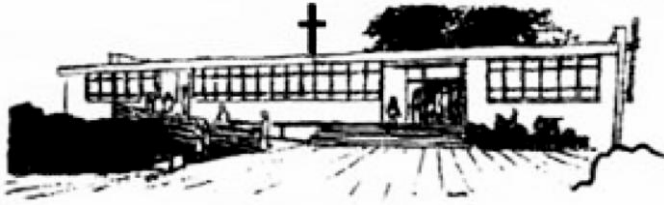


# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP, Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP, Assistant Priest

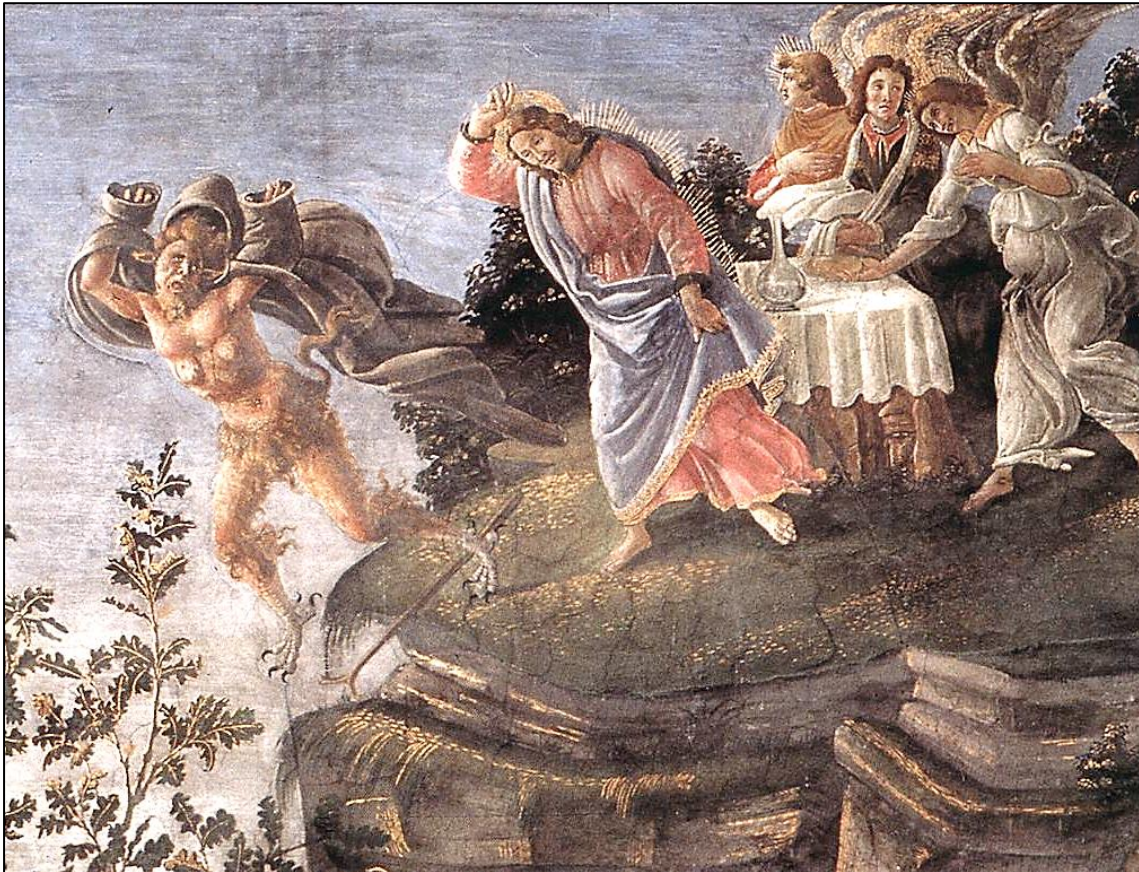
Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

Fr. Grzegorz Mazur OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148 (Calls Only)

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026, Year A/2



BOTTICELLI, Sandro, The Temptation of Christ, 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

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

### ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Rochelle Borg – Principal

#### School Office Times

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

#### Address

94 Joseph Street  
Kingswood, NSW 2747

Telephone: 4726 4200

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# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

**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		† Heloise Bertholomez
SUNDAY	8:30am		Thanksgiving for All God's Blessings
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday	8:00am	1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent	Living & †† Dec. Mem. of the McIlvenna, Dobranski & Colreavy Families
Tuesday	8:00am	1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent	† Bishop Edward Kelly
Wednesday	8.00am	1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent	† Bishop Geoffrey Robinson
Thursday	8.00am	1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent	Gabriel Leunam Ching (Birthday Blessings)
Friday	8.00am	1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent	†† For the Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	8.30am	1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent	† Sister Jeanna

### 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'S FEBRUARY INTENTIONS

#### For Children with Incurable Diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Sister Jeana, Iva Masek, Reynaldo Cruz Santos, Colleen Biriano, Jimmy Yuen, Danny Patos, Herminia Reyes, Reg Strachan

**DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:** Heloise Bertholomez, Deceased Members of the McIlvenna, Dobranski & Colreavy Families, Bishop Edward Kelly, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, For the Souls in Purgatory, Ophelia Paraan, Berta Blazevic

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2026

**Reconciliation:** Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

**First Communion:** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June

**Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session:** 12<sup>th</sup> April

**Confirmation:** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

**Registration & 1<sup>st</sup> Session:** 19<sup>th</sup> July

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 6pm during Lent.

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Sr Louisa, Carolina Q. Alvarez, Jonathon Ansell, Tony Bogdanovic, Margaret Colville, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, Tony Jacobs, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, Lidya, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Nympha Miller, Karen Morvan, Michael Muema, Gary O'Brien, Shayla, Garry Smith, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Margaret Taylor, 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.

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

## PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

**SECOND COLLECTION:**            **Loose: \$536.75**  
   **Planned Giving: \$905**  
   **Smart Facilities: \$1005**  
   **Project Donations: \$520**

### SMART DONATION FACILITIES

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

### BIBLE STUDY

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

### PROJECT COMPASSION 2026

This Lent, our Parish Community is called to *Unite Against Poverty* with Caritas Australia. Please collect your Donation Box or you can donate online at [www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate) or by calling 1800 024 413.

### PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at St. Mary's Band Club. All are welcome. If you need a lift, please ring the Parish Office by Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>.

### PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

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



### NEPEAN HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY SERVICE

Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm call 4734 3150 and leave name, ward and bed number and the priest will visit the patient.

Between 5pm and 9am Monday to Friday and on Weekends there is a Priest on call for end-of-life anointing of the sick. To get a Priest in an emergency you can phone the switchboard and make the request on 4734 2000.

### HOLY SPIRIT MISSION 2026

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Parramatta are holding this day of prayer and praise, talks and prayer ministry on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February from 12pm to 5pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Greystanes. See flyer for registration.

### MT SCHOENSTATT

The Shrine at Mt Schoenstatt at 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year from 7.30am to 7.30pm.

### SPRITUALITY FOR MODERN LIFE

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March from 9.30am to 12.30pm

#### Jesus – Christ Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow

In the Mary Elliott Room at the Edmond Rice Retreat and Conference Centre (Winbourne), 1315 Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa 2745.

### SIMPLE ROSARY MAKING WORKSHOPS

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February from 7.00-8.30pm at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith. Volunteer your time to make Rosary Beads for those in need. See the flyer on noticeboard for details.

### CAROLYN CHISHOLM OPEN NIGHT

2<sup>nd</sup> March from 3.30 to 6pm. Information at [www.cccglenmorepark.catholic.edu.au](http://www.cccglenmorepark.catholic.edu.au) or ring 4737 5500. See flyer at the back of the Church.

### MAGI PILGRIMAGES 2026

**Footsteps of St Paul** - From 5<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May, exploring Greece and Turkey. Cost \$9790 + tips.

**Saints of Italy** - From 8<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June, visiting Milan, Padua, Siena, Assisi, Rotondo, Sorrento & Rome. Cost \$9290 + tips.

Cost includes Airfares, Transfers, Accommodation, Coaches, and Meals. For inquiries and bookings email [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au)

### 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** – For all Volunteers.

**Modules 4/5** – For those who completed Modules 1-3 two years previously.

11<sup>th</sup> March from 9.30am to 1.00pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1 Marion Street, Blacktown 2148

**Module 6** – For those who have completed 1-5.

**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 contact the Parish Office.

POPE LEO XIV GENERAL AUDIENCE

18<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Catechesis. The Documents of Vatican Council II.  
II. Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen gentium*.**

**1. *The mystery of the Church, sacrament of the union with God, and the unity of all humanity***

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning.

When the Second Vatican Council wanted to describe the Church, it was concerned first and foremost with explaining where its origins lie. In order to do so, in the Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen gentium*, approved on 21 November 1964, it drew the term “mystery” from the Letters of Saint Paul. By choosing this word, he did not mean to say that the Church is something obscure, as is commonly thought when the word “mystery” is heard. It is exactly the opposite: indeed, when Saint Paul uses the word, especially in the Letter to the Ephesians, he wishes to indicate a reality that was previously hidden and is now revealed.

It refers to God’s plan: to unify all creatures thanks to the reconciliatory action of Jesus Christ, an action that was accomplished in his death on the cross. This is experienced first of all in the assembly gathered for the liturgical celebration: there, differences are relativized, and what counts is being together because we are drawn by the Love of Christ, who broke down the wall of separation between people and social groups (cf. *Eph* 2:14). For Saint Paul, mystery is the manifestation of what God wanted to achieve for the whole of humanity, and is made known in local experiences, which gradually widen to include all human beings.

The condition of humanity is one of fragmentation that human beings are unable to repair, even though the tendency towards unity dwells in their heart. The action of Jesus Christ enters into this condition through the power of the Holy Spirit and overcomes the powers of division and the Divider himself. Gathering together to celebrate, having believed in the proclamation of the Gospel, is experienced as an attraction exerted by the cross of Christ, which is the supreme manifestation of God’s love. It is called together by God: this is why the term *ekklesia* is used, that is, an assembly of people who recognise that they have been summoned together. The Church is this mystery made perceptible.

This convocation, precisely because it is brought about by God, cannot however be limited to a group of people, but rather is destined to become the experience of all human beings. Therefore, the Second Vatican Council, at the beginning of the Constitution *Lumen gentium*, states that: “the Church is in Christ like a sacrament or as a sign and instrument both of a very closely knit union with God and of the unity of the whole human race” (no. 1). With the use of the term “sacrament” and the consequent explanation, it is intended to indicate that the Church is an expression of what God wants to accomplish in the history of humanity; therefore, by looking at the Church, we can to some extent grasp God’s plan, the mystery. In this sense, the Church is a sign. In addition, the term “instrument” is added to the term “sacrament”, precisely to show that the Church is an active sign. Indeed, when God works in history, he involves in his activity the people who are the objects of his action. It is through the Church that God achieves the aim of bringing people to him and uniting them with one another.

Union with God finds its reflection in the union of human beings. This is the experience of salvation. The Constitution *Lumen gentium*, in Chapter 7, is dedicated to the eschatological nature of the pilgrim Church, again uses the description of the Church as a sacrament, with the specification “of salvation”: “Christ, having been lifted up from the earth has drawn all to Himself (cf. *Jn* 12:32 gr.). Rising from the dead (cf. *Rom* 6:9) He sent His life-giving Spirit upon His disciples and through Him has established His Body which is the Church as the universal sacrament of salvation. Sitting at the right hand of the Father, He is continually active in the world that He might lead men to the Church and through it join them to Himself and that He might make them partakers of His glorious life by nourishing them with His own Body and Blood”.

This text enables us to understand the relationship between the unifying action of the Pasch of Jesus, which is the mystery of the passion, death and resurrection, and the identity of the Church. At the same time, it makes us grateful to belong to the Church, the body of the risen Christ and the one pilgrim people of God journeying through history, which lives as a sanctifying presence in the midst of a still fragmented humanity, as an effective sign of unity and reconciliation among peoples.