

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP
Parish Priest

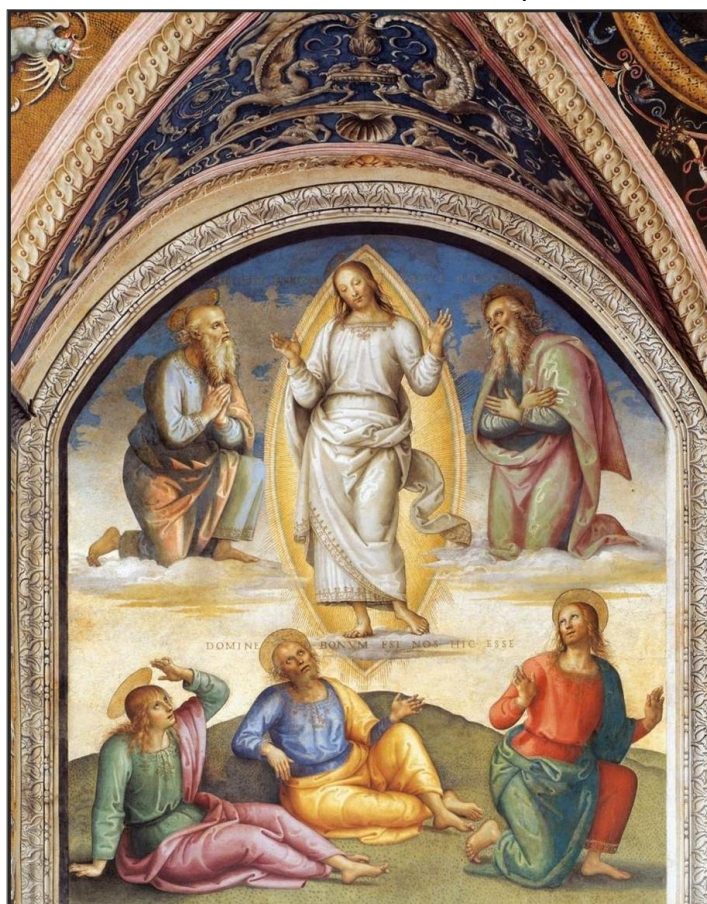
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

16th March 2025, Year C/1



PERUGINO, Pietro, The Transfiguration of Christ, 1497-1500

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

During Morning Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
(Please let the Priest know.)

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mr. Alan Eisenhuth – Acting Principal

School Office Times

8:30am - 4:00pm - Monday to Friday

Address

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Kingswood, NSW 2747

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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

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

† Maureen van Hoogenvest

SUNDAY 8:30am

Laura & Michael (Health & Welfare)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am **ST PATRICK**

† Mark Tramoli

Tuesday 8:00am **2nd Week of Lent**

† Basilisa Ortaleza

Wednesday 8.00am **ST JOSEPH**

Terri & Anne (For Healing)

Thursday 8.00am **2nd Week of Lent**

†† John Zawadzki, Anastazja Kubic & Stefania Zawadzka

Friday 8.00am **2nd Week of Lent**

Grace & Mark Cross (For Healing)

Saturday 8.30am **2nd Week of Lent**

Natalia (Birthday Blessings)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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 speak to the Priest.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Please speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

POPE FRANCIS' MARCH INTENTIONS

For Families in Crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Maureen van Hoogenvest, Mark Tramoli

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR: Basilisa Ortaleza, John Zawadzki, Anastazja Kubic, Stefania Zawadzka

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2025

Reconciliation: Thursday 10th April

First Communion: 22nd June

Registration & 1st Session: Sunday 27th April

Confirmation: Thursday 6th November

Registration & 1st Session: Sunday 20th July

All Sessions will be after 10am Mass at 11.30am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday at 6pm during Lent.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Sr Louisa, Carolina Q. Alvarez, Jonathon Ansell, Tony Bogdanovic, Margaret Colville, Frances Gunn, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, Tony Jacobs, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Nympha Miller, Karen Morvan, Shayla, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, David Wakeling, Mary Woodward.

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.

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: \$770**
 Loose: \$432.10
 Smart Facility: \$315
 Carpet Donations: \$7083

SMART DONATION FACILITIES

Donations from the two Smart terminals at the door go towards the 2nd Collection. Donations from the Smart terminal near the creche go towards Special Project Donations.

Our Special Project Donations are now going towards Carpet for the Church. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.

BIBLE STUDY

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

MEN'S BARBEQUE

Saturday 29th March after 6pm Mass. All men over 18 are invited to come and enjoy an evening together.

PARISH LUNCH

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 9th April at St. Mary's Band Club. All are most welcome.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

If you are new to our Parish, have not registered or want to update your information, please use the QR Code.



PROJECT COMPASSION

This Lent, we are called to "Unite Against Poverty" through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need. You can support Project Compassion through the donation boxes or online at caritas.org.au/project-compassion.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

2pm this Sunday 16th March at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys. Celebrant is Fr Brian Steele MGL.

WOMEN'S RECOLLECTION – THE LENTEN WAY

Women's Recollection is this Thursday 20th March. The Theme is "The Lenten Way". Morning Session is held at St Joseph's Parish, Kingswood from 9.00am. Evening Session is at Montgrove College, Orchard Hills from 7pm. See the Flyer on noticeboard.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD JUBILEE 2025

6pm Friday 28th March to 5pm Saturday 29th March at Mt Schoenstatt. Ring Ramani on 0424 955 859 or see flyer on noticeboard for more information.

BISHOP VINCENT PRESENTS AT AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next event for the Australian Catholic Historical Society will be held in the crypt of Saint Patrick's, Church Hill at 2:00pm this Sunday 16th March. Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta will share a personal reflection on the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. Entry is free, all are welcome. Details of the programme of the ACHS as well as resources on church history are on the website <https://australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au/>

OUR DIOCESE'S JUBILEE YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

Young people (18-35) across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are invited to embark on an 18-day pilgrimage to the Jubilee of Youth in Rome from 19 July – 5 August 2025. The journey includes a visit to Greece, tracing the footsteps of Saint Paul, before heading to Rome for the celebration. Express your interest today at parracatholic.org/jubileeyouth2025

ADULT JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

For adults 35 years and over from 7th to 25th September 2025. See the Poster at the back of the Church for dates of the Information Session, the Formation Nights and how to apply.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding Mandatory Training.

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

Modules 1-3 – These Modules are for new Volunteers who have not completed any safeguarding Training.

Modules 4/5 – Renewal for those who completed Modules 1-3 two years ago.

The next session of face-to-face Training will be held on 3rd May at Holy Family Parish, Emerton

For the direct link to training dates and to register:

<https://parracatholic.org/connect/?series=safeguarding-training>

To complete the modules online go to

<https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

For any questions, please email Maria Kervin, at maria.kervin@parracatholic.org

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE FRANCIS' ANGELUS

Sunday 9th March 2025

Dear brothers and sisters,

Last Wednesday, with the rite of the Ashes, we began Lent, the forty-day-long penitential itinerary that calls us to the conversion of the heart.

The ashes remind us of the hope to which we are called in Jesus, the Son of God, who has taken upon himself the dust of the earth and raised it to the heights of heaven. He descended into the abyss of dust, dying for us and reconciling us to the Father, as we heard from Saint Paul: "For our sake, he made him to be sin who knew no sin" (2 Cor 5:21).

Having received the ashes, we walk towards the hope of Easter. Let us turn back to God. Let us return to him with all our hearts (cf. Joel 2:12).

Let us place him at the centre of our lives, so that the memory of what we are — fragile and mortal as ashes scattered upon the wind — may finally be filled with the hope of the Risen Lord. Let us direct our lives towards him, becoming a sign of hope for the world. Let us learn from almsgiving to go beyond ourselves, sharing each other's needs and nurturing the hope of a fairer world. Let us learn from prayer to discover our need for God or, as Jacques Maritain put it, that we are "beggars for heaven", and so foster the hope that beyond our frailties there is a Father waiting for us with open arms at the end of our earthly pilgrimage. Finally, let us learn from fasting that we do not live merely to satisfy our needs, but that, hungry for love and truth, only the love of God and of one another can truly satisfy us and give us hope for a better future.

This morning, in Saint Peter's Square, holy Mass was celebrated for the world of

volunteering, which is experiencing its own Jubilee. In our societies, too enslaved to market logic, where everything risks being subject to the criterion of interest and the quest for profit, volunteering is prophecy and a sign of hope, because it bears witness to the primacy of gratuitousness, solidarity and service to those most in need. I express my gratitude to those who are engaged in this field: thank you for offering your time and abilities; thank you for the closeness and tenderness with which you care for others, reawakening hope in them!

Brothers and sisters, during my prolonged hospitalization here, I too experience the thoughtfulness of service and the tenderness of care, in particular from the doctors and healthcare workers, whom I thank from the bottom of my heart. And while I am here, I think of the many people who in various ways are close to the sick, and who are for them a sign of the Lord's presence. We need this, the "miracle of tenderness" which accompanies those who are in adversity, bringing a little light into the night of pain.

I would like to thank all those who are showing their closeness to me in prayer: heartfelt thanks to you all! I pray for you too. And I join spiritually with those who in the coming days will participate in the spiritual Exercises of the Roman Curia.

Together let us continue to invoke the gift of peace, in particular in tormented Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Myanmar, Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In particular, I have learned with concern of the resumption of violence in some areas of Syria: I hope that they cease definitively, with full respect for all ethnic and religious components of society, especially civilians.

I entrust you all to the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary. Arrivederci!