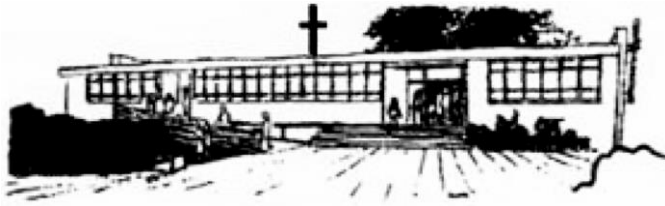


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

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EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

21st February 2021, Year B/1



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

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm Live Stream

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 9:8-15

Responsorial Psalm: Your ways, O Lord are love and truth to those who keep Your covenant.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		Deceased Members of the Devine Family
SUNDAY	8:30am		Thanksgiving for Daniel's Life
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	CHAIR OF ST PETER	Marija Barclay (Healing from Cancer)
Tuesday	8:00am	1 st Week of Lent	Thanksgiving
Wednesday	8.00am	1 st Week of Lent	Marija Barclay (Healing from Cancer)
Thursday	8.00am	1 st Week of Lent	Thanksgiving
Friday	8.00am	1 st Week of Lent	Luis Ching & Johnes Aycardo (Dec. Ann.)
Saturday	8.30am	1 st Week of Lent	Salve Stuart (Recently Deceased)

LIVE STREAM OF WEEKEND MASS AT 6PM

The 6pm Vigil on Saturday evening will continue to be livestreamed every Weekend and will be available online through to Sunday.

Please visit our website:

<http://stjosephskingswood.org/> or type in your browser: bit.ly/stjoe

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please collect your Project Compassion Box from the back of the Church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday through Lent at 6pm

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,

I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I long for You in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart
as though You have already come.

I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Salve Stuart

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

Deceased Members of the Devine Family, Luis Julia Gutiza Ching & Johnes Ching Aycardo

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Zig Barglik, Joy Cavanagh, Kevin Collins, Margaret Colville, Valerie Davis, Katalin Domotor, Marie Donaldson, Frances Gunn, Nora Hehir, Andrew Isbitski, Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Shayla, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Barbara Thompson, Kelly Tonna, Kathryn Tuckwell.

SICK LIST: Due to privacy laws, if you have anyone for the sick list, please 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' FEBRUARY INTENTIONS

Violence Against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence; that they may be protected by society and their sufferings considered and heeded.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$612**
 Loose: \$226.50
 Tap & Go: \$240
 Donations: \$20

TAP AND GO DONATION FACILITY

Tap once to donate \$10; tap twice to donate \$20 etc. up to \$150. All contributions go to the 2nd Collection.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2021

Reconciliation: Thursday 25th March

First Communion: Sunday 6th June

Registration & 1st Session: 11th April

Confirmation: Sunday 7th November

Registration & 1st Session: 1st August

PARISH CELL GROUP

Every 1st & 3rd Monday of the month in the Parish Centre at 7pm. Please ring Jim on 0478 027 210 with any questions.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is every Wednesday at 9.15am. Please bring your Sunday Missal with you. All welcome.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group is held every Wednesday during the School Term from 3pm to 5pm. Young People from Year 6 to 18 years old are most welcome.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Young Adults Group, from 18 to 35 years old, has recommenced. For more information about dates and times type bit.ly/YASJK into your browser.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Meet 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month at 12pm. Ring Delfin for details on 0478 784 885.

OPEN DAYS AT OUR SCHOOLS

Xavier College – Tuesday 2nd March

To Register xavierllandilo.catholic.edu.au/Enrol

St Dominic's College – Sunday 7th March

To Register www.stdominics.nsw.edu.au

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please fill in sheets at the back of the Church and place in the box provided.

PRIVATE PRAYER AND MASS BOOKINGS

Following the 2 sq. metres per person, 150 people are allowed in our Church from Friday 12th February. Priest and Essential Workers are not included.

Private Prayer – QR Code is preferable for signing in. Sign-in sheets are also provided prior to entry to provide your contact details for Private Prayer.

Weekend Masses – Bookings are required. To register please ring the Parish by calling 4721 4080 during Office hours or ring 0423 725 148 outside Office hours.

You will need to provide your name and contact details when registering. Your presence will be confirmed as you arrive at the Church. Walk-ins are permitted, subject to available vacancies up to the 150 capacity, in which case we ask you to sign in using the QR Code if possible.

Weekday Masses - There is no registration for weekday Masses.

Please use the QR Code and show the Usher that you have been CHECKED IN. If you do not have a phone with you please sign in on sheets provided at the entrance of the Church.

Social distancing is required so please take notice of the signs on the pews.

When attending Mass, please keep these rules:

- There will be no procession of gifts, no passing of hymn books or collection plates.
- The sign of peace will be given without hand-to-hand contact.
- Holy communion may be received on the hand.
If receiving on the tongue you must approach the Priest, and only after everyone else has received by hand.
- No Congregational Singing is allowed.
- **Masks are recommended but not compulsory.**

Hand Sanitisers are available in the Church. Door handles, pens and surfaces are sanitised regularly.

For details visit <http://stjosephskingswood.org/>

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' ANGELUS

Sunday 14th February 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Today's Gospel (cf Mk 1:40-45) presents us with the encounter between Jesus and a man who was sick with leprosy. Lepers were considered impure and, according to the prescriptions of the Law, they had to remain outside of inhabited centres. They were excluded from every human, social and religious relationship: for example, they could not enter a synagogue, they could not go into the temple, these were religious restrictions. Jesus, instead, allows this man to draw near him, he is moved even to the point of extending his hand and touching him. This was unthinkable at that time. This is how he fulfills the Good News he proclaims: God draws near to our lives, he is moved to compassion because of the fate of wounded humanity and comes to break down every barrier that prevents us from being in relationship with him, with others and with ourselves. He drew near... Nearness. Compassion. The Gospel says that Jesus, seeing the leper, was moved with compassion, tenderness. Three words that indicate God's style: nearness, compassion, tenderness. In this episode, we can see two "transgressions" that intersect: the transgression of the leper who draws near to Jesus, and should not have done so; and Jesus who, moved with compassion, touches him compassionately to heal him. He should not have done that. Both of them are transgressors. There are two transgressions.

The first transgression is that of the leper: despite the prescriptions of the Law, he comes out of his isolation and goes to Jesus. His illness was considered a divine punishment, but, in Jesus, he is able to see another aspect of God: not the God who punishes, but the Father of compassion and love who frees us from sin and never excludes us from his mercy. Thus, that man can emerge from his isolation because in Jesus he finds God who shares his pain. Jesus's behaviour attracts him, pushes him to go out of himself and entrust Him with his painful story. And allow me a thought here for the many good priest confessors who have this behaviour of attracting people, and many people who feel that they are nothing, who feel they are flat on the ground because of their sins, who with tenderness, with compassion... Good confessors who do not have a whip in their hands, but just welcome, listen and say that God is good and that God always forgives, that God does not get tired of forgiving. I ask all of you here today in the Square, to give a round of applause for these merciful confessors.

The second transgression is that of Jesus: even though the Law prohibited touching lepers, he is moved, extends his hand and touches him to cure him. Someone would have said: He sinned. He did something the law

prohibits. He is a transgressor. It is true: He is a transgressor. He does not limit himself to words, but touches him. To touch with love means to establish a relationship, to enter into communion, to become involved in the life of another person even to the point of sharing their wounds. With that gesture, Jesus reveals that God, who is not indifferent, does not keep himself at a "safe distance". Rather, he draws near out of compassion and touches our life to heal it with tenderness. It is God's style: nearness, compassion and tenderness. God is a great transgressor in this sense.

Even in today's world, many of our brothers and sisters still suffer from this illness, from Hansen's disease, or from other illnesses and conditions that carry social stigmas with them. "This person is a sinner". Think a moment about when that woman entered the banquet and poured out that perfume on Jesus's feet... The others were saying: "But if he were a prophet he would know who this woman is: a sinner". Jesus welcomes and thanks her: "Your sins are forgiven". Jesus's tenderness. Social prejudices distance these people through words: "This person is impure, that person is a sinner, this person is a crook, that person..." Yes, at times it is true. But not to judge through prejudice. Each one of us might experience wounds, failure, suffering, selfishness that make us close ourselves off from God and others because sin closes us in on ourselves because of shame, because of humiliation, but God wants to open our heart. In the face of all this, Jesus announces to us that God is not an idea or an abstract doctrine but God is the One who "contaminates" himself with our human woundedness and is not afraid to come into contact with our wounds. He who was not a sinner, who could not sin, made himself to be sin. Look at how God contaminated himself to draw near to us, to have compassion and to make us understand his tenderness, closeness and compassion.

To respect the rules regarding good reputation and social mores, we often silence pain or we wear masks that camouflage it. To balance the calculations of our selfishness and the interior laws of our fears we do not get that involved with the sufferings of others. Instead, let us ask the Lord for the grace to live these two "transgressions", these two "transgressions" from today's Gospel: that of the leper, so that we might have the courage to emerge from our isolation and, instead of staying put and feeling sorry for ourselves or crying over our failings, complaining, and instead of this, let us go to Jesus just as we are; "Jesus I am like this". We will feel the embrace of Jesus that is so beautiful. And then Jesus's transgression, a love that goes beyond conventions, that overcomes prejudices and the fear of getting involved with the lives of others. Let us learn to be transgressors like these two: like the leper and like Jesus.

May the Virgin Mary accompany us on this journey.