

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

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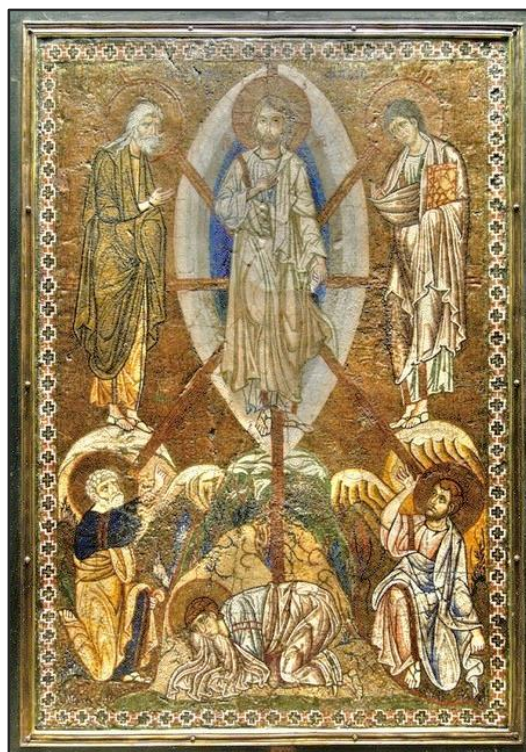
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

5th March 2023, Year A/1



Transfiguration Christ ca.1200 Author Unknown

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

Address

94 Joseph Street
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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

Orlando Surace (Recently Deceased)

SUNDAY 8:30am

Jerome Kangu (Deceased Anniversary)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am 2nd Week of Lent

Tomas Belderol Jr (Deceased Anniversary)

Tuesday 8:00am 2nd Week of Lent

Victor Patos (Deceased Anniversary)

Wednesday 8.00am 2nd Week of Lent

Bruce Franklin Hardiman (Recently Dec.)

Thursday 8.00am 2nd Week of Lent

John Francis Ryan (Deceased Anniversary)

Friday 8.00am 2nd Week of Lent

Johnes Aylardo, Asisclo & Justina Toledo,
Perfecto & Feliza Daton (Deceased Ann.)

Saturday 8.30am 2nd Week of Lent

Benjamin Santiago (For His Health)

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

Sessions after 10am Mass

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, Bruce Franklin Hardiman

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

John Francis Ryan, Jerome Kangu, Tomas Belderol, Victor Patos, Johnes Aylardo, Perfecto & Feliza Nunez Nueles Daton, Asisclo & Justina Granadino Toledo

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.

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' MARCH INTENTIONS

For Victims of Abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$890**
 Loose: \$374.35
 Tap & Go: \$200
 Smart Facility: \$215
 Donations: \$10

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 during the school term 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

Parish Movie is this Sunday 5th March at 1.30pm in the Parish Hall. Come and enjoy an afternoon together. Movie is Lion; an Australian true story of a life lost and found.

PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be at 12 noon this 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 next 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 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 this weekend and next weekend of 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. Reconciliation available 7.15pm Friday & 10am & 3pm on Saturday. Groups to lead prayer are welcome. Contact Paul at paulandramani@gmail.com

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. Through the Baabayn Young Mums and Bubs Group, Tereesa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children. 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' ANGELUS

Sunday 26th February 2023

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

The Gospel of this first Sunday of Lent presents to us Jesus in the desert, tempted by the devil (cf. *Mt* 4:1-11). "Devil" means "divider". The devil always wants to create division, and it is what he sets out to do by tempting Jesus. Let us see, then, from whom he wants to divide him, and how he tempts him.

From whom does the devil want to divide Jesus? After receiving Baptism from John in the Jordan, Jesus was called by the Father "my beloved Son" (*Mt* 3:17), and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in the form of a dove (cf. v. 16). The Gospel thus presents us the three divine Persons joined in love. Then Jesus himself will say that he came into the world to make us, too, partake in the unity between him and the Father (cf. *Jn* 17:11). The devil, instead, does the opposite: he enters the scene to divide Jesus from the Father and to distract him from his mission of unity for us. He always divides.

Let us now see how he tries to do it. The devil wants to take advantage of the human condition of Jesus, who is weak as he has fasted for forty days and is hungry (cf. *Mt* 4:2). The evil one then tries to instil in him three powerful "poisons", to paralyse his mission of unity. These poisons are attachment, mistrust, and power. First and foremost, the poison of attachment to material goods, to needs; with persuasive arguments the devil tries to convince Jesus: "You are hungry, why must you fast? Listen to your need and satisfy it, you have the right and the power: transform the stones into bread". Then the second poison, mistrust: "Are you sure the Father wants what is good for you? Test him, blackmail him! Throw yourself down from the highest point of the temple and make him do what you want". Finally, power: "You have no need for your Father! Why wait for his gifts? Follow the criteria of the world, take everything for yourself, and you will be powerful!". The three temptations of Jesus. And we too live among these temptations, always. It is terrible, but that is just how it is, for us too: attachment to material things, mistrust and the thirst for power are three widespread and dangerous temptations, which the devil uses to divide us from the Father and to make us no longer feel like brothers and sisters among ourselves, to lead us to solitude and

desperation. He wanted to do this to Jesus, he wants to do it to us: to lead us to desperation.

But Jesus defeats the temptations. And how does he defeat them? By avoiding discussion with the devil and answering with the Word of God. This is important: you cannot argue with the devil, you cannot converse with the devil! Jesus confronts him with the Word of God. He quotes three phrases from the Scripture that speak of freedom from goods (cf. *Dt* 8:3), trust (cf. *Dt* 6:16), and service to God (cf. *Dt* 6:13), three phrases that are opposed to temptation. He never enters into dialogue with the devil, he does not negotiate with him, but he repels his insinuations with the beneficent Words of the Scripture. It is an invitation to us too; one cannot defeat him by negotiating with him, he is stronger than us. We defeat the devil by countering him in faith with the divine Word. In this way, Jesus teaches us to defend unity with God and among ourselves from the attacks of the divider. The divine Word that is Jesus' answer to the temptation of the devil.

And we ask ourselves: what place does the Word of God have in my life? Do I turn to it in my spiritual struggles? If I have a vice or a recurrent temptation, why do I not obtain help by seeking out a verse of the Word of God that responds to that vice? Then, when temptation comes, I recite it, I pray it, trusting in the grace of Christ. Let us try, it will help us in temptation, it will help us a great deal, so that, amid the voices that stir within us, the beneficent one of the Word of God will resound. May Mary, who welcomed the Word of God and with her humility defeated the pride of the divider, accompany us in the spiritual struggle of Lent.

After the Angelus

Dear brothers and sisters,

Distressing news continues to arrive from the Holy Land: many people killed, even children... How can this spiral of violence be stopped? I renew my appeal to make dialogue prevail over hatred and vengeance, and I pray to God for the Palestinians and Israelis, that they may find the path to fraternity and peace, with the help of the international community.

And I wish you all a happy Sunday. Please, do not forget to pray for me.