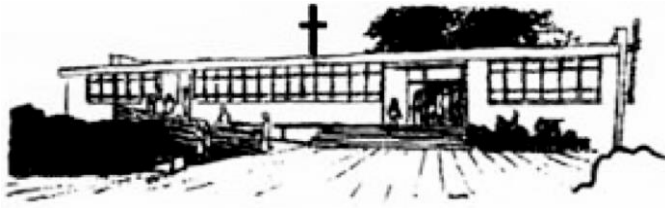


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Please leave a detailed Message

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

1st March 2020, Year A/2



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: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

SUNDAY 8:30am **Beato Toledo & Johnes Aycardo (Dec. Ann.)**

10:00am **For the Parish**

Monday 8:00am **1st Week of Lent**

Tuesday 8:00am **1st Week of Lent** **Kim Nelson & Odile St Lambert (Dec. Ann.)**

Wednesday 8.00am **1st Week of Lent**

Thursday 8.00am **1st Week of Lent**

Friday 8.00am **1st Week of Lent** **For God's Precious Infants**

Saturday 8.30am **1st Week of Lent** **Dec. Mems. 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.

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES: Beato Toledo, Johnes Aycardo, Kim Nelson, Odile St Lambert, John Francis Ryan, Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be next Saturday 7th March at 6pm. Young people required for singing, reading, etc. Please invite all young people to this Mass and a time of fellowship in the Parish Hall afterwards.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be Stations of the Cross at 6pm every Friday during Lent.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There is an opportunity to spend time with the Lord on Friday 6th March from 7pm to 10pm (after Stations of the Cross). All are welcome.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Please collect your box from the back of the Church and return it by Good Friday.

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

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

SECOND COLLECTION: Envelopes: \$703
Loose: \$318.75
Visitor Contribution: \$20

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2020

Reconciliation: Thursday 2nd April
Registration & 1st Session: 1st March
Must attend Registration and 1st Session

First Communion: Sunday 14th June
Registration & 1st Session: 26th April

Confirmation: Sunday 15th November
Registration & 1st Session: 28th June

POPE FRANCIS' MARCH INTENTIONS

Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP:

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

Any questions please ring Jim on 0411 280 950.

There will be no Group on Monday 2nd March.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

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

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study every Wednesday at 9.15am and every Thursday at 7pm. All are welcome. Please bring your Sunday Missal.

YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth Group is every Wednesday in the School Term. All young people from Year 6 to 18 are most welcome.

PARISH LUNCH:

Held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 11th March at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

SCHOOL OPEN DAYS/NIGHTS

St Joseph's Primary – Tuesday 3rd March
9am-10am & 4pm-5pm

Xavier College – Tuesday 3rd March 4-6pm

St Dominic's – Sunday 8th March 10am and 12.30pm

Penola (Emu Plains) – Tuesday 10th March 5-8pm

PARISH MOVIE

2pm this Sunday 1st March at 2pm. Our movie will be "Overcomer"

PARISH FETE

Our Parish Fete will be on Sunday 16th August. We are still asking for people to be part of a Subcommittee to help with the organisation. Please fill in your details on the sheet at the back of the Church.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION NIGHT

Tuesday 10th March at 6.45pm at Institute of Mission, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. Speakers are Sr Patty Andrew & Dr Laurie Woods.

INSTITUTE OF MISSION

Themes of Faith – 10 Monday evening sessions from 9th March. A guided exploration of key Catholic themes for our life, faith and action in the World.

Reflective Ministry Part 1 – Tuesday evenings from 10th March. A program to enrich and enthuse those involved in the Ministries of Catholic Communities.

See information for both of these courses on the Notice Board or at the back of the Church.

RELICS OF ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

As part of a four month pilgrimage in Australia, the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux and her parents, Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, will visit St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta for overnight veneration from 9.30pm this Wednesday March 4.

ROME PILGRIMAGE

Includes Assisi & Florence. 14th to 27th April with Fr Chris Del Rosario. Cost from \$3950. Ring 1800 753 959 or email pilgrimage@sydneycatholic.org

NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR RAIN

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place from November 2019 until the drought breaks. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The impact of the drought is national – and so the response should be national. See www.catholic.org.au/drought

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

On Lent

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Today we begin the Lenten journey, journey of forty days to Easter, to the heart of the Liturgical Year and of the faith. It's a journey that follows that of Jesus, who at the beginning of His ministry withdrew to the desert for forty days, to pray and fast, and to be tempted by the devil. In fact, it's the spiritual meaning of the desert that I would like to talk to you about today.

What does the desert mean spiritually for all of us, also for us that live in cities, what does the desert mean? Let us imagine we are in a desert. The first sensation would be that of finding ourselves enveloped in a great silence: no noises, apart from the wind and our breathing. See, the desert is the place of detachment from the din that surrounds us. It's absence of words to make room for another Word, the Word of God, which caresses the heart as a light breeze (Cf. *1 Kings* 19:12). The desert is the place of the Word, with a capital W. In fact, in the Bible the Lord likes to talk to us in the desert. He gives Moses the "ten words" in the desert, the Ten Commandments. And when the people distance themselves from Him, becoming an unfaithful bride, God says: "Behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her. And there she shall answer as in the days of her youth (*Hosea* 2:16-17). In the desert one listens to the Word of God, which is like a light sound. Intimacy with God, the love of the Lord is rediscovered in the wilderness. Jesus liked to withdraw every day to desert places to pray (Cf. *Luke* 5:16). He taught us how to seek the Father, who speaks to us in silence. And it's not easy to be silent in the heart, because we always seek to speak a bit, to be with others.

Lent is the propitious time to make room for the Word of God. It's the time to turn off the television and to open the Bible. When I was a child, there was no television, but there was the custom not to listen to the radio. Lent is desert, it's the time to give up, to tear ourselves away from our mobile phone and connect ourselves to the Gospel. It's the time to give up useless words, slander, rumours and gossip, and to speak and give oneself to the Lord. It's the time to dedicate oneself to a healthy ecology of the heart, to clean it. We live in a polluted environment of too much verbal violence, of many offensive and harmful words,

which the network amplifies. Today one insults as if one said "Good Day." We are submerged in empty words, publicity, sly messages. We are used to feeling everything about everything and we risk sliding into a worldliness that atrophies the heart, and there is no bypass to heal this, but only silence. It's hard for us to distinguish the Lord's voice, which speaks to us, the voice of conscience, of goodness. Calling us in the desert, Jesus invites us to listen to what matters, to the important, to the essential. To the devil that tempted Him, He answered: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" (*Matthew* 4:4). As bread, more than bread we need the Word of God, we need to talk to God: we need to pray, because only before God do the inclinations of the heart come to light and the duplicities of the soul fall. Behold the desert, place of life not of death, because to converse with the Lord in silence restores life to us. The desert is the place of the essential. Let us look at our lives: how many useless things surround us! We pursue a thousand things that seem necessary and in reality, aren't so. How much good it would do us to be free of so many superfluous realities, to rediscover what counts, to rediscover the face of the One next to us! On this also Jesus gives us the example by fasting. To fast is not only to slim down, to fast is in fact to go to the essential and to seek the beauty of a simpler life.

Finally, the desert is the place of solitude. Today also, close to us, there are so many deserts. They are the people that are alone and abandoned. How many poor and elderly are next to us and live in silence, without clamouring, marginalized and discarded! To speak of them doesn't command an audience. But the desert leads us to them, to all those that, silenced, ask for our help in silence. The Lenten journey in the desert is a journey of charity to the weakest.

Prayer, fasting, works of mercy: behold the journey in the Lenten desert. Dear brothers and sisters, with the prophet Isaiah's voice, God has made this promise: "Behold, I am doing a new thing, I will make a way in the wilderness" (*Isaiah* 43:19). The way is opened in the desert that leads us from death to life. We enter the desert with Jesus, and we will come out of it savouring Easter, the power of God's love that renews life. It will happen to us as it does in those deserts that flower in spring, making buds and plants sprout suddenly "from nothing." Courage, let us enter in this desert of Lent, let us follow Jesus in the desert: with Him our deserts will flower.