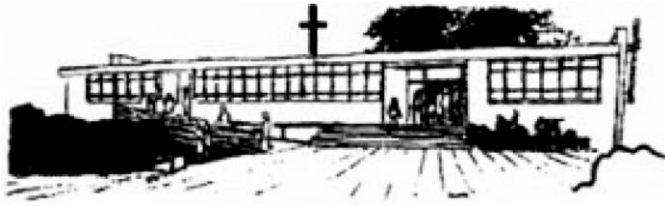


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

6th March 2022, Year C/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

Ms. Jennifer Crowley - 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

Daniel Woodbury

SUNDAY 8:30am

Johnes Aycardo (Deceased Anniversary)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 1st Week of Lent Julia & Victor Patos (Deceased Anniversary)

Tuesday 8:00am 1st Week of Lent Justine Remo & Stephanie Aycardo (Birthdays)

Wednesday 8.00am 1st Week of Lent Daniel Woodbury

Thursday 8.00am 1st Week of Lent Colin O'Flynn (Deceased)

Friday 8.00am 1st Week of Lent Emiliana Belderol (Deceased Anniversary)

Saturday 8.30am 1st Week of Lent Fermin Bagay & Leonora Candor (Dec. Ann.)

SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

On 20th March 2020 Catholics from Parramatta Diocese were dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation by virtue of a Decree from Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv.

From 15th December 2021 this Decree has now been revoked and the Sunday obligation is now imposed, given that public health orders no longer require adherence to density limits in Church buildings.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday through Lent at 6pm

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2021

Reconciliation: Thursday 7th April

Sessions: 11.30am every Sunday

First Communion: Sunday 19th June

Registration & 1st Session: 24th April

Confirmation: Sunday 6th November

Registration & 1st Session: 31st July

All sessions follow 10.00am Mass

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Roger Camacho

DECEASED & DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

Colin O'Flynn, Johnes Aycardo, Julia & Victor Patos, Emiliana Belderol, Fermin Bagay & Leonora Candor

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joy Cavanagh, Kevin Collins, Margaret Colville, 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, Margaretha Sultana, Barbara Thompson, Charley Tonna, Kelly Tonna, David Wakeling, Mary Woodward, Piotr Zawadzki.

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

A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$620**
 Loose: \$110.05
 Tap & Go: \$250
 Donations: \$

TAP AND GO DONATION FACILITY

We have a "Tap and Go" device at the back of the church. Tap once to donate \$10; tap twice to donate \$20 etc. up to \$150. All contributions go to the 2nd Collection.

PARISH DONATIONS

For online donations using your credit/debit card please visit the payment link on our parish website <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/StJosephsCatholicChurchKingswood>

Electronic bank deposit (EFT) details below:

2nd Collection and Parish Donations

BSB: 067 950
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 00000396
ACCOUNT NAME: KINGSWOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH
REFERENCE: (Initial & surname/Envelope number)

1st Collection (To Support the Priests of the Diocese)

BSB: 067 950
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 00004265
ACCOUNT NAME: PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN CLERGY
REFERENCE: 6019 St Joseph's (Your name)

BIBLE STUDY

Starts next Wednesday 9th March at 9.15am. in the Parish Hall. All are most welcome.

VOLUNTEER SRES

Call the Parish Office or speak to one of the Priests if you are interested.

LENTEN SCRIPTURE NIGHT

"The God of Second Chances" with Dr Laurie Woods at 6.30-8.30pm on 8th March at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. To RSVP email Raimie at met@parracatholic.org

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

At 2pm on Sunday 20th March at Our Lady of the Rosary, St Marys. Celebrant is Fr Hugh Thomas CSsR.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Theme: "For All Future Generations"

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.

You can help to improve the lives of children like Anatercia by making a donation through the Project Compassion boxes, which are at the back of the Church or visit lent.caritas.org.au or ring 1800 024 413. See Story & Reflection Leaflet at back of Church.

ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Sunday 6th March for 2023 enrolments. Enrolment enquiries to 8415 9136. Book your guided tour at www.stdominics.nsw.edu.au

LENT WITH CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES

For 40 days you will receive a short and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more prayerful. Sign up for this free program at <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent22> Ring 1300 734 880 for more information.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

If you are getting married in 2022 let the Diocese help you prepare. To view weekend dates, pay and book visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp. SmartLoving, an online preparation course can also be booked on the website. For more information ring Karin 0403 305 431 or Marisa 0412 280 017.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

All Parish Volunteers are required to do the three Safeguarding Training Modules either online or face-to-face. Three Tuesdays from 14th to 28th June at 7pm in 2022 are booked for face-to-face training. Ring the Parish Office with your enquiries and to book.

COVID-19 UPDATE FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP

The NSW Government has announced that from Friday 18th February, check-in using QR codes is no longer required for places of worship.

Singing is permitted for everyone in attendance.

Masks are no longer mandatory in the church but are still strongly encouraged where you cannot maintain a safe distance from others.

Density limits for churches were no longer applicable and there is no change to this.

Sanitiser is available at the door.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE

Reflections on Old Age

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today we begin a journey that seeks inspiration in the Word of God on the meaning and value of old age. Let us reflect on old age. For some decades now, this stage of life has concerned a veritable "new people", the elderly. There have never been so many of us in human history. Never have so many as now, been at risk of being discarded. The elderly are often seen as 'a burden'. In the dramatic first phase of the pandemic it was they who paid the highest price. They were already the weakest and most neglected group: we did not look at them too much when they were alive, we did not even see them die. I also found this Charter on the rights of the elderly and the duties of the community: this was edited by governments, it is not edited by the Church, it is a secular thing: it is good, it is interesting, to know that the elderly have rights. It will be good to read it.

Together with migration, old age is one of the most urgent issues facing the human family at this time. It is not just a question of quantitative change; the unity of the stages of life is at stake: that is, the real point of reference for understanding and appreciating human life in its entirety. We ask ourselves: is there cooperation between the different stages of life, or do separation and being discarded prevail?

We all live in a present where children, young people, adults and the elderly coexist. But the proportion has changed: longevity has become mass and, in large parts of the world, childhood is distributed in small doses. The dominant culture has as its sole model the young adult, i.e. a self-made individual who always remains young. But is it true that youth contains the full meaning of life, while old age simply represents its emptying and loss? The exaltation of youth as the only age worthy of embodying the human ideal, coupled with contempt for old age as frailty, decay, disability, has been the dominant image of twentieth-century totalitarianism.

The lengthening of life has a structural impact on the history of individuals, families and societies. But we must ask ourselves: is its spiritual quality and its communal sense consistent with this fact? Can the elderly be honoured for the gifts they bring to everyone's sense of life? In the representation of the meaning of life old age has little incidence, because it is regarded as an age that has no special content to offer, nor meaning of its own to live. There is a lack of encouragement for people to seek them out, and a lack of education for the community to recognise them. For an age that is now a decisive part of the community space and extends to a third of the entire life span, there are care plans, but not

plans to live them to the full. And this is a void of thought, imagination and creativity. Underneath this thinking the elderly are waste material.

Youth is beautiful, but eternal youth is a very dangerous illusion. Being old is just as important as being young. The alliance between generations is our lost gift and we have to get it back. It must be found, in this culture of waste and in this culture of productivity.

The Word of God has much to say about this covenant. The prophecy of Joel says: "Your elders shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions" (3:1). When the elderly resist the Spirit, burying their dreams in the past, the young can no longer see the things that must be done to open up the future. When the old communicate their dreams, the young see clearly what they have to do. Young people who no longer question the dreams of the old will struggle to carry their present and bear their future. Isn't the most serious backlash of the pandemic precisely in the loss of the young? The old have resources of life already lived that they can call upon at any moment. Will they stand by and watch young people lose their vision, or will they accompany them by warming their dreams? Faced with the dreams of the old, what will the young do?

The wisdom of the long journey that accompanies old age to its close must be experienced as an offer of meaning to life. If old age is not restored to the dignity of a humanly worthy life, it will close itself off in a despondency that robs everyone of love. This challenge of humanity and civilisation requires our commitment and God's help. Let us ask the Holy Spirit. I would like to encourage everyone to invest their thoughts and affections in the gifts it brings and in the other stages of life. Old age is a gift for all stages of life. It is a gift of maturity, of wisdom. The Word of God will help us discern the meaning and value of old age; may the Holy Spirit grant us the dreams and visions we need.

The important thing is not only that the elderly occupy the place of wisdom of lived history in society, but also that they talk to the young. The young must talk to the elderly, and the elderly to the young. And this bridge will be the transmission of wisdom in humanity. I hope that these reflections will be of use to all of us, to carry forward this reality that the prophet Joel said, that in the dialogue between young and old, the old can provide dreams and the young can receive them and carry them forward. In both family and social culture, the elderly are like the roots of the tree: they have all the history there, and the young are like the flowers and the fruit. If the juice does not come from the roots, they will never be able to flourish. Everything beautiful that a society has is related to the roots of the elderly. For this reason I would like the figure of the elderly person to be seen as a blessing for society. Thank you.