ecological conflicts, yet greater still is the light of Christ.

May Christ bring his light to the many children suffering from war and conflicts in the Middle East and in various countries of the world. May he bring comfort to the beloved Syrian people who still see no end to the hostilities that have rent their country over the last decade. May he stir the consciences of men and women of good will. May he inspire governments and the international community to find solutions to allow the peoples of that region to live together in peace and security and put an end to their sufferings. May he sustain the Lebanese people and enable them to overcome the current crisis and rediscover their vocation to be a message of freedom and harmonious coexistence for all.

May the Lord Jesus bring light to the Holy Land, where he was born as the Saviour of mankind, and where so many people – struggling but not discouraged – still await a time of peace, security and prosperity. May he bring consolation to Iraq amid its present social tensions,

and to Yemen, suffering from a grave humanitarian crisis.

May the tiny Babe of Bethlehem bring hope to the whole American continent, where a number of nations are experiencing a time of social and political upheaval. May he encourage the beloved Venezuelan people, long tried by their political and social tensions, and ensure that they receive the aid they need. May he bless the efforts of those who spare no effort to promote justice and reconciliation and to overcome the various crises and the many forms of poverty that offend the dignity of each person.

May the Redeemer of the world bring light to beloved Ukraine, which yearns for concrete solutions for an enduring peace.

May the newborn Lord bring light to the people of Africa, where persistent social and political situations often force individuals to migrate, depriving them of a home and family. May he bring peace to those living in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, torn by continuing conflicts. May he bring consolation to all who suffer because of violence, natural disasters or outbreaks of disease. And may he bring comfort to those who are persecuted for their religious faith, especially missionaries and members of the faithful who have been kidnapped, and to the victims of attacks by extremist groups, particularly in Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger and Nigeria.

May the Son of God, come down to earth from heaven, protect and sustain all those who, due to these and other injustices, are forced to emigrate in the hope of a secure life. It is injustice that makes them cross deserts and seas that become cemeteries. It is injustice that forces them to ensure unspeakable forms of abuse, enslavement of every kind and torture in inhumane detention camps. It is injustice that turns them away from places where they might have hope for a dignified life, but instead find themselves before walls of indifference.

May Emmanuel bring light to all the suffering members of our human family. May he soften our often stony and self-centred hearts and make them channels of his love. May he bring his smile, through our poor faces, to all the children of the world: to those who are abandoned and those who suffer violence. Through our frail hands, may he clothe those who have nothing to wear, give bread to the hungry and heal the sick. Through our friendship, such as it is, may he draw close to the elderly and the lonely, to migrants and the marginalized. On this joyful Christmas Day, may he bring his tenderness to all and brighten the darkness of this world.