ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

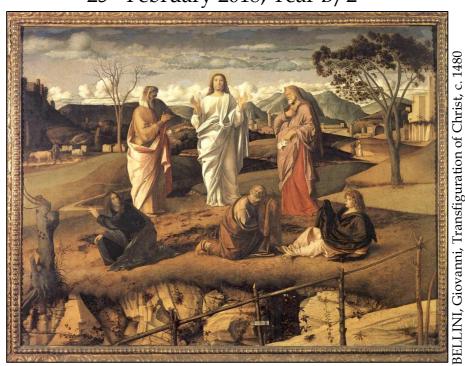


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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

25th February 2018, Year B/2



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

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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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LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS/MASS INTENTIONS

Entrance Antiphon: Of You my heart has spoken: Seek His face.

It is Your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not Your face from me.

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Responsorial Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Second Reading: Romans 8:31-34

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

SUNDAY 8:30am Special Intention for Healing

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 Special Intention for Healing

Thursday 8:00am 2nd Week of Lent

Friday 8:00am 2nd Week of Lent For God's Precious Infants

Saturday 8:30am 2nd Week of Lent Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul

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:

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There is an opportunity to spend time with the Lord this Friday 2^{nd} March from 5pm to 10pm. All are welcome.

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.

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

POPE FRANCIS' FEBRUARY INTENTIONS Say "No" to Corruption

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

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$771 Loose: \$602.25

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:

First Communion: Sunday 3rd June Registration: Sunday 8th April

Confirmation Tuesday 23rd October Registration Sunday 22nd July

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:

2nd & **4**th **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

YOUTH GROUP

Wednesdays from 3pm until 5pm. All Young People from Year 6 to 18 years old are most welcome.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is every Wednesday at 10.30am in the Parish Hall. Our first session is this Wednesday 28th February. All are most welcome. Please bring your Bible with you.

LEAVING CARPARK AFTER 8.30AM MASS

After 8.30am Mass please leave the Parking Areas from Joseph Street exit, to enable Parishioners entering for the 10am Mass to use Richmond Road.

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.

ST JOSEPH'S FAMILY CLUB

Our first Meeting is 18th March from 3-5pm at the Parish Office. All Parents and Children are invited to our new Parish initiative. Please join us.

We are looking to build friendships and enjoy Family Fun in our Parish Community.

All questions to Lisa Lynch on 0423 901 720.

WORKING BEE

Please join us after 8.30am Mass on Saturday 17th March for our Working Bee in preparation for Easter.

PARISH LUNCH:

Held the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The date for our next Lunch is Wednesday 14th March at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY OPEN DAY

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

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. Please support our works.

Our Parish will be holding a special collection this weekend 24th/25th February. 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

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

2018 Lenten Message of His Holiness Pope Francis – Part 2

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

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 selfabsorption, constant warring among ourselves, and the worldly mentality that makes us concerned only for appearances, and thus lessens our missionary zeal.

What are we to do?

Perhaps we see, deep within ourselves and all about us, the signs I have just described. But the Church, our Mother and Teacher, along with the often-bitter medicine of the truth, offers us in the Lenten season the soothing remedy of prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

By devoting more time to *prayer*, we enable our hearts to root out our secret lies and forms of self-deception, and then to find the consolation God offers. He is our Father and he wants us to live life well. *Almsgiving* sets us free from greed and helps us to regard our neighbour as a brother or sister. What I possess is never mine alone. How I would like almsgiving to become a genuine style of life for each of us! How I would like us, as Christians, to follow the example of the Apostles and see in the sharing of our possessions a tangible witness of the communion that is ours in the Church! For this reason, I echo Saint Paul's exhortation to the Corinthians to take up a collection for the community of Jerusalem as something from which they themselves would benefit (cf. 2 *Cor* 8:10). This is all the more fitting during the Lenten season, when many groups

take up collections to assist Churches and peoples in need. Yet I would also hope that, even in our daily encounters with those who beg for our assistance, we would see such requests as coming from God himself. When we give alms, we share in God's providential care for each of his children. If through me God helps someone today, will he not tomorrow provide for my own needs? For no one is more generous than God.

Fasting weakens our tendency to violence; it disarms us and becomes an important opportunity for growth. On the one hand, it allows us to experience what the destitute and the starving have to endure. On the other hand, it expresses our own spiritual hunger and thirst for life in God. Fasting wakes us up. It makes us more attentive to God and our neighbour. It revives our desire to obey God, who alone is capable of satisfying our hunger.

I would also like my invitation to extend beyond the bounds of the Catholic Church, and to reach all of you, men and women of good will, who are open to hearing God's voice. Perhaps, like ourselves, you are disturbed by the spread of iniquity in the world, you are concerned about the chill that paralyses hearts and actions, and you see a weakening in our sense of being members of the one human family. Join us, then, in raising our plea to God, in fasting, and in offering whatever you can to our brothers and sisters in need!

The fire of Easter

Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.

One such moment of grace will be, again this year, the "24 Hours for the Lord" initiative, which invites the entire Church community to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic adoration. In 2018, inspired by the words of Psalm 130:4, "With you is forgiveness", this will take place from Friday, 9 March to Saturday, 10 March. In each diocese, at least one church will remain open for twenty-four consecutive hours, offering an opportunity for both Eucharistic adoration and sacramental confession.

During the Easter Vigil, we will celebrate once more the moving rite of the lighting of the Easter candle. Drawn from the "new fire", this light will slowly overcome the darkness and illuminate the liturgical assembly. "May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds", and enable all of us to relive the experience of the disciples on the way to Emmaus. By listening to God's word and drawing nourishment from the table of the Eucharist, may our hearts be ever more ardent in faith, hope and love.

With affection and the promise of my prayers for all of you, I send you my blessing. Please do not forget to pray for me.

From the Vatican, 1 November 2017 Solemnity of All Saints