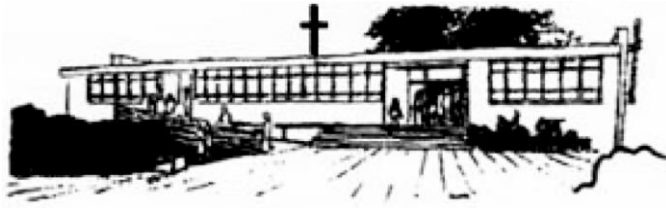


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

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Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

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Please leave a detailed Message

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

18th February 2018, Year B/2



BOTTICELLI, Sandro, The Temptation 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

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

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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.

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

Responsorial Psalm: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep Your covenant.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

SUNDAY 8:30am

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 1st Week of Lent

Tuesday: 8:00am 1st Week of Lent

Marian Kubka & Marian Zawadzki

Wednesday 8:00am 1st Week of Lent

Tom Zacharias (For Healing)

Thursday 8:00am THE CHAIR OF ST PETER

Friday 8:00am St Polycarp

Saturday 8:30am 1st Week of Lent

ADORATION CHAPEL:

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

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Kathleen Angoves, Maureen Cocks

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Marian Kubka & Marian Zawadzki

SRE COMMISSIONING MASS

Thursday 1st March at 8am Mass. Please pray for us.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be at 6.30pm every Friday night during Lent.

YOUTH MASS

The next Youth Mass will be Saturday 3rd March at 6pm. Please spread the word to any young people you know. Feel free to contribute towards a light supper after Mass.

POPE FRANCIS' FEBRUARY INTENTIONS

Say "No" to Corruption

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, John McCahon, Kathryn Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, Gisela Drobiszewski, Katalin Domotor, Charles Timmins, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Valerie Davies, Raymond Waters, Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Noeline Cruzado, Margaret Colville, Gill Waltisbuhl & Robert Waltisbuhl.

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: \$807
Loose: \$264.40

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.

ROSARY IN OUR HOMES:

Please fill in the form at the back of the Church if you would like 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. Our Priests are able to bless your home during this time.

LEGION OF MARY – 'Mary Seat of Wisdom'

Meetings are held every Thursday 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 2018:

Reconciliation: Thursday 22nd March

Registration: Sunday 18th February, which is this Sunday after 10am Mass.

First Communion: Sunday 3rd June

Registration: Sunday 8th April

Confirmation Tuesday 23rd October

Registration Sunday 22nd July

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays after Mass – 9am to 10am in Parish Hall.

Aloma – 4731 8102; Teresa 4731 4222.

1st & 3rd Mondays 7pm in Parish Office.

Jim – 0411 280 950

PARISH LUNCH:

Parish Lunch is held the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The date for our next Lunch is Wednesday 14th March at Penrith Golf Club,. All Parishioners are most welcome. If you need a lift please ring the Office and leave your name and phone number.

PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY

If you, or someone you know, have Palms you would like to donate for Palm Sunday, please ring the Office.

ST JOSEPH'S WINTER FAIR

Please keep Sunday 5th August free for our end of winter Fair for the Feast of St. Dominic. Parish Council Members will be asking for volunteers. More information to follow.

YOUTH GROUP

Resumes this Wednesday 21st February from 3pm until 5pm. All Young People from Year 6 to 18 years old are most welcome. Please spread the word. If anyone would like to contribute towards afternoon tea please feel free to do so.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please take home a Project Compassion Box and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "A Just Future", celebrating the Year of Youth.

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION APPEAL

The Catholic Foundation sustains the works of Faith, through the Holy Spirit Seminary and Confraternity of Christian Doctrine; works of Hope through the Ephpheta Centre; and works of Charity through CatholicCare.

Our Parish will be holding a special collection next weekend 24th/25th February. We invite all our Parishioners to support the good works of the Diocese. Our quota is \$2580.

You can also choose to donate by visiting www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/donations For information on how to update your contact details or your mailing preference, please visit www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/disclaimer

DIVINE MERCY LENTEN REFLECTION

24th February from 9am to 4pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Hall, St Marys. Talk "Calvary and Mercy" by Fr Pawel Barszczewski OP. Enquiries divinemercuryteam3@gmail.com or Annie 0414 652 479

OPEN DAY AT ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY

Tuesday 6th March 9am-11am and 3.30pm-5pm.

OPEN NIGHT AT XAVIER COLLEGE

Tuesday 6th March from 4pm-6pm at Ninth Avenue Llandilo. Phone 4777 0900 for details.

OPEN NIGHT AT McARTHUR COLLEGE

Tuesday 6th March from 4pm-7pm

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

“Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold” (Mt 24:12)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Once again, the Pasch of the Lord draws near! In our preparation for Easter, God in his providence offers us each year the season of Lent as a “sacramental sign of our conversion”. Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life.

With this message, I would like again this year to help the entire Church experience this time of grace anew, with joy and in truth. I will take my cue from the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew: “Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold” (24:12).

These words appear in Christ’s preaching about the end of time. They were spoken in Jerusalem, on the Mount of Olives, where the Lord’s passion would begin. In reply to a question of the disciples, Jesus foretells a great tribulation and describes a situation in which the community of believers might well find itself: amid great trials, false prophets would lead people astray and the love that is the core of the Gospel would grow cold in the hearts of many.

False prophets

Let us listen to the Gospel passage and try to understand the guise such false prophets can assume.

They can appear as “snake charmers”, who manipulate human emotions in order to enslave others and lead them where they would have them go. How many of God’s children are mesmerized by momentary pleasures, mistaking them for true happiness! How many men and women live entranced by the dream of wealth, which only makes them slaves to profit and petty interests! How many go through life believing that they are sufficient unto themselves, and end up entrapped by loneliness!

False prophets can also be “charlatans”, who offer easy and immediate solutions to suffering that soon prove utterly useless. How many young people are taken in by the panacea of drugs, of disposable relationships, of easy but dishonest gains! How many more are ensnared in a thoroughly “virtual” existence, in which relationships appear quick and straightforward, only to prove meaningless! These

swindlers, in peddling things that have no real value, rob people of all that is most precious: dignity, freedom and the ability to love. They appeal to our vanity, our trust in appearances, but in the end they only make fools of us. Nor should we be surprised. In order to confound the human heart, the devil, who is “a liar and the father of lies” (Jn 8:44), has always presented evil as good, falsehood as truth. That is why each of us is called to peer into our heart to see if we are falling prey to the lies of these false prophets. We must learn to look closely, beneath the surface, and to recognize what leaves a good and lasting mark on our hearts, because it comes from God and is truly for our benefit.

A cold heart

In his description of hell, Dante Alighieri pictures the devil seated on a throne of ice, in frozen and loveless isolation. We might well ask ourselves how it happens that charity can turn cold within us. What are the signs that indicate that our love is beginning to cool?

More than anything else, what destroys charity is greed for money, “the root of all evil” (1 Tim 6:10). The rejection of God and his peace soon follows; we prefer our own desolation rather than the comfort found in his word and the sacraments. All this leads to violence against anyone we think is a threat to our own “certainties”: the unborn child, the elderly and infirm, the migrant, the alien among us, or our neighbour who does not live up to our expectations.

Creation itself becomes a silent witness to this cooling of charity. The earth is poisoned by refuse, discarded out of carelessness or for self-interest. The seas, themselves polluted, engulf the remains of countless shipwrecked victims of forced migration. The heavens, which in God’s plan, were created to sing his praises, are rent by engines raining down implements of death.

Love can also grow cold in our own communities. In the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, I sought to describe the most evident signs of this lack of love: selfishness and spiritual sloth, sterile pessimism, the temptation to self-absorption, constant warring among ourselves, and the worldly mentality that makes us concerned only for appearances, and thus lessens our missionary zeal.

(To be continued next week)