

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

Assistant Priest

EMERGENCY PHONE: 02 4721 8945

Please leave a detailed Message

First Sunday of Lent

9th of March 2014, Year A



BOTTICELLI, Sandro, Three Temptations of Christ, 1481-82

Sunday Masses:	Saturday Vigil:	4:00pm (Mass in Polish) 6:00pm (5:15pm Rosary and the Benediction)
	Sunday:	8:30am 10:00am
Weekday Masses:	Monday–Friday	8:00am
	Saturday	8:30am
Sacrament of Reconciliation:	Saturday	after 8:30am Mass

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

Address: 12-22 Richmond Rd, PO Box 39, Kingswood, NSW 2747; Telephone: 02 4721 4080; Fax: 02 4721 0089
Email: parish@stjosephskingswood.org; Web: www.stjosephskingswood.org; Facebook: [stjosephskingswood](https://www.facebook.com/stjosephskingswood)

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY:	10:00am	FIRST SUNDAY of LENT	For the Parish
8:30am Mass Only			No Mass Intention
Entrance Antiphon Psalm 90:15-16			
When he calls me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory,			
I will grant him length of days.			

Responsorial Psalm: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned..

Monday:	8:00am	Monday of the 1st week of Lent	No Mass Intention
Tuesday:	8:00am	Tuesday of the 1st week of Lent	No Mass Intention
Wednesday	8:00am	Wednesday of the 1st week of Lent	No Mass Intention
Thursday	8:00am	Thursday of the 1st week of Lent	No Mass Intention
Friday	8:00am	Friday of the 1st week of Lent	No Mass Intention
Saturday	8:30am	Saturday of the 1st week of Lent	No Mass Intention

Readings: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

ADORATION CHAPEL

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

ANOINTING:

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:-

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY: Robert Colville

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: BANKED \$1076.00

DONATIONS TO RENOVATION PROJECT—
LAST WEEK BOX & INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS
\$528.35 TOTAL DONATIONS \$42,075.00

DONATIONS AND FUND-RAISING FOR OUR RENOVATION PROJECT:

If you would like to donate towards our Renovation Project please give it to Father Andrew or place it in Donation Box at the entrance to the church.

ROSARY & BENEDICTION will be held at 5.15pm before 6:00pm Mass every Saturday.

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

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND APPEAL collection, over 2 weeks raised \$1882.70. Our quota is \$2441. There will be another collection at all Masses this weekend for those who may have missed out. Thank you for your generosity.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA: Your donation to Project Compassion is helping Caritas Australia end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. This week we meet 18 year old Maristely who lives in a favela (slum) in Sao Paulo, Brazil with her family. Thanks to the *Movement for the Defence of Favela Residents*, they have improved living conditions in their favela and a leadership program for the young people means Maristely and her family are now enjoying a full life, and are proud of where they live **Project Compassion Boxes are at the back of the Church in the baskets. Donations of \$2.00 or more are tax deductible.**

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, Alistair McArthur, Lawrence Devitt, John McCahon, Joan Evans, Allan Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Clayton Rogers, Debbie O'Connor, Roger Stevens, Cameron Stevens, Shayla, Kim Nelson, Karen Morvan, Gisela Drobiszewski, Charles Timmins, Selin Mizrak, Ann Batkin, Romanie Oliveux and Charles Marinucci, Gianni Panozzo.

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

PLEASE PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE AT THE END OF EACH MONTH TO HAVE THE NAMES PUT ON THE SICK LIST.



The Rosary Statue will be at the home of
Jean & Margaret Cobden—9th March 2014
Joan Timmins—16th March 2014

**ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
ENROLEMENTS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN
FOR 2015**

CELL GROUPS

If you would like to grow in your faith please feel free to join us

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

2nd & 4th Wednesdays after morning Mass—9am to 10am Prayer & Bible Discussion Group in Parish Hall. Mavis—4736 4138: Teresa—4731 4222

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

PLAY GROUP: Mondays at 10:00am in the Parish Hall, We welcome all Mothers with small children. Please bring something to share for morning tea. Enquiries to Fr. Pawel.

S.K.Y. YOUTH GROUP meet every Wednesday from 3:00pm in the Parish Hall. All 12 to 17 years are most welcome. Please see flyer at back of Church.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK: All volunteers over 18 years of age including those in Ministry (Baptism, Sacraments, RCIA, Nursing Home, Ministers to the Sick etc.,) and all who serve at the Liturgy of the Mass (Acolytes, Senior Servers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers, Choir) are required to apply for a Working with Children check. This is a legal NSW Government and Diocese of Parramatta requirement. Any questions please speak to Fr. Andrew or Clare, who will assist you.

ADULT EDUCATION: 7:00pm Tuesday nights from 11th March

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7:00pm Fridays through Lent from 7th March.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Monthly Meeting on Thursday 13th March after 8:00am Mass. Prospective new Members always welcome.

FAITH AT THE FIDDLER 13 MARCH: A forum for young people aged 18-35 to gather together to discuss issues of faith and spirituality in the friendly and ward atmosphere of Sydney's most famous pub. Venue: The Greenway Room at the Mean Fiddler, Cnr Commercial & Windsor Rds, Rouse Hill. For more information—Steven Buhagiar—Catholic Education, Parramatta, sbuhagiar@parra.catholic.edu.au

SEWING HAS BEGUN—SATURDAYS AT 9:30AM

ST. DOMINIC'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Sunday 30th March. 10:00am—2:00pm. Year 7, 2015
Information Evening Wednesday 2nd April 7:30pm.

MCCARTHY CATHOLIC COLLEGE

75 McKellar Street, Emu Plains

Enrolling for 2015. Open Day: Sunday 23rd March 2014.

Time: 9:30am to 11:30am. Meet the Principal, staff and students. Tours of the College facilities. Trade Training Centre information. Enrolment packages available. Enquiries: Mrs. Sharon Clarke 4735 3211.

Website: www.mccarthyemuplains.catholic.edu.au

Bereavement support—Blacktown

For those grieving the death of their spouse or partner. Tuesdays fortnightly: 4th March—10th June 2014. An opportunity to further understand and come to terms with the many ways in which grief impacts on their lives - to ask questions, explore and learn more about the ways in which grief unfolds and how best to deal with challenges and difficulties of this long and painful journey. Ph: 9933 0205. soloparentministry@ccss.org.au

For further information please see the noticeboard

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

Stepping Beyond is held on the last Tuesday of each month at CCSS Centre 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown, at 7:30pm—9:30pm. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 9933 0205

For more information please see noticeboard.

POSITION VACANT:

CASUAL HOUSEKEEPER required for Parramatta residence for between 6-10 hours per week. The role will deal with housekeeping matters of the household, with the assistance of Cathedral personnel. To view the full job advertisement, application process and to download the Position Description, please visit the Diocesan website www.parra.catholic.org.au and go to the employment section for the Diocese of Parramatta.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS followed by prayer for healing and individual ministry, Sunday 16 March 2014 with Fr. Bony Abraham MGL, 2:00pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Cnr. Mamre Road & Swanston Street, St. Marys. All welcome.

Vatican City, 5 March 2014 (VIS) – Wednesday morning the Holy Father celebrated the general audience with 30,000 faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square. Pope Francis dedicated this Ash Wednesday's catechesis to the Lenten journey of forty days that leads us to the Easter Triduum, and recalled the two suggestions offered to us by the Church in this period: to be more aware of the redemptive work of Christ, and to live our Baptism in a more committed way.

“The awareness of the wonders that the Lord carried out for our salvation should lead our minds and hearts to gratitude to God”, he said, and added, “Fully living out our Baptism – and this is the second invitation – means not becoming inured to the situations of degradation and poverty that we encounter when walking the streets of our cities and towns. There is the risk of passively accepting certain types of behaviour and of not marvelling at the sad realities that surround us. We grow accustomed to violence, as if it were a normal part of our daily news; we get used to seeing our brothers and sisters sleeping in the streets, as they have no roof to shelter them. We are used to refugees who search for freedom and dignity, but are not received as they should be. We get used to living in a society that claims to be able to do without God, in which parents do not teach their children how to pray or how to make the sign of the Cross. This inurement to forms of behaviour that are not Christian, that are the easy way, anaesthetise the heart!” He asked the faithful present, “Do your children know how to make the sign of the Cross? Do they know how to pray the Our Father or the Hail Mary?”.

Francis explained that Lent comes to us “as a Providential moment for changing our route, for recovering our capacity to react when faced with the realities of evil that always challenge us. Lent should be lived as a time of conversion, of renewal at personal and community levels by drawing closer to God and through trusting adherence to the Gospel. In this way, we are able to look upon our brothers and their needs with new eyes”.

The Pope remarked that this moment is “favourable for converting to love for one's neighbour; a love that assumes the gratitude and mercy of the Lord Who made himself poor so that by his poverty we might become rich, and invited all to “invoke with particular trust the protection and help of the Virgin Mary, so that she, the