

LITURGY OF THE WORD
The Transfiguration of the Lord
First Reading *Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14*
 A reading from the book of Daniel
His raiment was as white as snow.

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9. R. vv.1. 9.

(R.) The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, let all the coastlands be glad. Cloud and darkness are his raiment; his throne, justice and right.

2. The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth. The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory.

3. For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth exalted far above all spirits.

(R.) The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

Second Reading *2 Peter 1:16-19* A reading from the second letter of St Peter

We heard this voice from out of heaven.

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;

we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 17:5*

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him. Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 17:1-9*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

His face was shining 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, bodysoul, 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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THE TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD YEAR A

Upcoming Events

Choir Practice
 1PM Mondays

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

ENJOY THE GOOD NEWS
Wednesdays after 9am
Mass

Wrap With Love
Tuesday 8th August
10am BB Library. All are welcome

1st Eucharist Enrolment
Evening Wednesday 9th August @ 5pm

Craft Group Thursdays
10am

ADORATION TUESDAYS
@ 4pm

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

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
A LUMINOUS MYSTERY

Pope (now Saint) John Paul 2 in 2002 added five Luminous Mysteries to fill in the gap between the Infancy narratives of the Joyful Mysteries and the high points of Christ's suffering in the Sorrowful Mysteries. In his Apostolic Letter, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, (Rosary of the Virgin Mary) he wrote these words.

"From the Infancy and the hidden life in Nazareth to the public life of Jesus, our contemplation brings us to those mysteries which may be called **"mysteries of light"**. The whole life of Christ is a mystery of light. "I am the light of the world" Jesus said. "Whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness." (John 8: 12). This truth emerges in a special way during **the years of public life**, when Jesus proclaims the Gospel of the Kingdom.

In proposing to the Christian community five significant moments during Christ's life, I think that the following can fittingly be singled out: 1. **Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan**, 2. His self-manifestation at **The Wedding Feast of Cana**, 3. **The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God & its call for conversion**, 4. **The Transfiguration** and 5. **The Institution of the Eucharist.**"

For those of us who have seen Hollywood blockbuster movies of biblical proportions, e.g. Moses, The Ten Commandments, Noah, King of Kings, etc, **The Transfiguration** of Jesus on Mount Tabor as described by the three synoptic evangelists might seem tame. But we were not their target audience. Matthew in particular had mainly Jewish converts in mind. His account is replete with references to the Hebrew scriptures. And of course the presence of Moses the Lawgiver, who died c.1270 BC and Elijah the Prophet, who died c.850 BC. Yet Jesus converses with these two exalted figures of Jewish history as if they were fellow pilgrims on the road to Jerusalem. **Jesus is revealed as the Lord of Time and Space.**

Jesus presented a completely new phenomenon which the writers could describe only by using the Greek word, META-MORPHE -O = I CHANGE MY SHAPE. This word might apply to a chrysalis becoming a butterfly. It does not adequately describe what happened to Jesus, a man whose face now shone like the Sun and his clothing became dazzling white. What was happening on Mount Tabor was akin to what happened at the creation of the universe.

"God commanded, "Let there be light and light appeared." (Gen 1:3)

In a cloud above Mount Tabor the Father has some advice for Peter, James and John - and us. "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased. **Listen to him.**" (Matt 17: 5).

Jesus, the Son of Man, is confirmed by His Father as the Son of God. May Love and Light fill your soul every day of your life.

Joe Quigley



MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 7th August

Sunday 13th August

Monday 7th: No Mass

Tuesday 8th: Mass 5pm

Wednesday 9th: Mass 9am

Thursday 10th: Mass 9am

Friday 11th: Mass 9am

Saturday 12th: Mass 5pm

Reconciliation 3.30-4.30pm

Sunday 13th: Mass 9am

We welcome Fr Josh Scott to the Parish this week-end as he fills in for Fr Loi who is still recovering from his recent surgery.

Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am Denhams 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

ROSTERS

5/6 AUGUST

Cleaning
7-11 D & L May

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer: J Anderson
Commentator M Bridges
Reader: M Weatherall
Eucharistic Ministers J Lovering, M Devine
Computer Screen M O'Neill

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer M de Smet
Commentator B Basevi
Reader: D Herring
Eucharistic Ministers N & L Page
Computer Screen D May.

MORNING TEA:
Filipino Community

12/13 AUGUST

Cleaning
14-18 M deSmet/J Maher

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer: C Brownlie
Commentator D Robinson
Reader P Nolan
Eucharistic Ministers J Wain, B Maynard
Computer Screen J O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer L Foran
Commentator M Lowe
Reader: C Lowe.
Eucharistic Ministers S Beashel, L Stevens
Computer Screen T Jackson

MORNING TEA:
M Vidovic and Zdenka



Tuesday August 8th Feast Day of Mary MacKillop

We are inviting Parishioners to join us for a Reflection morning in the Church Meeting Room
Beginning with Morning Tea at 10am - 11-30am. Why not join us and celebrate our first Australian Saint's Feast Day.

GATHERING:

Bridging Aboriginal and Christian Spirituality

will take place on *Tuesday August 22nd*, 10am-3pm in the Church Meeting Room. **Guest Speaker**—Loretta Parsley, First Nation's Elder and facilitators Carolyn Evenden & Marie Weatherall.

COST: Free

Morning Tea is provided
BYO Pot Luck Lunch to share.
All are welcome.

Booking is Essential: by Tuesday August 15th
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PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Come along and join us for lunch and help us celebrate St Bernard's Feast Day

WHERE: St Bernard's Church
WHEN : Sunday 20th August

TIME : 11.30 am

An Aussie BBQ, and Philippino lunch will be provided, preceded by morning tea and coffee.

ALL PARISHIONERS, FAMILIES, AND FRIENDS

WELCOME !!!

A Gold Coin Donation would be appreciated

Please note: Mass on that Sunday will be commence at 10am instead of the usual 9am

ST MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE EDEN—19th AUGUST, 2023

For those Parishioners attending please put your name down on the list which can be found in the Church foyer if you are available to take a passenger/s with you in your vehicle or if you need a lift.

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fr Loi has requested that the PPC be reformed in our parish.

The PPC will be a body reflecting the life of the parish providing advice and support to Fr Loi.

In 2023 the PPC will be made up of the following:

- 1 rep from the Pastoral Care team**
- 1 rep from the Liturgy team**
- 1 rep from the Finance Committee**
- 1 rep from St Bernard's School**
- 1 rep from Carroll College**
- Parish Priest**
- PPC Chair.**

We are asking for 2 additional members from the parish to nominate to join the PPC. Their roles will be Social Justice Coordinator and Social Coordinator.

Meetings will be held once every 2 months and will last for 1 hour.

If you would like to nominate for one of the two roles above please give your name to Fr Loi before August 14 with the first meeting to be held in early September

Remembering the Sick:

Laurence Foran, Julie Morgan, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Trent Fisk, Carolyn Burns, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter 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, 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, 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: Julie McDonald, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Henry Thomas, Rosa Spano, Geza Markovits, Del Bateman, Kayleen Mortlock, Dan Quigley, Maree O'Brien, Rees De Winter, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Dante Pasqualin, Loretta Jones, Filomena Dela Torre, Christopher Horsfall, Dawn Millman, Mara Pranjic, Travis Basevi, Judith Dewick, Nita Gorzalka, Linda Russell



The Year of Walking Together

The Risen Lord walked together with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, drawing 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

AUGUST

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives..

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