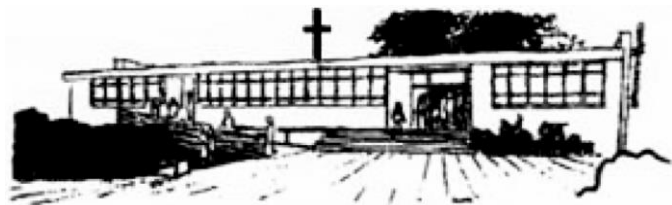


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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



EL GRECO, Christ Healing the Blind, 1570s

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

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# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGY

### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Entrance Antiphon:** Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

#### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

**SUNDAY 8:30am**

**Monsignor John Trad &  
Deceased Members of the Trad Family**

10:00am

**For the Parish**

**Monday 8:00am 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent**

**Tuesday: 8:00am 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent**

**Wednesday 8:00am 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent**

**Thursday 8:00am 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent**

**Gerry Pimentel (Deceased Anniversary)**

**Friday 8:00am 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent**

**Saturday 8:30am 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent**

**Dec. Mem. of St Vincent de Paul Society**

#### 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: 619      Offertory: 570

Communion: 484      Reflection: 582

Recessional: 498

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent at 6.30pm.

#### EASTER LITURGIES

**Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper - 7pm**

**Good Friday - Stations of the Cross - 11am  
Passion of the Lord - 3pm**

**Easter Vigil - Saturday 6.30pm**

**Easter Sunday - 8.30am & 10am**

**Polish Mass - 12 noon**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Piotr Barszczewski & Theresa Colbert

#### RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER

**2<sup>nd</sup> Rite - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 7pm**

#### DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

Monsignor John Trad & Dec. Mem. of Trad Family, Gerry Pimentel

**Individual Reconciliation - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
9am to 12 noon & 5pm to 7pm**

**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.

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

**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.

**POPE FRANCIS' MARCH INTENTIONS:**

**Evangelisation: Help Persecuted Christians**

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

**SECOND COLLECTION:      Envelopes: \$1162.50  
Loose:                      \$383.40**

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**

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

Registration - 30<sup>th</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.

**EASTER TRIDUUM TRAINING FOR SERVERS**

All Junior Servers are required to attend Training Sessions if wanting to serve during the Easter Triduum. Sessions are as follows:

**Holy Thursday: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 10am**

**Good Friday: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 10am**

**Holy Saturday: Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 10am**

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

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

5<sup>th</sup> 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. **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April is an Easter Social.** Youth Group members are welcome to bring a friend.

**YOUTH MASS**

Our next Youth Mass is Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm. Please spread the word to our young people.

**PARISH LUNCH:**

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

**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.

**PROJECT COMPASSION**

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

**CATHOLIC OUTLOOK**

We have received our final "paper" version of the Catholic Outlook. To read it online go to the social media channel or [www.catholicoutlook.org](http://www.catholicoutlook.org)

**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.

**MALTESE MISSION**

Mass and Prayer with Rev Fr Mark Grima MSSP at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Greystanes from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March, starting at 10.30am with Mass.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

**The Holy Father's Catechesis**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

For some weeks now, the Apostle Paul has been helping us to understand better in what Christian hope consists. And we said that it was not optimism, it was something else. And the Apostle helps us to understand this. Today he does so by approaching it from two altogether important attitudes for our life and our faith experience "*consolation*" and "*perseverance*" (vv. 4.5). They are mentioned twice in the passage of the Letter to the Romans that we just heard: first in reference to the Scriptures and then to God Himself. What is their most profound, truest meaning? And in what way do they throw light on the reality of hope? These two attitudes: perseverance and consolation.

We can describe *perseverance* in fact as *patience*: it is the capacity to endure, to carry on one's shoulders, "support," to remain faithful, even when the burden seems to be too great, unbearable, and we are tempted to judge negatively and to abandon everything and everyone. *Consolation*, instead, is the grace to be able to receive and show in every situation, even in those largely marked by disappointment and suffering, the compassionate presence and action of God. Now Saint Paul reminds us that particularly *the Scriptures*, namely, the Bible, transmit to us perseverance and consolation (v. 4). In fact, in the first place, the Word of God leads us to turn our gaze to Jesus, to know Him better and to be conformed to Him, to be ever more like Him. In the second place, the Word reveals to us that the Lord is truly "the God of perseverance and of consolation" (v. 5), who is always faithful to His love for us, namely, that He is perseverant in His love for us, He does not tire of loving us! He is perseverant: He always loves us! And He who takes care of us, covering our wounds with the caress of His goodness and His mercy, that is, He consoles us. He does not tire of consoling us, either.

Understood in this perspective also is the Apostle's initial affirmation: "We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves" (v.1). This expression "we who are strong" might seem presumptuous, but, in the logic of the Gospel, we know that it is not so, rather, it is in fact

the contrary, because our strength does not come from ourselves, but from the Lord. One who experiences in his life the faithful love of God and His consolation is able, more than that, has the duty to be close to weaker brothers and take on their frailty. If we are close to the Lord we will have that strength to be close to the weakest, to the neediest and to console them and give them strength. This is what it means. We can do this without being pleased with ourselves but feeling ourselves simply as a "channel" that transmits the Lord's gifts; and thus become concretely a "*sower*" of hope. This is what the Lord asks us, with that strength and capacity to console and to be sowers of hope. And today it is necessary to sow hope, but it is not easy . . .

The fruit of this lifestyle is not a community in which some are "series A," namely, the strong, and others "series B", namely, the weak. Instead, as Saint Paul says, the fruit is "to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus" (v. 5). The Word of God nourishes *a hope that is translated concretely in sharing, in mutual service*. Because even one who is "strong" finds himself sooner or later experiencing frailty and the need of others' comfort and, vice versa, in weakness one can always offer a smile or a hand to a brother in difficulty. And it is such a community that "with one spirit and one voice renders glory to God" (cf. v. 6). However, all this is possible if Christ and his Word are put at the center, because He is "strong. He is the one who gives us strength, who gives us patience, who gives us hope, who gives us consolation. He is the "strong brother," who takes care of each one of us: all of us, in fact, are in need of being carried on the shoulders of the Good Shepherd and of feeling enveloped by His tender and solicitous gaze.

Dear friends, we can never thank God enough for the gift of His Word, which is rendered present in the Scriptures. It is there that the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ is revealed as "God of perseverance and of consolation." And it is there that we realize that our hope is not founded on our capacities and our strength, but on God's support and on the faithfulness of His love, that is, on God's strength and consolation. Thank you.