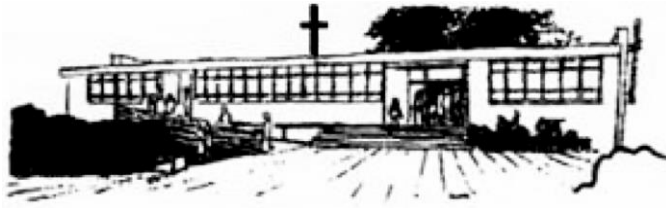


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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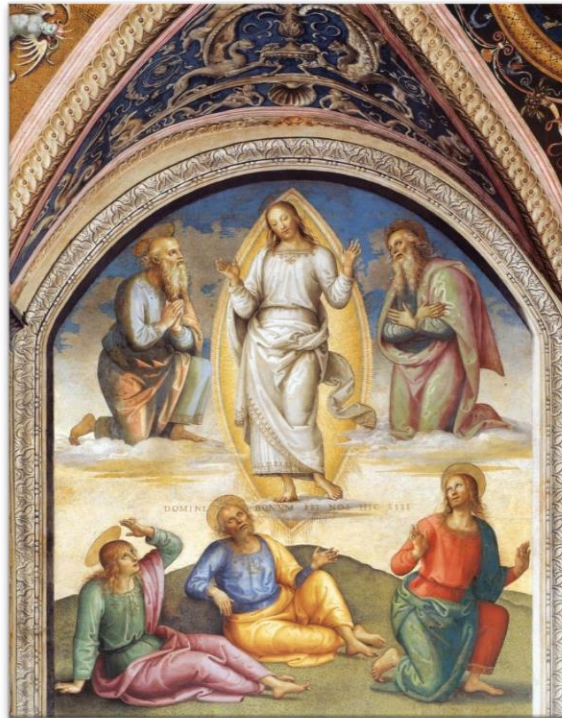
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Please leave a detailed Message

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8<sup>th</sup> March 2020, Year A/2



PERUGINO, Pietro, The Transfiguration of Christ, 1497-1500

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: 9:00am - 1:00pm

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# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## 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 12:1-4

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, let Your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You.

**Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 1:8-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 17:1-9

### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

**SUNDAY** 8:30am

10:00am

**For the Parish**

**Monday** 8:00am 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent

**Tuesday** 8:00am 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent

**Wednesday** 8.00am 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent

**Thursday** 8.00am 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent

**Friday** 8.00am 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent

**Saturday** 8.30am 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Congratulations** to our Parishioner, Mr. Aaron Dunn who was enrolled last Sunday to the Catechumenate at St Patrick's Cathedral. He will receive Sacraments of Initiation on Pentecost Sunday at St Joseph's Parish.

### YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 6pm. Please invite all young people to this Mass and a time of fellowship in the Parish Hall afterwards.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

### BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent at 6.00pm

### ST JOSEPH'S FEAST

Novena after morning Mass from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Masses for the Feast of St Joseph on 19<sup>th</sup> March are 8.00am and Mass with the School children in attendance at 12.00 noon.

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2020

**Reconciliation:** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

**First Communion:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June  
Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session: 26<sup>th</sup> April

**Confirmation:** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November  
Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session: 28<sup>th</sup> June

**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.

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Envelopes: \$ 1017  
Loose: \$ 377.80  
**Visitor Contribution: \$ 1**

### 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:

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays 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 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Our next Lunch will be this Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at Penrith Golf Club. All are most welcome.

### PARISH FETE

Our Parish Fete will be on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August. Please consider prayerfully how you can be involved.

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION NIGHT

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

### NEPEAN HOSPITAL PASTORAL CARE

Volunteers are needed. Training from 9am to 2.30pm on Mondays from 20<sup>th</sup> April to 11<sup>th</sup> May. Ring 4734 2052 or email [Cathy.Gault@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Cathy.Gault@health.nsw.gov.au) for an Application Form. Closing date Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

### PILGRIMAGE WITH FR PAUL MARSHALL

Visit Fatima Lourdes, Padua, Florence, Assisi and Rome. Departs 18<sup>th</sup> September to 11<sup>th</sup> October. Contact Harvest at [www.harvestjourneys.com](http://www.harvestjourneys.com) or on 1800 819 156. Tour Code PV5120.

### INSTITUTE OF MISSION

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

**Reflective Ministry Part 1** – Tuesday evenings from 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### FROM INVISIBLE TO INVINCIBLE

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April from 10am to 1pm at Our Lady of the Way Parish Hall, 19 Troy Street, Emu Plains. Session will include sharing the stories of our lives; finding and re-defining our Baptismal call; tools for the journey through centering prayer and prayer of surrender, abandonment and trust. Contact Marie Cottee at [mc@corpuschristi.org.au](mailto:mc@corpuschristi.org.au) or on 0407 702 058.

### ROME PILGRIMAGE

Includes Assisi & Florence. 14<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> April with Fr Chris Del Rosario. Cost from \$3950. Ring 1800 753 959 or email [pilgrimage@sydneycatholic.org](mailto: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](http://www.catholic.org.au/drought)

### HOUSE OF WELCOME DONATIONS

If you would like to donate groceries for the refugees please leave them at the Parish Office. They need olive oil, tinned tomatoes, Basmati rice, flour, UHT milk, canned fish, peas and corn and chick peas, canned fruit, biscuits, tea and coffee They also need washing and dishwashing liquid, cleaning products and toiletry items.

## CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

## POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR LENT 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This year the Lord grants us, once again, a favourable time to prepare to celebrate with renewed hearts the great mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus, the cornerstone of our personal and communal Christian life.

### 1. *The paschal mystery as the basis of conversion*

Christian joy flows from listening to, and accepting, the Good News of the death and resurrection of Jesus. This *kerygma* sums up the mystery of a love “so real, so true, so concrete, that it invites us to a relationship of openness and fruitful dialogue” (*Christus Vivit*, 117). Whoever believes this message rejects the lie that our life is ours to do with as we will. Rather, life is born of the love of God our Father, from his desire to grant us life in abundance (cf. *Jn* 10:10). If we listen instead to the tempting voice of the “father of lies” (*Jn* 8:44), we risk sinking into the abyss of absurdity, and experiencing hell here on earth, as all too many tragic events in the personal and collective human experience sadly bear witness.

In this Lent of 2020, I would like to share with every Christian what I wrote to young people in the Apostolic Exhortation *Christus Vivit*: “Keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified, let yourself be saved over and over again. And when you go to confess your sins, believe firmly in his mercy which frees you of your guilt. Contemplate his blood poured out with such great love, and let yourself be cleansed by it. In this way, you can be reborn ever anew” (*No. 123*). Jesus' Pasch is not a past event; rather, through the power of the Holy Spirit it is ever present, enabling us to see and touch with faith the flesh of Christ in those who suffer.

### 2. *The urgency of conversion*

It is good to contemplate more deeply the paschal mystery through which God's mercy has been bestowed upon us. Indeed, the experience of mercy is only possible in a “face to face” relationship with the crucified and risen Lord “who loved me and gave himself for me” (*Gal* 2:20), in a heartfelt dialogue between friends. That is why prayer is so important in Lent. Even more than a duty, prayer is an expression of our need to respond to God's love which always precedes and sustains us. Christians pray in the knowledge that, although unworthy, we are still loved. Prayer can take any number of different forms, but what truly matters in God's eyes is that it penetrates deep within us and chips away at our hardness of heart, in order to convert us ever more fully to God and to his will.

In this favourable season, then, may we allow ourselves to be led like Israel into the desert (cf. *Hos* 2:14), so that

we can at last hear our Spouse's voice and allow it to resound ever more deeply within us. The more fully we are engaged with his word, the more we will experience the mercy he freely gives us. May we not let this time of grace pass in vain, in the foolish illusion that we can control the times and means of our conversion to him.

### 3. *God's passionate will to dialogue with his children*

The fact that the Lord once again offers us a favourable time for our conversion should never be taken for granted. This new opportunity ought to awaken in us a sense of gratitude and stir us from our sloth. Despite the sometimes tragic presence of evil in our lives, and in the life of the Church and the world, this opportunity to change our course expresses God's unwavering will not to interrupt his dialogue of salvation with us. In the crucified Jesus, who knew no sin, yet for our sake was made to be sin (cf. *2 Cor* 5:21), this saving will led the Father to burden his Son with the weight of our sins, thus, in the expression of *Pope Benedict XVI*, “turning of God against himself” (*Deus Caritas Est*, 12). For God also loves his enemies (cf. *Mt* 5:43-48).

The dialogue that God wishes to establish with each of us through the paschal mystery of his Son has nothing to do with empty chatter, like that attributed to the ancient inhabitants of Athens, who “spent their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new” (*Acts* 17:21). Such chatter, determined by an empty and superficial curiosity, characterizes worldliness in every age; in our own day, it can also result in improper use of the media.

### 4. *A richness to be shared, not kept for oneself*

Putting the paschal mystery at the centre of our lives means feeling compassion towards the wounds of the crucified Christ present in the many innocent victims of wars, in attacks on life, from that of the unborn to that of the elderly, and various forms of violence. They are likewise present in environmental disasters, the unequal distribution of the earth's goods, human trafficking in all its forms, and the unbridled thirst for profit, which is a form of idolatry.

Today too, there is a need to appeal to men and women of good will to share, by almsgiving, their goods with those most in need, as a means of personally participating in the building of a better world. Charitable giving makes us more human, whereas hoarding risks making us less human, imprisoned by our own selfishness. We can and must go even further, and consider the structural aspects of our economic life.

I ask Mary Most Holy to pray that our Lenten celebration will open our hearts to hear God's call to be reconciled to himself, to fix our gaze on the paschal mystery, and to be converted to an open and sincere dialogue with him. In this way, we will become what Christ asks his disciples to be: the salt of the earth and the light of the world (cf. *Mt* 5:13-14).