

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.**

Breaking Open the Word



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / A

5 MARCH 2023

TRUSTING THE PROMISE

At the beginning of Lent, it is not uncommon for people to feel discouraged or dissatisfied. Another year has come and gone and there is still much to be done as we get our spiritual house in order. Today's readings converge as they give reasons not to lose heart in God or, perhaps more importantly, in ourselves because we are loved by God. Abraham and Sarah were prepared to set out on the greatest adventure of their lives in their old age. Such willingness to trust in God's promises, despite the difficulties that lie before us, is at the very heart of the life of faith.

Prior to setting out for his final journey to Jerusalem, Jesus instructed the disciples that a brutal death awaited him. They were discouraged and bewildered, fearful both for Jesus and themselves. In the midst of this Jesus takes some of them aside and goes up the mountain and is transfigured before them. Their fear is now replaced by terror, but Jesus comes and touches them, encouraging and empowering them for the road that lies ahead.

In a similar fashion, the second letter to Timothy invites him not to be disheartened by the challenges and difficulties that beset him. God's grace and power have already been poured freely into our hearts. Since this is the case there is no need to be disheartened or fearful. Jesus' death has already won the victory, all that is needed is for us to take heart and trust in the new life that has been promised to us.

FIRST READING

Gen 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

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.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22. R. v. 22

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

1. 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. **R.**

2. 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. **R.**

3. 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. **R.**

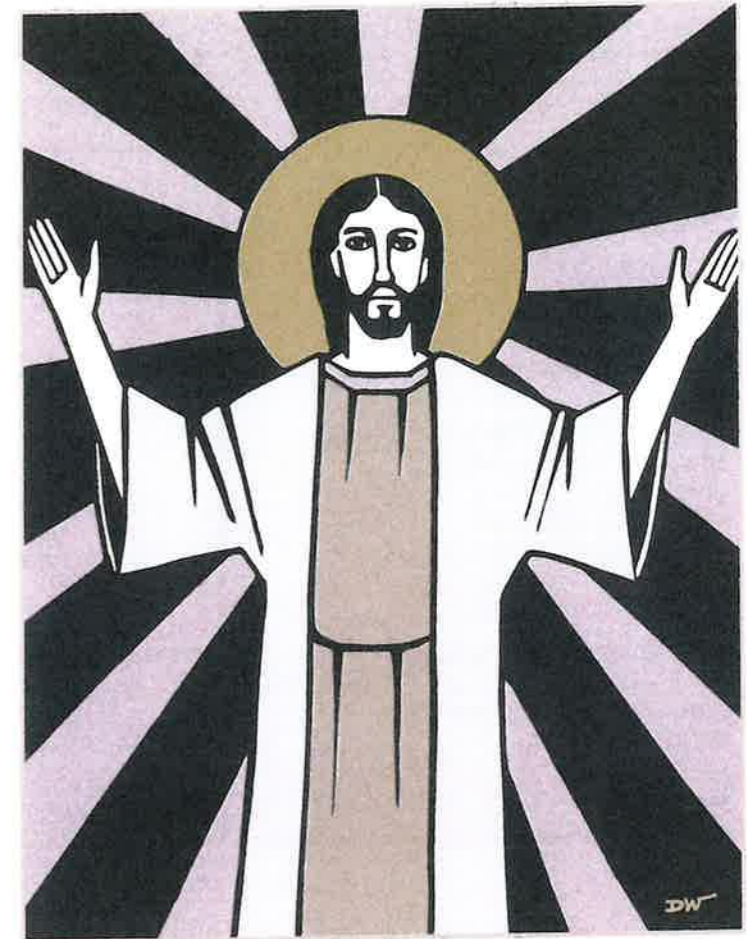
SECOND READING

2 Tim 1:8-10

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to Timothy**

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 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

Mt 17:1-9

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.**

His face shone like the sun.

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

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St Patrick's Cooma Mass Time
Mass Sunday's at 10am

Cooma Sacrament of Reconciliation
TBA

St Patrick's Weekday
Mass: 10am Tues, Thu, Fri
Except Third Friday of Month =
Nursing Home Mass
9.30am Yallambee Lodge
11am Sir William Hudson
Adaminaby

Nimmitabel
Mass 3rd & 5th Sunday
*6pm Sat Vigil Mass

1st 2nd, 4th Sun- LITURGY Sat 6pm

Numeralla
Mass 4th Sunday at 5.30pm
LITURGY 2nd Sunday 5.30pm

Berridale
1st 2nd 4th & 5th Sunday's
Liturgy of the Word 10am Sun
3rd Sunday 4.00pm Vigil Mass

Jindabyne
2nd 3rd & 4th = Vigil Mass 6pm Sat
1st & 5th Sunday = Liturgy 6pm Sat

Easter Timetable 2023

Stations of the Cross Friday's - St Patrick's Church Cooma at 6pm

Palm Sunday 2nd April - Cooma 10am, Bombala Vigil 6pm, Jindabyne Vigil 6pm

2nd Rite of Reconciliation - to prepare for Easter

Cooma - Tuesday 4th April 2023 at 7pm

Jindabyne offered after Vigil Mass 25th March Bombala offered after Vigil Mass 1st April

Holy Thursday 6th April

Cooma 6pm

Bombala 6pm Fr Bill

Good Friday 7th April

Cooma - Stations of the Cross 10am Jindabyne Stations of the Cross 10am (Leader)

Bombala - Stations of the Cross 9.30am (Leader)

Cooma 3pm Passion

Jindabyne 3pm Passion (Fr Bill)

Holy Saturday - Easter 8th April

Cooma 6pm

Jindabyne 6pm Fr Bill

Easter Sunday - 9th April

Adaminaby 8am

Nimmitabel 8am

Cooma 10am

Bombala 10am

If we were:

- knives, Lent would be a time to sharpen our cutting edges.
- cars, Lent would be a time for an oil change and tune-up.
- swimming pools, Lent would be a time to filter the dirt from our water.
- gardens, Lent would be a time to fertilize our soil and dig out our weeds.
- carpets, Lent would be a time to get power-cleaned.

- VCRs, Lent would be a time to clean our heads and adjust our tracking.
- computers, Lent would be a time to overhaul our disk drive.
- highways, Lent would be a time to repair our cracks and fill our potholes.
- TV sets, Lent would be a time to adjust our focus and our fine-tuning.
- silverware, Lent would be a time to clean away our tarnish.
- batteries, Lent would be a time to be recharged.
- seeds, Lent would be a time to germinate and reach for the sun.

But we are none of those things.

We are people who

- sometimes do wrong things; we need to atone for them.
- sometimes get spiritually lazy; we need to get back into shape.
- sometimes become selfish; we need to stretch out of our narrowness and begin giving again.
- sometimes lose sight of our purpose on earth and the immense promise within us; we need to regain our vision.

And because we are also people who sometimes tend to put those things off, we need a special sort of official time to concentrate on doing them. **So we have Lent.**

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Next Weeks Readings

Next weekend Readings

Third SUNDAY OF LENT /A

1st Reading Exodus 17: 3-7

2nd Reading Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

Gospel - John 4:4-5, 19-26, 39-42

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