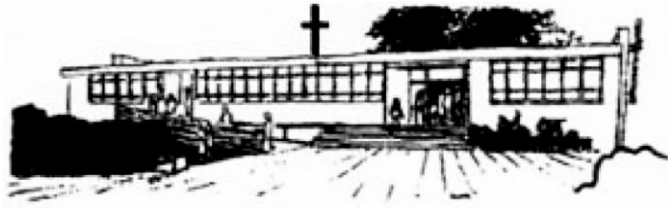


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

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Please leave a detailed Message

## 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

5<sup>th</sup> May 2019, Year C/1



BUONINSEGNA, Duccio di, Appearance on Lake Tiberias, 1308-11

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

#### Address

94 Joseph Street  
Kingswood, NSW 2747

**Telephone:** 4726 4200; **Fax:** 4731 1432

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

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**Entrance Antiphon:** Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of His name.  
O render Him glorious praise, alleluia.

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40-41

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will praise You, Lord, for You have rescued me.

**Second Reading:** Apocalypse 5:11-14

**Gospel:** John 21:1-19

**VIGIL SATURDAY**

6:00pm

Special Intention

**SUNDAY**

8:30am

10:00am

For the Parish

**Monday** 8:00am 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Easter

Special Intention

**Tuesday** 8:00am 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Easter

Special Intention

**Wednesday** 8:00am Patronage of B.V. Mary  
over Order

Special Intention

**Thursday** 8.00am 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Easter

George Colville (Dec. Ann.)

**Friday** 8.00am St Antoninus Pierozzi

Joe Pereira (Dec. Ann.)

**Saturday** 8.30am 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Easter

Special Intention

**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:**

George Colville, Joe Pereira

**YOUTH MASS**

Our next Youth Mass will be Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at  
6pm. There will be a time for fellowship in the  
Parish Hall after the Mass. Please pass on the word  
to all our young people.

**SACRAMENTS 2019**

**First Communion – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**  
Sessions after 10am Mass

**Confirmation – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**  
Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session – 28<sup>th</sup> July

**POPE FRANCIS' MAY INTENTIONS**

**Evangelisation – Church in Africa**

That the Church in Africa, through the  
commitment of its members, may be the seed of  
unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for the  
continent.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

To arrange for a Mass Intention please contact one  
of the Priests in person. Donations need to be cash  
as we are unable to process credit cards.

**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 Davis, Raymond Waters, Jason Isbitski, Andrew Isbitski, David Jenkins, Margaret Colville, Gill Waltisbuhl, Robert Waltisbuhl, Cecylia Tobera, Geoffrey Waltis, Mary Roughley.

**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

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## PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Envelopes: \$950  
Loose: \$338.80

### ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP:

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

Any questions please ring Jim on 0411 280 950.

### CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

Every Wednesday at 10.30am. All are most welcome. Please bring your Bibles with you.

### YOUTH GROUP

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

### PARISH LUNCH:

Held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Our next Lunch will be this Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

### PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Thank you for supporting Project Compassion 2019. If you still have your Project Compassion Box at home, please return it next week.

### HOUSE OF WELCOME DONATIONS

Donations of groceries for the refugees can be left at the Parish Office. They need olive oil, tinned tomatoes, Basmati rice, flour, UHT milk, washing and dishwashing liquid, cleaning products, chick peas, tea and coffee.

### PARISH MOVIE

This Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm. Our movie will be "Miracles from Heaven". All are welcome.

### SRE TERM 2 MEETING

9am Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May. It is important to attend these meetings as we need to do Updates on Policies.

### MT SCHOENSTATT – HOME OF LIGHT

**Shrine** at 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year from 7am to 8pm.

### Annual Marian Pilgrimage Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May

9.30am to 2pm. Includes Reconciliation Holy Mass, Eucharistic Procession, Anointing of the Sick and Benediction. BYO Lunch. Flyers at back of Church.

### RAISING LAZARUS RETREAT DAY

Contemplating living and our inner journey from death to new life. Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 10am to 2pm at Parramatta Institute of Mission, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. BYO Lunch. Free but must register at [mark.oconnor@parramattacatholic.org](mailto:mark.oconnor@parramattacatholic.org)

### MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS SEMINAR

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 7 to 9pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. No charge. Registration essential at 8843 2575.

### PALMS AUSTRALIA GLOBAL MISSION INFO

Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am at the Aquinas Academy, 141 Harrington Street, The Rocks, Sydney. If you have teaching, medical, admin or trade skills this is an opportunity to share them with those in need.

### ST JOEY'S "OLD SCHOOL" PICNIC

11am Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at Werrington Lakes Reserve, Burton Street, Werrington. See flyer at back of Church or contact Michael Kidd on 0439 609 980.

### ACU CATALYST FOR RENEWAL FORUM

Renowned theologian Dr Anna Rowlands will speak at the ACU Strathfield Campus, 25a Barker Road, Strathfield, 25 May from 10am to 3.30pm. \$25 entry. For enquiries please ring 9990 7003 or [catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au](mailto:catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au)

### FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL

**Relive the Acts of the Apostles on a 14 day pilgrimage which departs** 8<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> September or 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at a cost of \$5690. Ring Magi Pilgrimages on 03 8839 6615 for more information.

### THE PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 JOURNEY

Ash Wednesday marked the close of the Listening and Dialogue Stage (in which St Joseph's participated). Pentecost marks the launch of the Listening and Discernment process with themes for national discernment by specially chosen teams. [pastoralplanning@parracatholic.org](mailto:pastoralplanning@parracatholic.org) for info.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

**"Lead us not into temptation"**

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

We continue the catechesis on the "Our Father," arriving now at the penultimate invocation: "Lead us not into temptation" (*Matthew 6:13*). The "Our Father" begins serenely: it makes us desire that God's great plan be fulfilled in our midst. Then it casts a glance on life, and it makes us ask for what we have need every day: "daily bread." Then the prayer addresses our inter-personal relationships, often tainted by egoism: we ask for forgiveness and we commit ourselves to give it. However, it's with this penultimate invocation that our dialogue with the Heavenly Father enters, so to speak, the heart of the drama, namely, the area of the confrontation between our freedom and the snares of the Evil One.

The original Greek expression contained in the Gospels is difficult to render in an exact manner, and all the modern translations are somewhat shaky. However, we can converge unanimously on one element: no matter how the text is understood, we must exclude that God is the protagonist of the temptations that loom on man's path as if God Himself was lurking to put snares and pitfalls for his children. An interpretation of this nature contradicts first of all the text itself and is far from the image of God that Jesus has revealed to us. Let us not forget: the "Our Father" begins with "Father." And a father doesn't put pitfalls to his children. Christians have nothing to do with an envious God, in competition with man, or who is amused to put man to the test. These are images of so many pagan divinities. In the Letter of the Apostle James, we read: "Let no one say when he is tempted, I am tempted by God," because God can't be tempted to evil and He doesn't tempt anyone" (1:13). If anything, it's the contrary: the Father isn't the author of evil, and no child who asks for a fish is given a serpent (Cf. *Luke 11:11*) — as Jesus teaches — and when evil appears in man's life, He fights at his side, so that he can be freed — a God who always fights for us, not against us. He is the Father! It's in this sense that we pray the "Our Father." These two moments — the test and the temptation — were mysteriously present in the life of Jesus Himself. In this experience, the Son of God made Himself completely our brother, in a way that touches almost on scandal. And it's precisely these evangelical passages that show us that the most difficult invocations of the "Our Father," those that close the text, were already heard: God hasn't left us alone but, in Jesus, He manifests Himself as the "God-with-us" up to the extreme consequences. He is with us when He gives us life, He is with us during life, He is with us in joy, He is

with us in trials, He is with us in sadness, He is with us in defeats, when we sin, He is always with us, because He is Father and cannot abandon us.

If we are tempted to do evil, denying fraternity with others or desiring an absolute power over everything and everyone, Jesus has already combatted this temptation for us. Immediately after having received Baptism from John in the midst of the crowd of sinners, Jesus withdraws to the desert and is tempted by Satan. Satan was present. So many people say: "But why speak of the devil which is something ancient? The devil doesn't exist." But see what the Gospel teaches you: Jesus confronted the devil; Satan tempted Him. However, Jesus rejects every temptation and comes out victorious. Matthew's Gospel has an interesting note, which closes the duel between Jesus and the Enemy: "Then the devil left Him, and behold, Angels came and ministered to Him" (4:11).

But even in the time of supreme test, God doesn't leave us alone. When Jesus withdrew to pray in Gethsemane, His heart was invaded by unspeakable anguish — He said so to the disciples — and He experienced solitude and abandonment — alone, with the responsibility of all the sins of the world on His shoulders; alone, with unspeakable anguish. Jesus doesn't beg love for Himself, yet in that night He was sorrowful even unto death, and then He asks for the closeness of His friends: "Remain here and watch with Me!" (*Matthew 26:38*). As we know, the disciples, heavy with a torpor caused by fear, fell asleep. In the time of agony, God asks man not to abandon Him and man, instead, sleeps. Instead, God watches in the time when man experiences his trial. In the most awful moments of our life, in the moments of greatest suffering, in the most anguishing moments, God watches with us, God fights with us, He is always close to us. Why? He does so because He is Father. This is how we began the prayer: "Our Father." And a father doesn't abandon his children. That night of Jesus' sorrow and struggle was the last seal of the Incarnation: God comes down to find us in our abysses and in the travails that dot history.

It's our comfort in the hour of trial to know that that valley since Jesus crossed it, is no longer desolate but blessed by the presence of the Son of God. He never abandons us!

Therefore, remove from us, O God, the time of trial and of temptation. But when this time arrives for us, our Father, show us that we're not alone. You are the Father. Show us that the Christ has already taken on Himself the weight of that cross. Show us that Jesus calls us to carry it with Him, abandoning ourselves trustfully to your love of Father. Thank you.