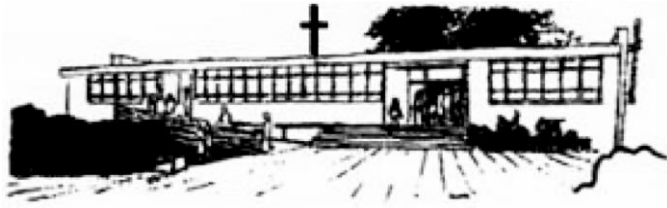


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

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Please leave a detailed Message

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

10th March 2019, Year C/1



BOTTICELLI, Sandro, The Temptation of Christ (detail), 1481-82

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 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

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Responsorial Psalm: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

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

Wednesday 8:00am 1st Week of Lent

Cardinal George Pell

Thursday 8.00am 1st Week of Lent

Fay Durbidge (Dec. Ann.)

Friday 8.00am 1st Week of Lent

Saturday 8.30am 1st 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.

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Fay Durbidge

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be Saturday 16th March at 6pm. Please invite all young people to come along for Mass followed by a get together in the Parish Hall.

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH – 19TH MARCH

Masses at 8am (followed by Morning Tea) and 6pm (followed by Supper).

There will be a Novena after morning Mass from 10th to 18th March.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will take place at 6pm every Friday during Lent.

SACRAMENTS 2019 – AFTER 10AM MASS

Reconciliation – Thursday 11th April

Registration & 1st Session – 10th March

First Communion – Sunday 23rd June

Registration & 1st Session – 28th April

Confirmation – Sunday 3rd November

Registration & 1st Session – 28th July

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, John McCahon, Kathryn Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, Katalin Domotor, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Valerie Davies, Raymond Waters, Jason Isbitski, Andrew Isbitski, David Jenkins, Margaret Colville, Gill Waltisbuhl, Robert Waltisbuhl, Cecylia Tobera, Geoffrey Waltis.

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

POPE FRANCIS' MARCH INTENTIONS

Evangelisation – Christian Communities

That Christian communities, especially those persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$702
 Loose: \$379.90

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 have discontinued here at St Joseph's due to lack of numbers. St Nicholas of Myra hold their meetings at 10.30am on Tuesdays.

ROSARY IN OUR HOMES:

If you would like Our Lady's Rosary Statue in your home for a week at a time please ring the Parish Office. You would pick it up from the Church at the weekend.

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP:

1st & 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm in the Parish Office. All are welcome.

We begin with Worship and Prayer; share what God has done in our lives; study the Gospel for the following Sunday (Lectio Divina), have Prayers of Intercession and Spiritual Input.

Any questions please ring Jim on 0411 280 950.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month in the Church from 12.30pm to 3pm. All are most welcome. Please contact Delfin on 0478 784 885 with any questions.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study at 10.30am every Wednesday. All are most welcome. Please bring your Bibles with you.

YOUTH GROUP

Every Wednesday from 3pm to 5pm. Young people from Year 6 to 18 years are most welcome.

PARISH LUNCH:

Held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Our next Lunch will be this Wednesday 13th March at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

CHOIR MEMBERS REQUIRED

If you enjoy singing, please consider joining our Choir. Ring Rubina on 0405 043 865 for information.

MASS INTENTIONS

To arrange for a Mass Intention please contact one of the Priests in person. Please do not place Mass Intentions envelopes in the Collection plate. We are unable to process Credit Cards, so your donation will need to be cash.

SCRIPTURE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Teachers and helpers are needed urgently to teach Kindy to Year 6 for one hour per week. Please contact Antoinette on 0413 686 270 or sremifsud@outlook.com

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION APPEAL

"Bring Hope this Lent"

We will have another collection for the Bishop's Lenten Appeal this weekend to make up our quota, which is \$3552. We have raised \$1560.25 so far. Please be generous.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please take home a Project Compassion box and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season, themed "Give Lent 100%". You are helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Sunday 17th March at 2pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys. Celebrant is Fr Tony Alex MGL.

LENT 2019 WITH BRUCE DOWNES

Receive a free video each Sunday and an email each day during Lent. It is a free program. Call 1300 734 880 or sign up at www.TheCatholicGuy.com/Lent

FRANCIS: A VOICE CRYING OUT

A public conversation between Dr Austen Ivereigh and Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv. on Wednesday 20th March at 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. RSVP mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org

SOCIAL JUSTICE NIGHT – Right to Home

All young adults 18 to 30 years old are most welcome at 6.30pm 27th March at Mad Mex, 285 Church St., Parramatta. We will hear from experts and brainstorm actions over a shared meal. RSVP at parrayouth@vinnies.org.au.

FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL

Relive the Acts of the Apostles on a 14 day pilgrimage which departs 1st October 2019 at a cost of \$5990. Ring Magi Pilgrimages on 03 8839 6615 for more information.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

"Thy Kingdom Come"

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

When we pray the "Our Father," the second invocation with which we address God is "Thy Kingdom come" (*Matthew 6:10*). After having prayed that His Name be hallowed, the believer expresses the desire that the coming of His Kingdom be hastened. This desire gushes forth, so to speak, from Christ's heart itself, who began His preaching in Galilee proclaiming: "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel." These words are not at all a threat; on the contrary, they are a happy proclamation, a message of joy. Jesus doesn't want to push people to convert by sowing fear of God's impending judgment or the sense of guilt for the evil committed. Jesus doesn't proselytize: He simply proclaims the Good News of salvation, and from it, He calls to conversion. Each one is invited to believe in the "Gospel": God's lordship made itself close to His children. This is the Gospel: God's lordship made itself close to His children. And Jesus proclaims this wonderful thing, this grace: God, the Father, loves us, He is close to us and He teaches us to walk on the path of holiness.

The signs of the coming of this Kingdom are many, and all are positive. Jesus begins His ministry by taking care of the sick, be it in body or in soul, of those that experienced social exclusion — such as lepers —, of sinners regarded with contempt by all, also of those were greater sinners than them but feigned to be just. And what does Jesus call these? "Hypocrites." Jesus Himself points out these signs, the signs of the Kingdom of God: "the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have Good News preached to them" (*Matthew 11:5*).

"Thy Kingdom come!" a Christian repeats insistently when he prays the "Our Father." Jesus came, but the world is still marked by sin, populated by so many suffering people, by persons who don't reconcile themselves and don't forgive, by wars and by so many forms of exploitation. We think of child trafficking, for example. All these facts are proof that Christ's victory has not yet been completely implemented: so many still live with their hearts closed. It's especially in these situations that the second invocation of the "Our Father" emerges on a Christian's lips: "Thy Kingdom come!" Which is as if to say: "Father, we need You! Jesus, we need You to be Lord in our midst everywhere and forever!" "Thy Kingdom come, You be in our midst." Sometimes we ask ourselves: why is this Kingdom realized so slowly? Jesus likes to talk of His victory with

the language of parables. He says that the Kingdom of God is like a field where the good seed and the weeds grow together: the worst error would be to want to intervene immediately, extirpating from the world those that seem to us weeds. God isn't like us; God has patience. It's not with violence that the Kingdom is established in the world: His style of propagation is meekness (Cf. *Matthew 13:24-30*).

God's Kingdom is certainly a great force, the greatest there is, but not according to the world's criteria. It's as the leaven that is mixed into the flour: it seems to disappear yet it is precisely what makes the dough ferment (Cf. *Matthew 13:33*). Or it's like a grain of mustard seed, so small, almost invisible, but which bears in itself the explosive force of nature, and once grown, it becomes the largest of all the trees of the vegetable garden (Cf. *Matthew 13:31-32*).

In this "destiny" of the Kingdom of God, the connection can be intuited with Jesus' life: for His contemporaries, He was also a weak sign, an almost unknown event to the official historians of the time. He described Himself as "a grain of wheat," which dies in the earth, but only thus can it bear "much fruit" (Cf. *John 12:24*). The symbol of the seed is eloquent: one day the farmer sinks it in the earth (a gesture that seems like a burial). And then he "sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows, he knows not how" (*Mark 4:27*). A seed that sprouts is more God's work than that of the man who sowed it (Cf. *Mark 4:27*). God always precedes us and surprises us. Thanks to Him, after the night of Good Friday there is a dawn of Resurrection able to illuminate the whole world with hope.

"Thy Kingdom come!" We sow this word in the midst of our sins and our failures. We give it to persons that are defeated and bowed down by life, to those that have tasted more hatred than love, those who have lived useless days without understanding why. We give it to those that have fought for justice, to all the martyrs of history, and to those that have concluded that they fought for nothing and that evil dominates in this world. We will then hear the "Our Father" prayer respond. It will repeat for the umpteenth time those words of hope, the same that the Spirit has placed as seal of all the Sacred Scriptures: "Surely I am coming soon!" This is the Lord's answer. "I am coming soon." Amen. And the Church answers: "Come, Lord Jesus" (Cf. *Revelation 2:20*). "Thy Kingdom come" is as if saying "Come, Lord Jesus." And Jesus says: "I am coming soon." And Jesus comes, in His own way, but every day. We trust in this. And when we pray the "Our Father" we always say: "Thy Kingdom come," to hear in our heart: "Surely, surely I am coming soon." Thank you!