

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

26th February 2023, Year A/1



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: 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		Orlando Surace (Recently Deceased)
SUNDAY	8:30am		Beryl Banuska, Irene Papouyang & Murrell Stewart (Deceased Anniversaries)
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	1 st Week of Lent	Edward Turton (Recently Deceased)
Tuesday	8:00am	1 st Week of Lent	Maria & Zygmunt Blazek, Marianna Pikula (Deceased Anniversaries)
Wednesday	8.00am	1 st Week of Lent	Deceased Members of the Woodward and Hewitt Families
Thursday	8.00am	1 st Week of Lent	Jozef Kubka (Recently Deceased)
Friday	8.00am	1 st Week of Lent	For God's Precious Infants
Saturday	8.30am	1 st Week of Lent	Dec. Members of St Vincent de Paul

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Available for an hour before 8.00am Masses during the week and before 8.30am Masses on the weekends.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2023

Reconciliation: Thursday 30th March

First Communion: 11th June

Registration & 1st Session: 16th April

Confirmation: Sunday 12th November

Registration & 1st Session: 30th July

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to one of the Priests or contact the Parish Office.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Orlando Surace, Edward Turton, Jozef Kubka

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES: Irene Papouyang, Beryl Banuska, Murrell Stewart, Maria & Zygmunt Blazek, Marianna Pikula, John Francis Ryan, Dec. Members of the Woodward and Hewitt Families, Dec. Members of St Vincent de Paul

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday through Lent at 6pm

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Jonathon Ansell, Michael & Marianne Callaghan, Margaret Colville, Frances Gunn, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Karen Morvan, Ophelia Paraan, Shayla, Benjamin Santiago, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Cynthia Sulvita, Charley Tonna, Kelly Tonna, David Wakeling, Paul & Mary Woodward.

SICK LIST: (Due to privacy laws) if you have anyone for the sick list, contact the Parish Office to fill in a form and update it.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

NOVENA/FEAST OF ST JOSEPH

Our Novena will begin on Friday 10th to Saturday 18th March after 8am Mass during the week and after 8.30am Mass on the weekend.

On the Feast of St Joseph, Sunday 19th March, there will be Morning Tea after 10am Mass. Feel free to bring a plate to share.

POPE FRANCIS' FEBRUARY INTENTIONS

For Parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

SECOND COLLECTION:

Envelopes:	\$655
Loose:	\$404
Tap & Go:	\$210
Smart Facility:	\$345
Donations:	\$

TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

All contributions go to the 2nd Collection.

BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday at 9.15am in the Parish Hall. All are most welcome.

YOUTH GROUP

Young People from Year 6 to 18 years old are most welcome to our Youth Group every Wednesday from 3-5pm.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

From 1.30 to 3.30pm every 2nd and 4th Saturday. Ring Delfin for information at 0434 491 958.

PARISH MOVIE

Next Parish Movie is Sunday 5th March at 1.30pm. Plan to come and enjoy an afternoon together. Movie will be announced closer to the date.

PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be at 12 noon Wednesday 8th March at St. Mary's Band Club. This is a good opportunity to meet other Parishioners in a social setting. All are welcome.

MEN'S NIGHT

Our Men's Night is Saturday 11th March after 6pm Mass. All men over 18 are most welcome. Please RSVP to Andrew at 0420 581 427.

PASCHAL PRECEPT

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday, 22nd February, and Trinity Sunday, 4th June 2023 unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

PARISH CENSUS

Please fill in our Parish Census, which will take place over the weekends of 4th/5th and 11th/12th March. It is a simple questionnaire for Parish Records only. Place your census paper in the box at the back of the Church.

PARISH FETE

Will be held on 6th August. We need team leaders and people to run stalls and activities on the day. If you can contribute your assistance in any way, please fill out the sheet at the back of the Church.

TWENTY-FOUR HOURS FOR THE LORD

At Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa, from 6pm Friday 17th March, beginning with Mass to Saturday 18th March ending with Vigil Mass at 5pm.

Groups to lead prayer are welcome.

Contact Paul at paulandramani@gmail.com

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

After losing her father when she was just 10-years old, **Laxmi** was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty. But with the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club, became a leader in her school and is now a mentor to other children in her village.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all Future Generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion.

BERRIMA COACH TRIP

We have organised a coach to Penrose Park on Saturday 13th May, the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Please ring the office or speak to Clare for information.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding Training is **Mandatory for all Clergy, Staff and everyone who Volunteers in our Parishes**. Email safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org to find Courses in the Diocese or for training online.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' CATECHESIS

Catechesis: 6. The Passion for Evangelisation:

The Protagonist of the Proclamation: The Holy Spirit

Wednesday 22nd February 2023

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

In our catechesis on the passion for evangelizing, today we start from the words of Jesus that we have heard: 'Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' (*Mt 28:19*). 'Go,' says the Risen One, 'not to indoctrinate, not to make proselytes, no, but to make disciples, that is, to give everyone the opportunity to come into contact with Jesus, to know and love Him freely. Go and baptise: expresses a vital action: to immerse one's life in the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; to experience every day the joy of the presence of God who is close to us as Father, as Brother, as Spirit acting in us, in our very spirit.'" To be baptised is to immerse oneself in the Trinity.

When Jesus says to His disciples – and also to us – 'Go!', He communicates the Holy Spirit, because it is only thanks to Him, thanks to the Spirit, that one can receive Christ's mission and carry it out (cf. *Jn 20:21-22*). The Apostles, out of fear, remain closed up in the Upper Room until the day of Pentecost arrives and the Holy Spirit descends upon them (cf. *Acts 2:1-13*). And in that moment the fear is gone, and with His power those fishermen will change the world. The proclamation of the Gospel, therefore, is only realized in the power of the Spirit, who precedes the missionaries and prepares hearts: He is 'the engine of evangelisation.'

We discover this in the Acts of the Apostles, where on every page we see that the protagonist of the proclamation is the Holy Spirit. Staying with the book of Acts, a pivotal moment in the beginning of the Church is recounted, which can also say a lot to us. Then, as now, tribulations were not lacking, beautiful moments and not so beautiful moments, joys were accompanied by worries. One worry in particular: how to deal with the pagans who came to the faith, with those who did not belong to the Jewish people, for example. Were they or were they not bound to observe the prescriptions of the Mosaic Law? This was no small matter for those people. Two groups were thus formed, between those who considered the observance of the Law indispensable and those who did not. In order to discern, the Apostles gathered in what was called the 'Council of Jerusalem,' the first in history. How to resolve the dilemma? They might have sought a good compromise between tradition and innovation: some rules are observed, and others are left aside. Yet the Apostles do not follow this human wisdom to seek a diplomatic balance between the one and the other, but adapting to the work of the

Spirit, who had anticipated them by descending upon the pagans as He had upon them.

Removing almost every obligation related to the Law, they communicate the final decisions, made – and this is what they write – 'by the Holy Spirit and by us' (cf. *Acts 15:28*) and the Apostles always acted in this way. Together, without being divided, despite having different sensitivities and opinions, they listen to the Spirit. And He teaches one thing, which is also valid today: every religious tradition is useful if it facilitates the encounter with Jesus. We could say that the historic decision of the first Council, from which we also benefit, was motivated by a principle of proclamation: everything in the Church must be conformed to the requirements of the proclamation of the Gospel; not to the opinions of the conservatives or the progressives, but to the fact that Jesus reaches people's lives. Therefore, every choice, every usage, every structure, and every tradition is to be evaluated on the basis of whether they favour the proclamation of Christ. Be careful that the Gospel is not an idea or an ideology: the Gospel is a proclamation that touches your heart and makes you change your heart. The Gospel always gives you this freedom of the Spirit that acts within you and carries you forward.

The Spirit always sheds light on the path of the Church. He is not only the light of hearts; He is the light that orients the Church: He brings clarity, helps to distinguish, helps to discern. This is why it is necessary to invoke Him often; let us also do so today, at the beginning of Lent. Because, as Church, we can have well-defined times and spaces, well-organised communities, institutes and movements, but without the Spirit, everything remains soulless. It is the Spirit that gives life to the Church. The Church, if it does not pray to Him and invoke Him, closes in on itself, in sterile and exhausting debates, in wearisome polarisations, while the flame of the mission is extinguished. The Church is the community of men and women who believe and proclaim Jesus Christ, but moved by the Holy Spirit, not by their own reason. The Spirit makes us go forth, urges us to proclaim the faith in order to confirm ourselves in the faith, to go on mission to discover who we are. That is why the Apostle Paul recommends: 'Do not quench the Spirit' (*1 Thess. 5:19*). Let us pray to the Spirit often, let us invoke him, let us ask him every day to kindle his light in us.

It is the Spirit who consoles, revives, enlightens, moves. Let us ask ourselves if we open ourselves to this light, if we give it space: do I invoke the Spirit? How many pray to the Spirit, who is the one who moves your heart, who brings you consolation, who brings you the desire to evangelize, undertake mission? May our Lady, who has understood this well, help us to understand it.