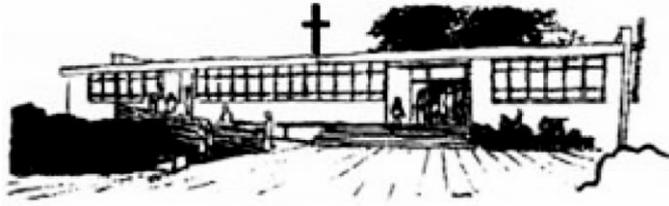


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

5<sup>th</sup> March 2017, Year A/1



BOTTICELLI, Sandro, Three Temptations of Christ, 1481-82

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 Riley - 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:** When he calls on Me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

#### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

**SUNDAY** 8:30am

10:00am

**For the Parish**

**Monday** 8:00am 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent

**Tuesday:** 8:00am 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent

**Wednesday** 8:00am 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent

**Thursday** 8:00am 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent

**Health & Blessings for John**

**Friday** 8:00am 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent

**Saturday** 8:30am 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent

#### **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.

#### **HYMNS FOR WEEKEND MASSES:**

Processional: 285      Offertory: 570

Communion: 459      Reflection: 555

Recessional: 288

#### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

#### **DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:**

John Francis Ryan

#### **ADORATION CHAPEL**

Open during office hours or speak to Fr Andrew to arrange another time.

#### **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. The Statue will be delivered to you by the Legion of Mary.

#### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Every Friday during Lent at 6.30pm.

#### **POPE FRANCIS' MARCH INTENTIONS:**

#### **Evangelisation: Help Persecuted Christians**

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Kevin Collins, Alistair McArthur, Dianne Devitt, John McCahon, Kathryn Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Debbie O'Connor, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, Gisela Drobiszewski, Katalin Domotor, Charles Timmins, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Valerie Davies, Raymond Waters, Francene Flannery, Jason Isbitski, Rosslyn Talbot, David Jenkins, Noeline Cruzado, Elaine D'Arcy & Kathleen Angoves

**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: \$1359**  
   **Loose:      \$401.80**

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 Tuesday from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the old office building. All persons interested in meeting and participating in Legion's activities are most welcome.

### **SACRAMENTS FOR 2017:**

#### **Reconciliation: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

Registration - 5<sup>th</sup> March after 10am Mass

#### **First Communion: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

Registration - 23<sup>rd</sup> April after 10am Mass

#### **Confirmation: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

Registration - 23<sup>rd</sup> July after 10am Mass

### **ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays** after Mass - 9am to 10am in Parish Hall. Aloma 4731 8102; Teresa - 4731 4222

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays** 7pm at 2/40 Single Road, South Penrith. Elaine - 4736 8162.

### **PROJECT COMPASSION**

Boxes are at the back of the Church. Please support this Lenten season themed "Love Your Neighbour".

### **SKY YOUTH GROUP**

Youth Group every Wednesday from 3pm to 5pm. All young people from Year 6 to Year 12 are most welcome. If anyone would like to assist on the afternoon or donate afternoon tea please see Clare.

### **YOUTH MASS**

Our next Youth Mass is March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Please spread the word to our young people.

### **WALKING THROUGH LENT WITH THE BIBLE**

**Reflection, Meditation and Prayer on Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 8pm in the Parish Hall.**

8<sup>th</sup> March - Fasting

15<sup>th</sup> March - Prayer

22<sup>nd</sup> March - Almsgiving

29<sup>th</sup> March - The Cross

5<sup>th</sup> April - The Passover

### **ST JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATIONS**

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm. There will be entertainment and games for the children. Parish will supply the BBQ; please bring a salad or a dessert to share.

**Novena will begin after 8.30am Mass on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March** and continue after Mass each morning up to the Solemnity.

### **PARISH LUNCH:**

All Parishioners are invited to our lunch every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month at midday. Venue for 8<sup>th</sup> March is Penrith Golf Club. If you need a lift please ring the Office. All are most welcome

### **XAVIER COLLEGE OPEN EVENING**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March from 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

2018 enrolments are now open.

### **MT SCHOENSTATT**

**Shrine** at 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year from 7am to 8pm.

**Formation for Young Adults** 18-35 on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month from 12 noon to 3pm.

**24 Hours for the Lord** begins with Holy Mass at 6pm Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March and ends with Holy Mass at 5pm Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Accommodation available. Inquiries and bookings 4773 8338.

### **DIVINE MERCY LENTEN REFLECTION**

Reflection proclaiming Jesus' inconceivable mercy, His promises and special graces. Rev John Rizzo will speak on "Calvary and Mercy". Everyone welcome to St Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March from 9am to 4pm.

### **ST PATRICK'S DAY FAMILY FESTIVAL**

Held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March from 2pm to 5pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. For more information check out: [www.parralmf.org.au/St-patricks-day](http://www.parralmf.org.au/St-patricks-day)

### **ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

Paul's Journey in the Acts of the Apostles, presented by Dr. Laurie Woods every Friday in March from 10am to 2pm at the Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. BYO lunch. Registration [mcollis@ccdparramatta.com.au](mailto:mcollis@ccdparramatta.com.au) or 9890 4731.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

**THE HOLY FATHER'S CATECHESIS**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

On this day, Ash Wednesday, we enter the liturgical Season of Lent. And as we are carrying out a series of catecheses on Christian hope, I would like to present *Lent* to you today as a *journey of hope*.

In fact, this perspective is immediately evident if we think that the Church instituted Lent as a time of preparation for Easter and, therefore, the whole meaning of these forty days *draws light from the paschal mystery*, to which it is oriented. We can imagine the Risen Lord, who calls us to come out of our darkness, and we set out on the way to Him, who is the Light. And Lent is a journey towards the Risen Jesus, it is a period of penance, also of mortification, but not as an end in itself, rather geared to make us rise again with Christ, to renew our baptismal identity, namely, to be reborn again "from on high," from the love of God (cf. *John* 3:3). See why Lent is, by its nature, a time of hope.

To understand better what this means, we must refer to the fundamental experience of the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt, narrated by the Bible in the Book that bears this name: *Exodus*. The point of departure is the condition of slavery in Egypt, oppression, forced labor. However, the Lord has not forgotten His people and His promise: He calls Moses and, with a powerful arm, has the Israelites leave Egypt and guides them through the desert to the land of freedom. During this journey from slavery to freedom, the Lord gives the Israelites the Law, to educate them to love Him, only Lord, and to love one another as brothers. Scripture shows that the exodus was long and troubled: it lasted symbolically 40 years, namely, the lifetime of a generation. A generation that, in face of the trials of the journey, was always tempted to regret Egypt and to turn back. We also know the temptation to turn back, all of us. But the Lord remains faithful and those poor people, led by Moses, arrived at the Promised Land. The whole of this journey was undertaken *in hope*: the hope of reaching the Land, and in this sense it is precisely an "exodus," a going out of slavery to freedom. And these 40 days are, for all of us also, a going out from slavery, from sin, to freedom, to the encounter with the Risen Christ. Every step, every effort, every trial, every fall and every recovery, all make sense only within the plan of salvation of God, who wants life for His people and not death, joy and not sorrow.

*Jesus' Easter is His exodus*, with which He has opened the way for us to attain full, eternal and blessed life. To open this way, this passage, Jesus had to strip Himself of His glory, humble Himself, be obedient to death and to death on the cross. To open the way for us to eternal life cost Him all His blood, and, thanks to Him, we are saved from the slavery of sin. But this does not mean that He did all and we have nothing to do, that He went through the cross and we "go to Paradise in a carriage." It's not so. Our salvation is certainly His gift, but, because it is a story of love, it requires our "yes" and our participation in His love, as our Mother Mary shows us and, after her, all the Saints.

Lent lives of this dynamic: Christ precedes us with His exodus, and we go through the desert thanks to Him and behind Him. He was tempted for us, and He defeated the Tempter for us, but with Him, we must also face temptations and overcome them. He gives us the living water of His Spirit, and it is for us to draw from His source and drink, in the Sacraments, in prayer, in adoration. He is the light that overcomes the darkness, and we are asked to kindle the little flame that was entrusted to us on the day of our Baptism.

In this sense, Lent is a "sacramental sign of our conversion" (*Roman Missal*, Collect, First Sunday of Lent); one who undertakes the way of Lent is always on the way of conversion. Lent is the sacramental sign of our journey from slavery to freedom, ever to be renewed – a journey that is certainly demanding, as it is right that it should be, because love is demanding, but <it is> a journey full of hope. Rather, I will say more: the Lenten exodus is the journey in which hope itself *is formed*. The exhaustion of crossing the desert – all the trials, the temptations, the illusions, the mirages . . . -, all this is useful to forge a strong, solid hope on the model of that of the Virgin Mary, who in the midst of the darkness of the Passion and Death of her Son continued to believe and to hope in His Resurrection, in the victory of God's love.

Let us enter Lent today with a heart open to this horizon. Feeling ourselves part of the people of God, we begin with joy this journey of hope.