

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP

Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP

Assistant Priest

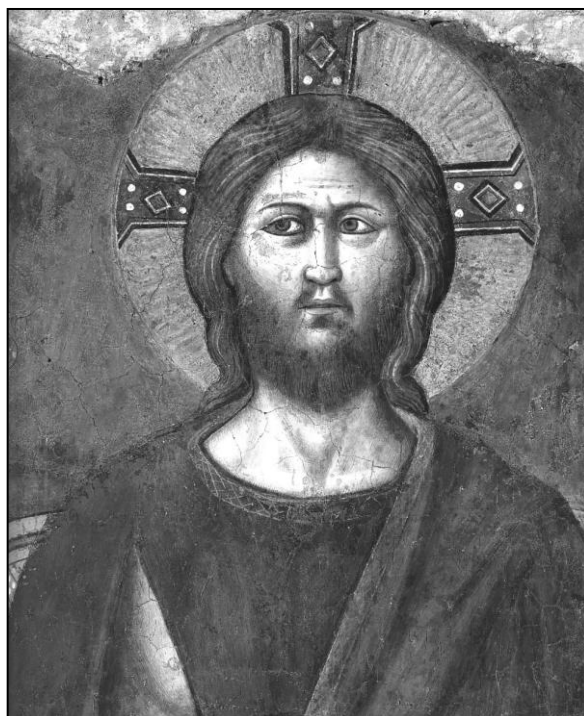
Fr. Maciej Niedzielski OP

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Please leave a detailed Message

Second Sunday of Lent

1 March 2015, Year B



CAVALLINI, Pietro, Last Judgment (detail)
c. 1300

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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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

Responsorial Psalm: *I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living*

Entrance Antiphon: cf. Ps 26:8-9 Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek, hide not your face from me.

VIGIL SATURDAY

	6:00pm		No Mass Intention
SUNDAY	8:30am		No Mass Intention
	10:00am		For the Parish
Monday:	8:00am	Monday of 2 nd Week of Lent	Thelma McSpadden
Tuesday:	8:00am	Tuesday of 2 nd Week of Lent	No Mass Intention
Wednesday	8:00am	St. Casimir	No Mass Intention
Thursday	8:00am	Thursday of 2 nd Week of Lent	No Mass Intention
Friday	8:00am	Friday of 2 nd Week of Lent	No Mass Intention
Saturday	8:30am	Saturday of 2 nd 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: Thelma McSpadden

ROSARY AND BENEDICTION: Saturday at 5.15pm

Rosary Statue:

Les & Margaret Edwards - 1st March 2015

Grenville & Shirley Satur - 8th 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 MARCH

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 \$900.00

DONATIONS AND FUND-RAISING:

PA SYSTEM PROJECT:

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS BANKED

TOTAL DONATIONS: \$ 4949.60

SUNDAY MORNING CUPPA:

AFTER 10:00AM MASS:

SKY YOUTH GROUP:

3:00pm – 5:00pm in the Parish Hall.

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: \$1902.05

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

SRE COMMISSIONING MASS: Next weekend 8th March is the Commissioning Mass for the SRE Ministry at 10:00am. All welcome.

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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM:

The next session of CCSS Solo Parent Services Bereavement Support Program for those whose spouse or long term partner has died is on Tuesday 3rd March. Venue 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown, from 10:00am – 12:00pm. Topic: "Dealing with Intense Emotions". Registration: Eileen or Rita Ph 9933 0205 or soloparentservice@ccss.org.au.

CAROLINE CHISHOLM COLLEGE, GLENMORE PARK provides Catholic Education for girls in Years 7 – 12. Enrolling now for 2016.

An Open Night on Monday 9th March from 6:00pm to 8:30pm includes information sessions, displays, performances and tours. All considering enrolment in 2016 are invited to attend. For further information contact the College on 4737 5506.

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

Lent, time for spiritual battle against evil

Vatican City, 21 February 2015 (VIS) – Lent, the liturgical time that refers to the forty days Jesus spent in the desert after his baptism in the river Jordan, was the subject of the Pope's reflection before this Sunday's Angelus prayer with the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square. On the first Sunday of Lent, Francis explained that during these forty days of solitude in which Jesus prepared himself to announce the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, he "faces Satan 'body to body', he unmasks his temptations and is victorious. And in Him we all win, but it is up to us to protect this victory in our daily life".

"The Church reminds us of this mystery at the beginning of every Lenten period", he continued, "because it gives us the prospect and the meaning of this time, which is a time of combat – during Lent one must fight – a time of spiritual combat against the spirit of evil. And while we cross the Lenten 'desert', we keep our gaze fixed upon Easter, the definitive victory of Jesus against the Evil One, against sin and against death. This, then, is the meaning of this first Sunday of Lent: placing ourselves on the path of Christ, the road that leads to life".

"And this, Jesus' path, passes through the desert, ... the place where both the voice of God and the voice of the Tempter can be heard. Amid noise and confusion; only superficial voices can be heard. Instead, in the desert we are able to descend to the depths, where our destiny is truly played out, life or death. And how do we hear the voice of God? We hear it in His Word. This is why it is important to know the Scripture, as otherwise we do not know how to respond to the deceptions of the Evil One. ... Always keep a copy of the Gospel to hand. The Lenten desert helps us to say no to worldliness, to 'idols'; it helps us to make courageous decisions consistent with the Gospel and to strengthen solidarity with our brothers".

"Therefore, let us enter into the desert without fear, because we are not alone; we are with Jesus, with the Father and with the Holy Spirit", added the Holy Father. "Lent is an auspicious time to lead us to be increasingly aware of how much the Holy Spirit, received in baptism, has worked and can work in us.

At the end of the Lenten itinerary, on the Easter Vigil, we are able to renew the baptismal alliance and the duties that derive from this with greater awareness".

The Pope completed his reflection by entrusting to the Virgin the week of Spiritual Exercises that began yesterday afternoon, and in which his collaborators in the Roman Curia will also participate. He asked those present to pray, "so that in this 'desert' of the Spiritual Exercises, we can hear the voice of Jesus and also correct many flaws that we all have, and also to face up to the temptations that assail us every day. I therefore ask you to accompany us with your prayer".

Following the Angelus prayer, the Pope referred again to Lent, "a path of conversion whose centre is the heart", and gave the faithful present in the square a small booklet entitled "Custodisci il cuore", "Safeguard your heart". Distributed by a group of volunteers, including various homeless persons, it brings together a number of Jesus' teachings and the essential content of the faith, such as for instance the seven Sacraments, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the ten commandments, the virtues, the works of mercy, and so on.

"As is always the case, today in the square the needy give us a great wealth: the wealth of our doctrine to safeguard the heart", he remarked, referring to the work of the homeless volunteers. "Take a booklet and carry it with you, to help in spiritual conversion and growth, which always starts from the heart: there, where the daily choices between good and evil are made, between worldliness and the Gospel, between indifference and sharing. Humanity needs justice, peace and love, and will obtain this only by returning wholeheartedly to God, the source".