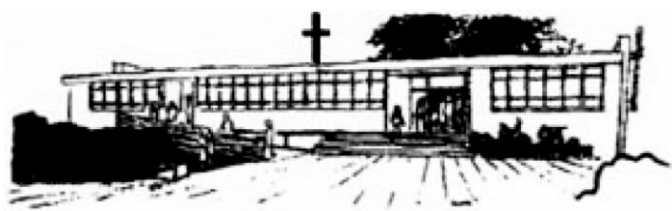


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

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Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

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Please leave a detailed Message

PALM SUNDAY

20 March 2016, Year C/2



LORENZETTI, Pietro
Entry of Christ into Jerusalem
c. 1320

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm (Mass in Polish)
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

Mrs. Franziska Jackson – Principal

School Office Times

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

Address

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LITURGY

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Responsorial Psalm: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Entrance Antiphon: Procession

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

No Mass Intention

SUNDAY 8:30am

No Mass Intention

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday: 8:00am Holy Week

Tuesday: 8:00am Holy Week

Wednesday 8:00am Holy Week

Thursday 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Private intentions of the Priests

Friday Good Friday- No Mass

Saturday 7:30pm Paschal Vigil

For the Parish

ADORATION CHAPEL:

Open during office hours or speak to Father Andrew to arrange another time.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please contact the Parish Office or one of the priests. In the case of Emergency please call the emergency number at the front of this bulletin.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Matthew Jacka

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

Fay Durbidge, Chandy, Ken Minney.

PRAYER FOR FAITH IN OUR FUTURE:

Gracious God, source of all life, you call us together in faith and love as the Diocese of Parramatta.

As one body in Christ, may we respond to your Word, attend to the signs of the times, and live as your disciples in word and deed.

Renew our hearts in your Holy Spirit to grow and share our faith with the world; give us courage and grace to live faith in our future. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH:

Universal: That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

Evangelization: That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: : Kevin Collins, Alistair McArthur, Dianne Devitt, John McCahon, Kathryn Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Debbie O'Connor, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, Gisela Drobiszewski, Charles Timmins, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Mavis Murphy, Bus Maybaum, Valerie Davies, Janet Boreham, Anne Tucker, Raymond Waters, Francene Flannery Jason Isbitski, Rosslyn Talbot, Johnson Talia & Noeline Cruzado.

PARISH AND DIOCESE

WEEKLY

SECOND COLLECTION: ENVELOPES \$ 974.00

LOOSE: \$ 392.85

Your contributions for the first collection go to the Diocese to support the priests working in the Parish.

Your contributions to the second collection go directly to the Parish to support day to day operation of the Parish.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

DONATIONS AND FUND-RAISING:

THIS WEEK DONATIONS: \$

SUNDAY MORNING CUPPA:

After 10:00am Mass.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM:

First Communion: 29 May 2016

Registration: 3 April 2016

Confirmation: 22 November 2016

Registration: 28 August 2016

SKY YOUTH GROUP:

Wednesday 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm.



YEAR OF MERCY

Pope Francis has called on the whole Church to celebrate an extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. The Jubilee commenced on 8th December 2015 and will close on the Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe 20 November 2016.

PILGRIMAGE TO MT. SCHOENSTATT:

Saturday 16th April after morning Mass we will be going on the Pilgrimage to Mt Schoenstatt, where we will have special Jubilee Prayers and pass through the Holy Door of Mercy. We are taking our own lunch for a picnic in the grounds. Please let the Office know if you are interested so that we will know numbers for hiring a bus.

EASTER LITURGIES:

Reconciliation for Easter – Monday 21st March – 9:00am to 12 noon & 5:00pm to 7:30pm

Holy Thursday 24th March – Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00pm

Good Friday 25th March – Stations of the Cross – 11:00am. Passion of the Lord – 3:00pm

Holy Saturday 26th March – Easter Vigil – 7:30pm

Easter Sunday 27th March – 8:30am & 10:00am Masses. 12 noon – Polish Mass.

REHEARSAL FOR EASTER LITURGIES:

All Acolytes on Roster and all Junior Servers to be involved in our Easter Liturgies, are asked to attend Rehearsals. Date and time is as follows:-

Holy Saturday for Liturgy – Saturday 26th March at 10:30am.



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GIFT OF THE PLENARY INDULGENCE

Pope Francis has granted a special jubilee indulgence for the faithful praying in a Dominican church. That is why everydays' morning adoration we finish with special prayers to gain a plenary indulgence.

MEDITATION ON HOLY WEEK, Reading of the Passion of Christ, Songs of Taize, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. **22 March 2016, 7:00pm in the Church.**

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUPS:

1st & 3rd Tuesdays 1:30pm at 1/23 Walter Street, Kingswood. Dianne – 4731 3685.

2nd & 4th Wednesdays after morning Mass – 9am to 10am in Parish Hall. Aloma 4731 8102 Teresa – 4731 4222

2nd & 4th Thursday 7:00pm at 2/40 Single Road, South Penrith. Elaine – 4736 8162.

Following proclamation of the Privacy Act 1988 at the end of 2001, a privacy policy has been developed in accordance with Diocesan norms and has been approved by the Parish Priest. A copy is available from the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

AUDIENCE

The following is a translation of the Holy Father's catechesis, for the General Audience on Wednesday, 16 March, which he delivered in Italian.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Good morning.

In the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah, Chapters 30 and 31 are called the "Book of Consolation", because in them God's mercy is presented with his great capacity to comfort and open to hope the heart of the afflicted. Today we too want to hear this message of consolation.

Jeremiah addresses the Israelites who have been deported to a foreign land and he foretells their return to the homeland. This return is a sign of the infinite love of God the Father who never abandons his children, but who takes care of them and saves them. Exile was a devastating experience for Israel. Their faith had wavered because in a strange land, without the Temple, without worship, after seeing their homeland destroyed, it was difficult continue to believe in the goodness of the Lord. What comes to mind is nearby Albania and how, after so much persecution and destruction, it has managed to rise up in dignity and in faith. This is how the Israelites suffered in exile.

We too can experience a sort of exile at times, when loneliness, suffering, death make us think we have been abandoned by God. How often have we heard these words "God has forgotten me" said by people who suffer and feel abandoned. Yet how many of our brothers and sisters at this time are living out an actual and dramatic situation of exile, far from their homeland, still shocked by the ruins of their homes, fear in their heart and often, sadly, mourning the loss of loved ones! In these cases one might ask oneself: where is God? How is it possible that so much suffering can afflict innocent men, women and children? When they try to enter by some other route, they close the door to them. They are there, at the border because so many doors and so many hearts have closed. Today's migrants who suffer the cold, are without food. They cannot enter. They do not feel welcome. It really pleases me when I hear and see that nations, authorities open the heart and open the doors!

The Prophet Jeremiah gives us a first response. The exiled people are able return to see their land and to feel the Lord's mercy. It is the great message of consolation: God is not absent, not even today in these tragic situations, God is near, and does great works of salvation for those who trust in him. One must not succumb to desperation, but continue to be certain that good conquers evil and that the Lord will dry every tear and free us from all fear. Thus Jeremiah lends his voice to the God's words of love for his people:

"I have loved you with a love everlasting; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall adorn yourself with timbrels, and shall go forth in the dance of the

merrymakers (31:3-4). The Lord is faithful, he does not leave one to despair. God loves with boundless love, which not even sin can restrain, and thanks to him the heart of man is filled with joy and consolation.

The consoling dream of returning to the homeland continues in the words of the prophet who turning to those who shall return to Jerusalem, says:

"They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall be like a watered garden, and they shall languish no more" (31:12).

In joy and in gratitude, the exiled will return to Zion, climbing the holy mountain toward the House of God, and in this way they will be able once more to raise hymns and prayers to the Lord who has freed them. This return to Jerusalem and its bounty is described with a verb that literally means "to stream, to flow". The people are seen, in a paradoxical movement, as a river in flood that flows toward the high ground of Zion, climbing back up toward the mountain's summit. It is a bold image to describe how great the Lord's mercy is!

The land, which the people have had to abandon, has been plundered by enemies and devastated. Now, however, it comes back to life and blossoms once more. The exiled themselves shall resemble a watered garden, a fertile ground. Israel, led back to its homeland by the Lord, takes part in the victory of life over death and of blessing over curse.

Thus the people are strengthened and comforted by God. This word is important: comforted! The repatriated receive life from a font that freely waters them.

At this point, the prophet announces the fullness of joy, and again in the name of God proclaims:

"I will turn their mourning in to joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow" (31:13).

The psalm tells us that when they return to their homeland their lips will break into smile; it is such a great joy! It is the gift that the Lord also wants to give to each one of us, with his forgiveness which transforms and reconciles.

The Prophet Jeremiah has given us the message, portraying the return of the exiled as a great symbol of consolation given to the heart which converts. The Lord Jesus, for his part, has brought this message of the prophet to fulfillment. The true and radical return from exile and the comforting light, after the dark crisis of faith, is experienced at Easter, in the full and definitive experience of God's love, the merciful love that gives joy, peace and eternal life.