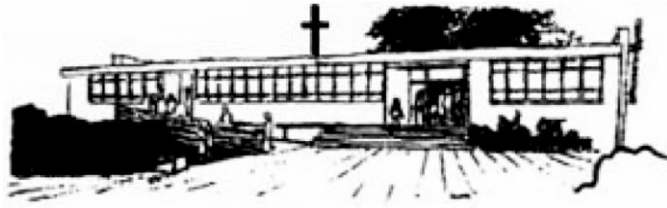


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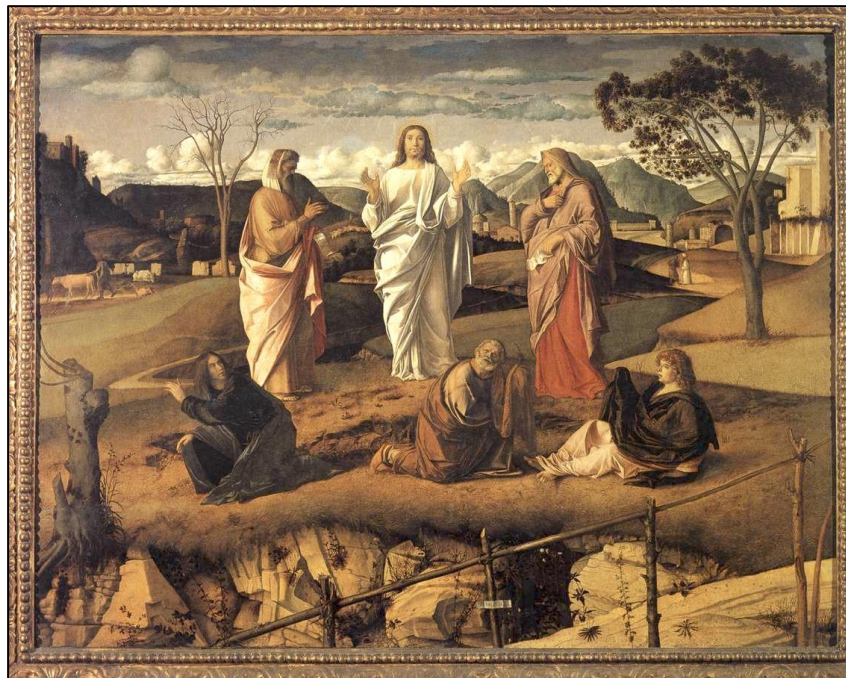
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EMERGENCY PHONE: 02 9673 5046

Please leave a detailed Message

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

12th March 2017, Year A/1



Giovanni, Transfiguration of Christ, c. 1487

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

Telephone: 4732 3999; **Fax:** 4731 1432

www.stjosephskingswood.catholic.edu.au

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am - 2:00pm and Friday: 8:30am - 1:30pm

Address: 12-22 Richmond Rd, PO Box 39, Kingswood, NSW 2747 Telephone: 02 4721 4080; Fax: 02 4721 0089
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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Of You my heart has spoken: Seek His face.
It is Your face, O Lord, I seek; hide not Your face from me.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let Your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You.

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

SUNDAY 8:30am

Ardashes & Alice Keshishian (Dec. Ann.)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 2nd Week of Lent

Tuesday: 8:00am 2nd Week of Lent

Wednesday 8:00am 2nd Week of Lent

Thursday 8:00am 2nd Week of Lent

Friday 8:00am St. Patrick

Saturday 8:30am 2nd 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: 595 Offertory: 295

Communion: Screen Reflection: 582

Recessional: Screen

RECENTLY DECEASED:

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

Ardashes & Alice Keshishian

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: \$752**
 Loose: \$581.45

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 6th April

First Communion: Sunday 18th June

Registration – 30th April after 10am Mass

Confirmation: Tuesday 24th October

Registration – 23rd July after 10am Mass

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays after Mass – 9am to 10am in Parish Hall. Aloma 4731 8102; Teresa – 4731 4222

2nd & 4th 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".

WALKING THROUGH LENT WITH THE BIBLE
Reflection, Meditation and Prayer on Wednesday
evenings from 7pm to 8pm in the Parish Hall.

15th March – Prayer

22nd March – Almsgiving

29th March – The Cross

5th April – The Passover

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 25th at 6pm. Please spread the word to our young people.

ST JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

On Sunday 19th March starting with a great Star Wars Jumping Castle and games for the children from 3pm and BBQ beginning at 5pm. Parish will supply the BBQ; please bring a salad or a dessert and a drink to share. Let us come together to celebrate our Parish Feast Day.

Novena will begin after 8.30am Mass this Sunday and continue after Mass each morning up to the Solemnity.

CHURCH HAND RAILS

Our hand rails at the Church entrance have been repainted recently. Please help us protect the paint work by preventing your children from sliding down these rails. Thank you.

PARISH LUNCH:

All Parishioners are invited to our lunch every 2nd Wednesday of the Month at midday. Venue for 12th April is Penrith Golf Club. If you need a lift please ring the Office. All are most welcome

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 3rd Sunday of the month from 12 noon to 3pm.

24 Hours for the Lord begins with Holy Mass at 6pm Friday 24th March and ends with Holy Mass at 5pm Saturday 25th 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 25th March from 9am to 4pm.

LENTEN RETREAT

"Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven Has Come Near". Conducted by Fr Rony George VC and Fr Joby George VC on 25th March at Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair from 9am to 4pm. BYO lunch. Any queries please contact Jenny at 0401 335 964 or Fleur at 0414 838 705.

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

Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, OFM Cap
Meditation on Marriage
(Fourth Lenten Sermon 2016 excerpt)

Not less important than the duty of defending the biblical ideal of marriage and family is the duty for Christians to rediscover and live that ideal fully in such a way as to reintroduce it into the world by deeds more than by words.

Since Christ, we correctly read the account of the creation of the man and woman in light of the revelation of the Trinity. In this light the statement that "God created man in his own image; in the image of God he created him: male and female he created them" finally reveals a significance that was enigmatic and unclear before Christ. What connection can there be between being "in the image of God" and being "male and female"? The biblical God does not have sexual attributes; he is neither male nor female. The similarity consists in this. God is love, and love requires communion and interpersonal communication. It requires an "I" and a "you." There is no love that is not love for someone; if there is only one subject there cannot be love, just egotism and narcissism. Whenever God is conceived of only as Law or as Absolute Power, there is no need for a plurality of persons. (Power can be exercised by one person alone!) The God revealed by Jesus Christ, being love, is unique and one, but he is not solitary: he is one and triune. Unity and distinction coexist in him: unity of nature, will, and intentions, and distinction of characteristics and persons.

When two people love each other – and the strongest example is the love of a man and a woman in marriage – they reproduce something of what occurs in the Trinity. In the Trinity two persons, the Father and the Son, in loving each other produce ("breathe") the Spirit who is the love that unites them. Someone has defined the Holy Spirit as the divine "We," that is, not as "the third person of the Trinity" but as the first person plural. It is precisely in this way that the human couple is the image of God. Husband and wife are in fact one flesh, one heart, one soul but are diverse in sex and personality. Unity and diversity are thus reconciled in the couple.

In this light we discover the profound meaning of the prophets' message about human marriage: it is a symbol and a reflection of another love, that of God for his people. This symbolism was not meant to overload a purely earthly reality with a mystical significance. On the other hand, it is not merely symbolic but instead

reveals the true face and ultimate purpose of the creation of man as male and female.

What is the reason for the sense of incompleteness and lack of fulfillment that sexual union leaves both inside and outside of marriage? Why does this impulse always fall back on itself, and why does this promise of the infinite and eternal always fall short? People try to find a remedy for this frustration, but they only increase it. Instead of changing the quality of the act, they increase its quantity, going from one partner to the next. This leads to the ruin of God's gift of sexuality currently taking place in today's society and culture.

Do we as Christians want to find an explanation for this devastating dysfunction once and for all? The explanation is that the sexual union is not occurring in the way and with the purpose intended by God. Its purpose was that, through this ecstasy and joining together in love, the man and the woman would be raised to desire and to obtain a certain foretaste of infinite love; they would be reminded of where they came from and where they are headed.

Sin, beginning with that of the biblical Adam and Eve, has damaged this plan. It has "profaned" the sexual act, that is, it has stripped it of its religious value. Sin has made it an act that is an end in itself, that is closed in on itself, so it is therefore "unsatisfying." The symbol has been disconnected from the reality behind the symbol and deprived it of its intrinsic dynamism, thus crippling it. Never so much as in this case do we experience the truth of Augustine's saying: "You have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." We were not created to live in an eternal relationship as a couple but to live in an eternal relationship with God, with the Absolute. ...

In the testimony of some couples who have experienced renewal in the Holy Spirit and live a charismatic Christian life, we find something of the original significance of the conjugal act. That can hardly be a surprise to us. Marriage is the sacrament of a reciprocal gift that spouses make to one another, and the Holy Spirit is the "gift" within the Trinity, or better, the reciprocal "self-gifting" of the Father and Son, not as a fleeting act but as a permanent state. Wherever the Holy Spirit comes, the capacity to make a gift of oneself is born or rekindled. This is how the "grace of the married state" operates.