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VERITAS



Second Sunday of Lent

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Mass Times

Monday - NO Mass

Tuesday & Thursday
8.00am

Wednesday & Friday
5:30pm

Saturday - 9:00am
Vigil - 5:pm

Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am,
5:00pm

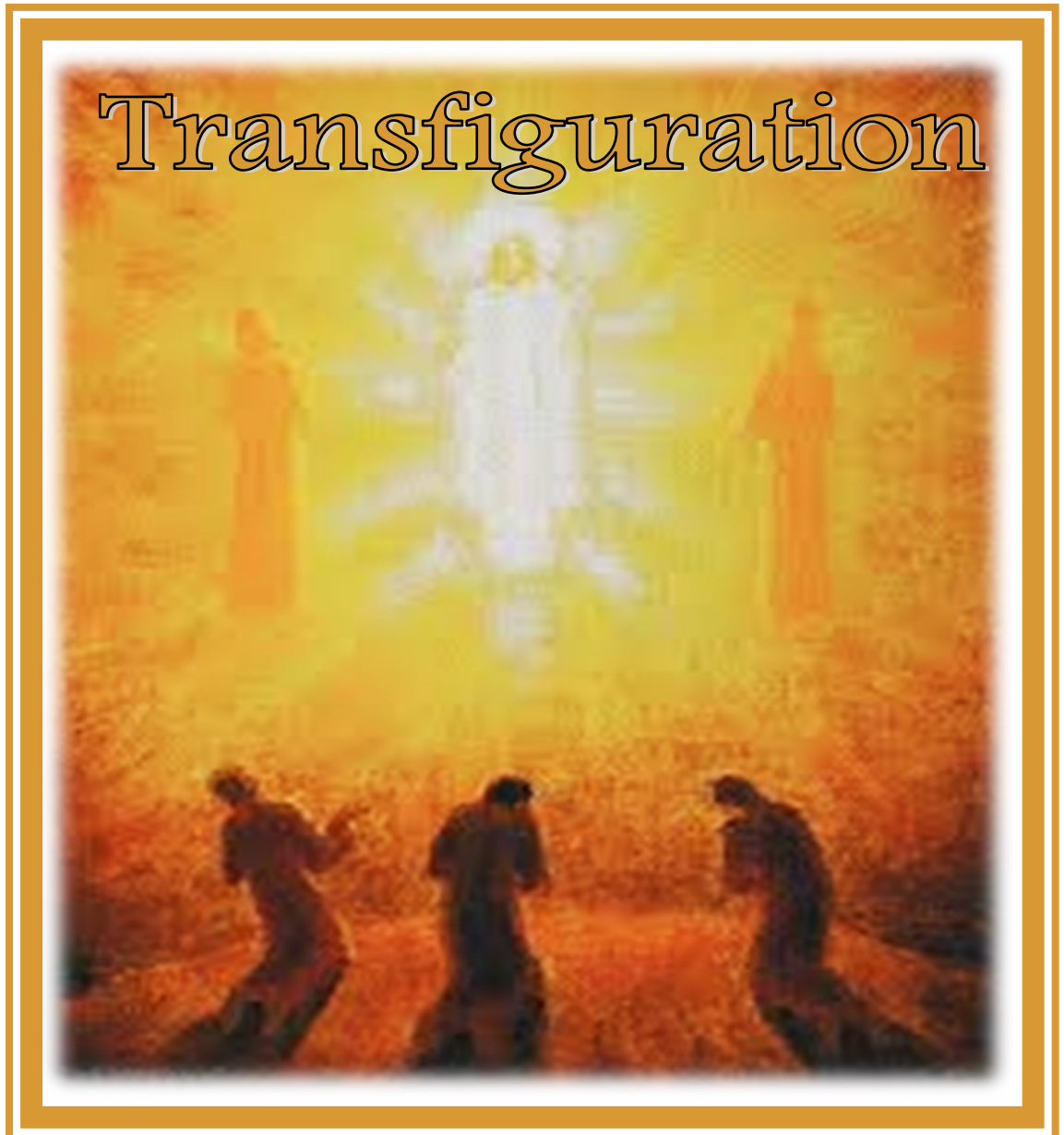
Reconciliation

Saturday
4pm - 4.45pm

Adoration - Holy Hour
Friday's 6pm - 7pm

Pray the Rosary

Before 10am Mass on Sundays



PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is

NOON TUESDAY

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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.

FIRST READING

First reading - Genesis 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 32(33):4-5,18-20,22

**Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

**Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

SECOND READING

Second reading - 2 Timothy 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation - Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Gospel - Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Communion Antiphon is NOT recited when
hymns are sung.**

Communion Antiphon - Matthew 17: 5

This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

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LET THE LORD'S MERCY BE ON US

Today's readings encourage us to think about our journey of faith in the company of the transfigured Lord, and the importance of trusting in the call and grace of God our Father.

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory.

This week's psalm asks that the Lord's mercy be on us as we in turn place our trust in the Lord. As communities throughout Australia and the world rebuild shattered lives after natural disasters, we pray for those communities. We pray for those who are mourning, who are homeless, who are injured, who are frightened and who are overwhelmed. We pray they are granted the courage and help to rebuild and restart their lives.

THE TRANSFIGURATION



The mysterious event of the Transfiguration conveys to us two particular aspects of Christ's life, aspects that are integral to his earthly mission. These two aspects are, his divinity and his resurrection. It is also noteworthy to understand that what is said of Our Lord's resurrection also pertains to our resurrection too.

Let us look at his divinity first. We see that the scene is set for a monumental revelation. The clue to this great revelation is the fact that our characters are heading up a high mountain. In the bible mountains are usually places where an encounter with the divine takes place, for instance Moses speaks to God on Mt Sinai, and receives from him the law, and it is on Mt Horeb that Elijah hears the soft voice of the Lord in the breeze. So too then, Jesus reveals his Godhead to his chosen disciples, Peter, James and John. In continuity with the old law we see the figures of Moses and Elijah appear also, they are there to confirm the divinity of Jesus and to speak with him about his departure, his exodus from this world through his future passion and death. If Peter, James and John, who were all pious Jews, could not believe Jesus' own word about himself, surely they would believe the testimony of such exalted prophets as Moses and Elijah? In fact, as Pope Leo the Great points out in a sermon of his own on the Transfiguration, it was Jewish law that there be at least two or three men present when anything needed to be witnessed as true, this then was a legal obligation, and so Jesus fulfils this obligation with the party of five he had gathered on the mountain.

Further evidence of Jesus' divinity is established by the appearance of "a bright cloud" which covered them with shadow. The symbolism of the cloud is important. The cloud motif is seen in the Old Testament too in chapter 19 of Exodus, God tells Moses "Lo, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe you forever." The cloud is often referred to as the Shekinah, a word which reveals the glory of the Lord.

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God love you all. You're all in my prayers.
Fr Mannes OP

Parish meeting regarding Renewal and Consolidation of Mass Times

Dear Friends,
Pursuant to my recent letter regarding consolidation of Mass Times I am convoking a meeting for **Thursday 30th March 2023 at 7pm in the Parish Centre**. The evening will include the following:

1. Hopefully an address by either the Vicar General or the Chancellor of the Diocese regarding arrangements for 2024 (this is contingent on their availability)
2. A brief presentation on parish renewal and our vision for the future of the parish
3. A presentation on Mass Times elaborating on the letter from Fr Mannes

I do hope that you would make time for this gathering so that we can discuss as a parish our concerns and our hopes for the future.

God bless
Fr Mannes OP

LENTEN PROGRAM

This year, the Parish is joining with Holy Cross and St Margaret's to run a joint Lenten Program based on Missional Spirituality. If you would like to join a group please contact the office for details.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with homelessness, Tereesa's only concern was finding stability for her children. Seeking a better future for her family, Tereesa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Tereesa access housing and psychological support. Today, Tereesa is studying a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community. Tereesa now works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people.

ST DOMINIC'S GARDEN A TASTE OF VIETNAM

Good news our Stature of St Dominic has arrived. The second stage has started. Please support our fund raising efforts to complete the garden.

A Taste of Vietnam - in March. To replace the postponed Wine Tasting, we are running a Taste of Vietnam Feast on Saturday evening 25th of March at the Parish Centre. Cost is \$20 per person for food, coffee/tea and desserts. BYO drinks. Entry from 6pm by pre-purchased tickets on sale after Mass or through Jacquie Cortese.

Come and enjoy the fare and great company. Al Fresco option will be available for those who want to dine outdoors.

Easter Raffle to raise funds to finish the garden will be available after Masses next weekend.

SING FOR EASTER !

Singing gives us a richer experience of the liturgy, especially the liturgy of Holy Week and Easter. You can enrich your Easter experience by joining the choir for this very special time in the church year. There are just five practices to attend, Mondays at 7.30 pm in the church. You can register your interest, or get further information, by phoning Maureen Robinson (phone 61617100) or just come along on Monday.

PALM SUNDAY / HOLY WEEK CHANGES

Mass changes for Palm Sunday.

This year there will only be two Palm Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil at 5.00pm

Sunday at 10.00am

Holy Week changes:

Thursday Mass 6.30pm

Easter Sunday Mass 10.00am only.

The Schedule will be out once other times are finalised.

HOLY WEEK EASTER ROSTER - VOLUNTEERS

Please consider volunteering for the many Holy Week / Easter preparations and ceremonies. The sign up sheet will be available next weekend.

Celebrate Life - Our Golden Links of Friendship

50 Year Reunion of St Christopher's Coffee House. Saturday 25th March. For those who were part of the Coffee House during the years 1973-1977 we would love you to join us. Please RSVP by 11th March. Sue Woods Email: smwoods6@gmail.com Phone: 0438 811 742. OR Tricia O'Keefe Email: oktricia0@gmail.com Phone: 0414 627 267

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PRAYERS

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:

Mary Martin, Anne Corver, Barbara Wilson, Mimma Gia, Philip Bailey, Veronica Cornelly, Rosa Maria Santos, Peter Catlin, Beth Delos Santos, Ursula Ramsay, Sue King, Fr Ellis Clifford, Joe Schimizzi, June Pollard, Awny El-Ghitany, Pamela Sandy, Elizabeth Webster, Una Ford, Terry Stephens, Maureen Blood, Una Bell, Lily Copeland, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Michelle Brotohusodo, Carmel Slammon, Katey Tuite, Brian & Suzanne Brown, Fr Rafael Cabezon OP

RECENTLY DECEASED

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.

Dorothea Higgins, Rudi Basso

IN LOVING MEMORY

Kevin Bourke, James Patrick Bergin

PRAY THE ROSARY Sunday Mornings prior to 10.00am Mass the Rosary will be recited. Please join in.

CRAFT GROUP meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on Wednesdays. Contact the office for details.

DOMINICAN LIBRARY will open **Saturday** mornings, 9.30am - 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP meets on Thursday evenings in the 7.30pm Parish Centre. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 or www.wccm.org

WEEKLY READER FORMATION - Formation sessions are on Wednesday evenings. These sessions provide reflection on the Scripture readings for the following Sunday.

All parishioners are invited. – Meet in the church Office.

HOLY ROSARY WOMEN'S FAITH CIRCLE The Holy Rosary Women's Faith Circle returns on Thursdays. Please join us as we share life, break open the word, pray for and with each other. Contact Emily at emilykathryn@gmail.com for further information.

VERBUM BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUNG ADULTS 18-35

We are starting up a new series of bible studies on

Tuesday 28th February. Topics will include:

- St Matthew's Gospel
- The Eucharist in Scripture

Please join us at 7pm in the Parish Centre. We hope to run the bible studies throughout the year.

ROSTER 11 / 12 March

Saturday 5.00pm - Acolyte - M. Tran
Reader - L. Dowling
Computer - Volunteer

Sunday 8.00am - Acolyte - K. Linnard
Reader - N. Clarke, G. Thompson

Sunday 10.00am - Acolyte - T. Johnson
Reader - V. Wilson, P. McDonald

Sunday 5.00pm - Acolyte - P. Tran
Reader - Volunteer required
Computer - Volunteer required

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