

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

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Assistant Priest

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Please leave a detailed Message

First Sunday of Lent

22 February 2015, Year B



BOTTICELLI, Sandro, Three Temptations of Christ
1481-82

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

Baptism. Marriage Please contact the Parish Office

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Franziska Jackson – Principal

School Office Times

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

Address

94 Joseph Street
Kingswood, NSW 2747

Telephone: 4732 3999; Fax: 4731 1432

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday 9:00am – 2:00pm and Friday: 8:30am – 1:30pm

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Liturgy

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

VIGIL SATURDAY

6:00pm

No Mass Intention

SUNDAY 8:30am

Novena Mass

Entrance Antiphon: cf. Ps 90:15-16. When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

10:00am

For the Parish

Responsorial Psalm: *Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.*

Monday:	8:00am	Monday of 1 st Week of Lent	Novena Mass
Tuesday:	8:00am	Tuesday of 1 st Week of Lent	Fr. Matthew
Wednesday	8:00am	Wednesday of 1 st Week of Lent	Isabella Kazi & Family
Thursday	8:00am	Thursday of 1 st Week of Lent	No Mass Intention
Friday	8:00am	Friday of 1 st Week of Lent	No Mass Intention
Saturday	8:30am	Saturday of 1 st Week of Lent	No Mass Intention

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

ANointing OF THE SICK:

Fr. Andrew will anoint personally if the need arises. Please see Father to arrange an anointing.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY:

ROSARY AND BENEDICTION: Saturday at 5.15pm

Rosary Statue:

Danny & Terri Patos – 22nd February 2015

Les & Margaret Edwards – 1st March 2015

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 FEBRUARY:

Universal: That the Church and society may respect the wisdom and experience of older people.

For Evangelization: That priests, religious, and lay people may work together with generosity for evangelization.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, Alistair McArthur, Lawrence Devitt, Dianne Devitt, John McCahon, Allan Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Debbie O'Connor, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Karen Morvan, Gisela Drobiszewski, Charles Timmins, Romanie & Roland Oliveux, Barbara Thompson, Zig Barglik, Mavis Murphy, Bus Maybaum, Valerie Davies, Jack and Stella Kane, Janet Boreham & George Colville.

SICK LIST: If you have anyone for the sick list, (due to privacy laws) contact the Parish Office to fill in a form.

Parish and Diocese

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: BANKED \$803.00

**DONATIONS AND FUND-RAISING:
PA SYSTEM PROJECT:**

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS BANKED \$605.60

TOTAL DONATIONS: \$4949.00.

SUNDAY MORNING CUPPA:

AFTER 10:00AM MASS:

SKY YOUTH GROUP:

25 February 2015 start 3:00 pm, Inaugural Mass

FIRST RECONCILIATION:

Registration: 15th of February 2015

Reconciliation: 28th of March 2015, 9:00 am

FIRST COMMUNION:

Registration: 19th of April 2015

First Communion: 7th of June 2015, 10:00 am

CONFIRMATION:

Registration: 14th of June 2015

Confirmation: 1st of October 2015, 7:00 pm

FRIDAYS OF LENT:

6:15 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

DWF COLLECTION:

Our DWF collection for works of our Diocese.

Our goal for this quarter is: \$2,769.00

So far we collected: \$1310.15

Thank you for your generosity!

We are currently updating our parish records at St. Joseph's and would appreciate if you could fill in your details (forms are at the back of the Church) and hand it over to the church/parish office

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Our local World Day of Prayer service this year will be held at Penrith Baptist Church at 3-11 Morello Terrace, Caddens, off Caddens Road, Orchard Hills commencing at 10:00am on 6th March 2015.

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. Teresa—4731 4222

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

In these groups we: Pray, Study the Bible, have a Teaching, Reflect & Share our Faith. You are most welcome to join us at any of these groups.

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED:

CCSS Solo Parent Services Monthly Support Group, "Stepping Beyond" will be held again on the last Tuesday of the Month for those who are separated or divorced. Venue: CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown. Date Tuesday 24th February. Time: 7:30pm – 9:30pm. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: Eileen or Rita Phone: 9933 0205 or soloparentservices@ccss.org.au.

POSITION VACANT: PARISH COORDINATOR. St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong, is inviting applications for the role of Parish Coordinator. This full-time role is accountable to the Parish Priest and responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Parish Office. The Parish Coordinator's role also includes responsibility for being a personal assistant to the Parish Priest, office administration, liturgical preparations, accounts, banking and records management. For further details about the role and the application process visit the Employment section of the Diocese of Parramatta's website : www.parra.catholic.org.au.

Applications close Friday 6th March 2015.

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.

PAPAL ADDRESSES

General audience: Brother, sister: words beloved to Christianity

Vatican City, 18 February 2015 (VIS) - Continuing his cycle of catechesis dedicated to the family, after reflecting on the figure of the mother and father, the Pope today spoke about fraternity. "'Brother' and 'sister' are words that Christianity loves. And, thanks to the family, they are words that all cultures and all ages understand".

Fraternal bonds are very important in the history of the people of God, and are highly praised in the Old Testament. However their rupture opened up a deep abyss in mankind, and God's question to Cain - "Where is your brother?" - never ceases to resonate throughout history. "And", exclaimed the Pontiff, "unfortunately, in this generation too, Cain's dramatic answer is also repeated endlessly: 'I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?'. The rupture of the bond between brothers disfigures humanity. And even within families, how many brothers argue over small things, an inheritance, and then no longer even speak to or greet each other? If we think that they inhabited the womb of the same mother We all know families in which there are divisions between brothers. Let us pray to the Lord for them, to help brothers be reunited and families rebuilt. And let us always keep these divided brothers in our prayers".

The bond of fraternity that is formed in the family, among children, if it occurs a climate of education in openness to others, "is the great school of freedom and peace. Perhaps we are not always aware of this, but it is precisely the family that introduces fraternity into the world", remarked the Pope, emphasising that from this first experience, fraternity "radiates like a promise to the whole of society and the relations between peoples. And the blessing that God - in Jesus Christ - lavishes upon this bond of fraternity, extends it unimaginably, making it capable of surpassing any difference of nation, culture or even religion". He added, "Think about what becomes of the bond between men,

even the most diverse, when they are able to say of another, 'he is just like a brother, she is just like a sister to me'. History has demonstrated sufficiently that even liberty and equality, without fraternity, can be filled with individualism, conformism and personal interest".

Fraternity in the family shines in a special way "when we see the care, patience, and affection that surround those brothers and sisters who are weak, sick, or disabled. Having a brother or a sister who cares for you is a powerful experience, priceless and irreplaceable. The same applies to the Christian family. We must be moved to tenderness by the smallest, the weakest, the poorest: they have a 'right' to capture our heart and soul. Yes, they are our brothers and we must love them and treat them as such. When this happens, when it is as if the poor are part of the family, our Christian fraternity comes to life. Indeed, Christians go towards the poor and the weak not in obedience to an ideological programme, but because the word and example of the Lord tell us that they are our brothers. This is the principle of God's love and of all justice between men".

"And now I suggest one thing", he added, off the cuff: "in silence, each of us, let us think of our brothers and sisters, and pray for them". St. Peter's Square remained in silence for a moment, after which Francis added, "With this prayer we brought all of them, our brothers and sisters, here in the square to be blessed".

"Today, more than ever, it is necessary to bring fraternity back to the centre of our technocratic and bureaucratic society: then liberty and equality will also acquire the correct tone. Therefore, let us not light-heartedly deprive our families, through apprehension or fear, of the beauty of a full fraternal experience. And let us not lose our trust in the broad horizon that faith is able to draw from this experience, enlightened by God's blessing".