

LITURGY OF THE WORD  
Second Sunday of Lent Year A  
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*  
**R. Thanks be to God**

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

**Second Reading** 2 Tm 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*  
**R. Thanks be to God**

**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 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*  
**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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**REFLECTION** by Fr Michael Tate  
**Transfigured Bodysouls**

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.'  
Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus.  
Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, body soul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ? We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' - 'infinite joy in our hearts'.  
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**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT —YEAR A**

**A DIVINE BREAK THROUGH**

When Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, writes to an individual as distinct from writing to a community, he seems to me to reveal much more of the human affection he has for those he has chosen to be special co-workers.

In the lead up to the extract from his second letter to Timothy (1: 8b - 10) Paul writes:

*"I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now I am sure lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a gift of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline."*

How re-assuring is that? It needs to be because Timothy, like Paul, will be spreading the Good News of Jesus crucified. That implies suffering.

Matthew in today's Gospel (Matt 17: 1-9) places the story of Christ's Transfiguration six days after Jesus asked his disciples at Caesarea Philippi who they thought he was. When he got their answer he then told them that as God's anointed one he was going to suffer. When Peter objected Jesus rebuked him for **"setting his mind not on divine things but on human things."**

What happened over those six days we don't know, but we can speculate that the disciples would have discussed the incident among themselves. And almost certainly Jesus's rebuke of Peter. That Christ went up into the hills to pray was not unusual, but this time was different - he took with him an emerging leadership trio, Simon the Rock and James and John, the sons of thunder.

When the transfiguration of Jesus does occur and he converses with Moses and Elijah Peter blurts out: **"Lord it is good for us to be here; if you wish I will build three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."**

In a masterpiece of understatement Mark adds this.  
*"He (Peter) did not know what to say. They were so frightened."* It is easy for us, almost two thousand years later to say that Jesus was being confirmed in his mission by Moses the Liberator and Law Giver, and Elijah who prophesised it, but for Peter? His human instinct was to make this glorious moment permanent.  
Only the voice of God the Father cleared up the confusion.

**"This is my Son, the Beloved, with him I am well pleased. Listen to him."**

Like Timothy, most of us were born into our Christian faith, but that doesn't mean we will escape some form of suffering as we try to live Christian lives.

Like Peter, we may be given moments of great grace, but that doesn't guarantee that we won't make mistakes and have moments of cowardice.

May we never forget the inexhaustible mercy of the Loving Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ who suffered for us all. **Amen**

*Joe Quigley*

**Upcoming Events**

**Choir Practice  
Monday @ 1pm**

**Cenacle Prayer 9.30  
am Fridays after  
Mass, and 1st  
Saturday of the  
month @ 9.30am**

**ENJOY THE GOOD  
NEWS  
Resumes after Easter**

**Wrap With Love  
Tuesday 14th March  
10 am  
B/Bay Library**

**Craft Group  
Thursdays 10am**

**ADORATION  
TUESDAY @ 8AM**

**COFFEE CLUB  
Thursdays after  
Mass  
Venue: Corrigans  
Cove  
All are welcome**

**STATIONS OF THE  
CROSS & SOUP  
DINNER  
5.00PM FRIDAY  
during Lent**





## MASSES THIS WEEK

**Monday 6th March-  
Sunday 12th March**

**Monday 6th:** No Mass  
**Tuesday 7th:** Mass 9am  
Adoration: 8.00am  
**Wednesday 8th:** Mass 9am  
**Thursday 9th:** Mass 9am  
**Friday 10th:** Mass 9am  
5pm Stations of the Cross  
and Soup Dinner  
**Saturday 11th:** Vigil 6pm  
**Sunday 12th:** Mass 9am

### ROSTERS 4/5 MARCH Cleaning 6-10 March R & K Ison

### 11/12 MARCH Cleaning 13-17 March Favetta/O'Neill/ Nugent

**6.00PM MASS**  
Welcomer  
J Anderson  
Commentator:  
P O'Kelly  
Reader: M Bridges  
Eucharistic Ministers  
J Wain, M Devine  
Computer Screen  
K Conway

**6.00PM MASS**  
Welcomer:  
K Conway  
Commentator:  
D Robinson  
Reader: J Mackay  
Eucharistic  
Ministers  
M Weatherall,  
K Lovering  
Computer Screen  
J O'Sullivan

**9.00 AM MASS:**  
Welcomer  
J McClelland  
Commentator  
Volunteer  
Reader: A Skinner  
Eucharistic Ministers  
L Stevens C Schor  
Computer Screen  
T Jackson

**9.00 AM MASS:**  
Welcomer L Foran  
Commentator .  
N Beatty  
Reader: D Herring  
Eucharistic Ministers  
A Skinner A Scieluna  
Computer Screen  
T Priest.

**MORNING TEA:**  
N Beatty/M deSmet

**MORNING TEA:**  
M & C Lowe

## PARISH GALONG RETREAT

20-23 MARCH, 2023  
The cost for this retreat is:  
Shared Room \$130 pp per night  
Single Room \$150 per night  
**All rooms have ensuite**  
**Includes:** All meals and afternoon teas  
**CONTACT:** Rev Fr Joe Tran  
on 4476 2191



## LENTEN PROGRAM

**God is on the Journey too:**  
**All are welcome** to attend the  
**Lenten Program**

beginning on each  
**Wednesday February 22 – March 29** after  
the 9am Mass in the Church Meeting  
Room.

**Or you might like to join the Evening  
Lenten Group at 5pm** in the Church  
Meeting Room, contact Bernie Basevi: [m]0428 227 384

**Or join a zoom group** contact Phil Billington [m]0428 593 191

A good way to prepare with other like minded people for the  
Lenten Journey to Easter.  
We ask a \$5 donation for the booklet if you are able.

*Any enquires contact:  
Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057*

**Welcome to the children and  
their families as they make their  
commitment for First  
Reconciliation this weekend.**  
**As a parish we offer  
prayerful support for them on  
their journey of preparation**

### **Masses in Aged Care Facilities**

- Mass First Wed of Month @10-30am  
Denham's Beach Community Care  
(Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the Month @  
10-30am The Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of Month @  
2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of Month @  
2pm Maranatha Lodge

### **Used Stamps for the Mission work of the Sisters of St Joseph:**

If you have any  
used stamps  
please place them  
in the marked box  
in the foyer of the  
church so they  
can be collected  
by Desne.

These stamps  
help the  
Sisters in raising  
funds for their  
many projects.

**Aged Parishioners who belong to St. Bernard's need Visit and Holy Communion**  
Are you able to help once a month? We provide Pastoral Service to 5 Aged Care  
Facilities a total of 46 residents.

**They belong to our Faith Community and they need our outreach.**

I need the following once a month on a roster :

**2 PEOPLE PLEASE for Maranatha**

All resources and guidance given on 1:1.

Please consider this request.

Marie Weatherall [m] 0405 028 057.



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

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.**  
Together, we can help vulnerable communities  
face their challenges today and build a better  
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### **Remembering the Sick:**

Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Barry O'Neill Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Lola, Fr Kevin  
Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Antony and Andrew, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Femia and  
Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis  
Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn  
Robinson, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet  
Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, those in hospital and nursing  
homes.

**Death Anniversaries:** are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be  
added to it if dates are provided.

**We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:** David Coates, Christopher Horsfall,  
Dawn Millman, Mara Pranjic, Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinal George Pell, Michael Thornton, Barbara  
Mills, Travis Basevi, Judith Dewick, Flavia Clyburn, Nita Gorzalka, Michael Dove, Wayne Sing, Linda  
Russell, Ruby Swinton, Anna Backo, Lois White



## The Year of Walking Together

The Risen Lord walked to-  
gether with the disciples on  
the road to Emmaus, draw-  
ing them from anxiety to  
hope, from confusion to  
joy.

Jesus, centre of our  
common Emmaus walk,  
with You alone to guide  
us, make Your home in  
our hearts; as we pour  
"new wine into fresh  
wineskins" (Mk 2:22)

Like Mary, imbued by the  
Holy Spirit, may we give  
birth to a renewed faith and  
united pastoral action in this  
Archdiocese in the years  
ahead.

St Mary of the Cross, our Great  
Australian Intercessor, pray for  
us.

Mary, Mother of the Church,  
pray for us.

All Saints of  
God, who name  
and sanctify our  
parishes, pray for  
us. **Amen**

## Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

**MARCH**

### **For victims of abuse**

We pray for those who have  
suffered harm from members  
of the Church; may they find  
within the Church herself a  
concrete response to their  
pain and suffering.

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