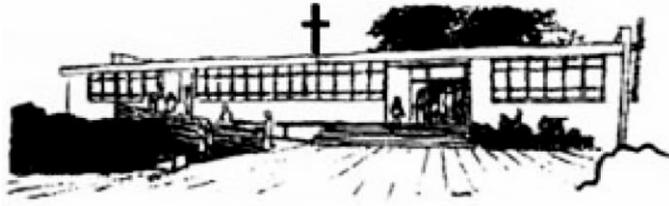


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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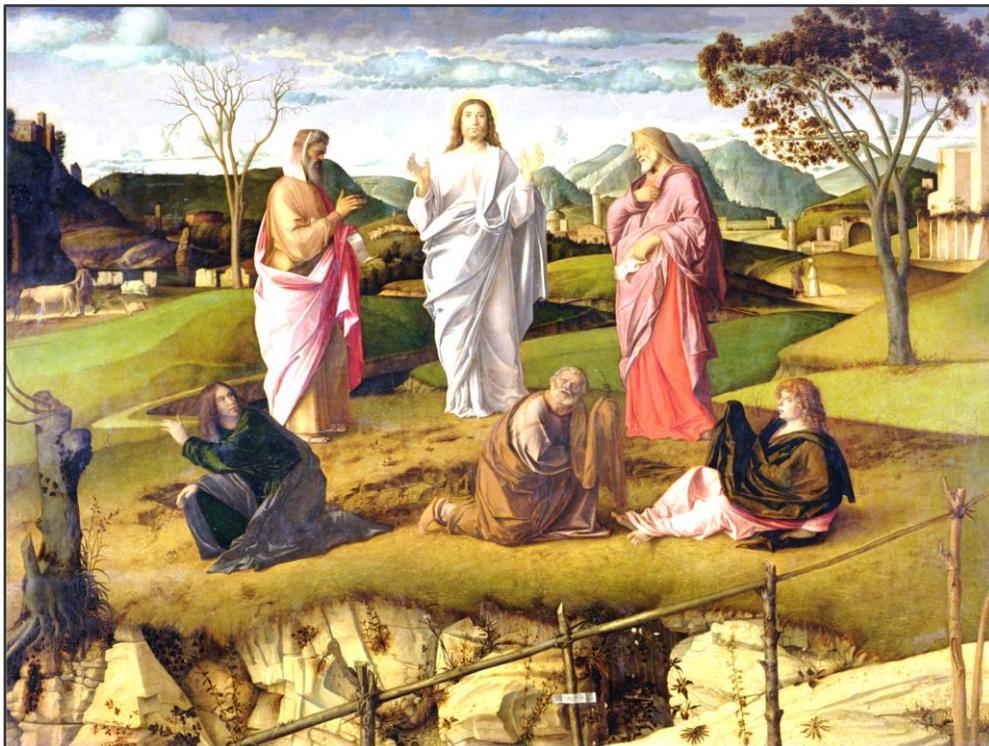
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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

25<sup>th</sup> February 2024, Year B/2



BELLINI, Giovanni, Transfiguration of Christ, 1480

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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94 Joseph Street  
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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 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

**Second Reading:** Romans 8:31-34

**Gospel:** Mark 9:2-10

### VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

Jennifer's Father (For his Health & his Family)

**SUNDAY** 8:30am

†† Marian Kubka, Marian Zawadzki & Barbara Blazek

10:00am

For the Parish

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

†† For the Souls in Purgatory

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

†† For the Souls in Purgatory

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

† Tomas Belderol

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

Peter Gale

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

†† For the Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday** 8.30am 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent

†† Deceased Members of the Woodward & Hewitt Families

### BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition: An hour before the 8am Masses during the week and before the 8.30am Masses at the weekend. Confessions are also available during Adoration. Please let the Priest know.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday through Lent at 6pm.

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2024

**Reconciliation Sessions:** 11.30am in the Parish Hall

**First Communion:** Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

**Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session:** 7<sup>th</sup> April

**Confirmation:** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

**Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session:** 21<sup>st</sup> July

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Mariano Menezes, Teresita Pellejera Enriquez, Misha Jithin

**DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:** Marian Kubka, Marian Zawadzki, Barbara Blazek, Tomas Belderol, Souls in Purgatory, Deceased Members of the Woodward & Hewitt Families

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Sr Louisa, Jonathon Ansell, Tony Bogdanovic, 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, 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 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

#### For the Terminally Ill

Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

**SECOND COLLECTION:**    **Envelopes: \$555**  
   **Loose:     \$621.20**  
   **Tap & Go: \$280**  
   **Smart Facility: \$220**  
**St Joseph Statue Donations Total: \$4660**

### TAP & GO & SMART DONATION FACILITIES

All contributions go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection.

First Collection contributions go to the Diocese to support our Priests.

Second Collection contributions go directly to the Parish to support day to day operation of the Parish.

### BIBLE STUDY

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

### PARISH LUNCH

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome.

### PARISH MOVIE

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 1.30pm in the Parish Hall. Title of the movie is "McFarland, USA" Inspired by a true story, which follows coach Jim White, who forms a team of unlikely runners from a Latino high school. They bond to build a championship cross-country team and an enduring legacy.

### WESTERN DEANERY YOUNG ADULTS

The last Friday of the month at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

### ST JOSEPH STATUE

Fr Andrew has ordered our Statue, which we hope to have blessed on the Feast of St Joseph, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024. We will inform you of the final cost once it is available. Donations can be placed in the "Donation Box" at the back of the Church. Thank you for your donations.

### PROJECT COMPASSION

Your Project Compassion box will help to support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations. With your support Caritas has been able to help tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation in vulnerable communities.

### PENOLA OPEN NIGHT

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March from 4pm to 7pm. No bookings required. See [www.penolaemuplains.catholic.edu.au](http://www.penolaemuplains.catholic.edu.au)

### PARRAMATTA MEN'S ROSARY

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 10.30am in front of St Patrick's Cathedral.

### NEW DIOCESAN WEBSITE LAUNCHED

The new parracatholic.org website is now here with exciting new features including a comprehensive 'Find a Mass' function which includes Daily and Weekend Masses, Reconciliation and Adoration times. Check it out today!

### PASSION OF JESUS IN MARK'S GOSPEL

March 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm at St Finbar's Parish, 52 Levy Street, Glenbrook 2773. Presenter is Fr Joseph Lam PhD STD PD.

### MISSION ENHANCEMENT SOUL FOOD

The Mission Enhancement Team's Soul Food Podcast features life & faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen for FREE via our website on: [www.parracatholic.org/resources/soul-food](http://www.parracatholic.org/resources/soul-food)

### SHRINES OF OUR LADY PILGRIMAGE

Visit Fatima, Avilla, Lourdes, Avignon, Siena, Assisi, Loretto, Rotondo & Rome with Fr Richard Rosse from 21<sup>st</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024. Bookings close 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024. See flyer on notice board for more information.

### SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

#### Safeguarding Mandatory Training.

Under the Children's Guardian Act 2019 and the NSW Child Safe Standards **all** volunteers in parish ministry are Mandatory Reporters and are required to have completed their Safeguarding Training.

#### Cycle 1 Mandatory Training

Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown

Module 1: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March (10am – 11am)

Module 2: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March (10am – 11.30am)

Module 3: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March (10am – 11.30am)

#### Cycle 2 Renewal Mandatory Modules 4-5

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – 10am-1.30pm at Holy Spirit Parish, Corner of Todd Road & Moore Street, St Clair

For the direct link to training dates and to register: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

Go to <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au> if you would like to complete the modules online.

For any questions, please email Maria Kervin, at [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org)

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

**POPE FRANCIS' ANGELUS**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today, first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel presents us with Jesus tempted in the desert (cf. *Mk* 1:12-15). The text says: "He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan". We too, during Lent, are invited to "enter the wilderness", that is, silence, the inner world, listening to the heart, in contact with the truth. In the desert, today's Gospel adds, Christ "was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to Him" (v. 13). Wild beasts and angels were His company. But, in a symbolic sense, they are our company too: indeed, when we enter the inner wildness, we can encounter wild beasts and angels there.

Wild beasts. In what sense? In the spiritual life we can think of them as the disordered passions that divide the heart, trying to take possession of it. They entice us, they seem seductive, but if we are not careful, we risk being torn apart by them. We can give a name to these "beasts" of the soul: the various vices, the coveting of wealth, which imprisons us in connivance and dissatisfaction, the vanity of pleasure, which condemns us to restlessness and solitude, and the craving for fame, which gives rise to insecurity and a continuous need for confirmation and prominence – let us not forget these things that we can encounter within – covetousness, vanity and greed. They are like "wild" beasts, and as such they must be tamed and fought; otherwise, they will devour our freedom. And let helps us to enter the inner wilderness to correct these things.

And then, in the desert, there were the angels. These are God's messengers, who help us, who do us good: indeed, their characteristic, according to the Gospel, is service (cf. v. 13): the exact opposite of possession, typical of the passions. Service against possession. The angelic spirits instead recall the good thoughts and sentiments suggested by the Holy Spirit. While temptations tear us apart, the good divine inspirations unify us and let us enter into harmony: they quench the heart, infuse the taste of Christ, "the flavour of Heaven". And in order to grasp the inspiration of God, one must enter into silence and prayer. And Lent is the time to do this.

We can ask ourselves, first, what are the disordered passions, the "wild beasts" that agitate in my heart? Second question: to permit the voice of God to speak

to my heart and to preserve it in goodness, am I thinking of retreating a little into the "wilderness", am I trying to dedicate space in the day to this?

May the Holy Virgin, who kept the Word and did not let herself be touched by the temptations of the evil one, help us on our Lenten journey.

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**After the Angelus:**

Dear brothers and sisters!

Ten years have passed now since the outbreak of the armed conflict in Sudan, which has caused a very grave humanitarian situation. I once again ask the conflicting sides to stop this war, which inflicts a great deal of harm to the people and the future of the country. Let us pray that paths of peace can be found soon, to build the future of dear Sudan.

The violence against defenceless populations, the destruction of infrastructure, and insecurity are again rampant in the province of Cabo Delgado, Mozambique, where the Catholic mission of Our Lady of Africa in Mazezeze was also set on fire in recent days. Let us pray for peace to return to that tormented region. And let us not forget so many other conflicts that stain the African continent and many parts of the world with blood: also Europe, Palestine, Ukraine...

Let us not forget: war is a defeat, always. Wherever there is warfare, the populations are exhausted, they are tired of war, which is always pointless and inconclusive, and brings only death, only destruction, and will never lead to the solution to problems. Instead, let us pray tirelessly, because prayer is effective, and let us ask the Lord for the gift of minds and hearts that dedicate themselves to peace in a concrete way.

This afternoon, together with collaborators of the Curia, we will begin the spiritual Exercises. I invite the communities and faithful to dedicate specific moments to gather themselves in the presence of the Lord during this Lenten time and throughout this year of preparation for the Jubilee, which is the "Year of Prayer".

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