

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Second Sunday of Lent Year B
First Reading
Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18
A reading from the book of Genesis
The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

God put Abraham to the test. ‘Abraham, Abraham,’ he called.’ Here I am’ he replied. ‘Take your son,’ God said ‘your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.’ When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. ‘Abraham, Abraham’ he said. ‘I am here’ he replied. ‘Do not raise your hand against the boy’ the angel said. ‘Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.’ Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. ‘I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.’
The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 115:10, 15-19, R. 114:9
(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.
1. I trusted, even when I said: ‘I am sorely afflicted.’ O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord’s name.
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.
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Second Reading Romans 8:31-34
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
God did not spare his own Son.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God’s right hand he stands and pleads for us.
The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation
See 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 Mark 9:2-10
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.
Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. ‘Rabbi,’ he said ‘it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.’ Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what ‘rising from the dead’ could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ
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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
Transfigured Bodysouls
St Thomas Aquinas famously said: ‘If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.’ And yet many Christians do think that our ultimate goal is, by the grace of God, to end up as souls in Heaven. No, I am a human being, bodysoul. If I am to be saved, then this stardust, this fraction of material creation, this earthling, needs to be immersed into Divine energy and light. The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ, especially as recounted in the other gospels, shows what happens when human nature is in total communion with God. Every molecule of his body was evidently pulsing with Divine energy and light. The amazing truth is that God ardently desires that each one of us should share in the transfigured life of Our Lord Jesus Christ. For this to occur, we must play our part, accepting that Jesus of Nazareth is indeed the Beloved Son of God, listen to him, and put into practice what we hear. We could take a moment to pray that after the “repose of the soul” after death, we may participate as bodysouls in the transfigured humanity of the Risen Lord.
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Password: 8Py80J
Every Wednesday & Friday @ 4pm
Every night @ 8.30pm



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SECOND SUNDAY
OF LENT
YEAR B

CHURCH EVENTS
Choir Practice
1PM Mondays
Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am
Fridays after Mass
Stations of the Cross
every Friday evening
until Easter @ 5.30pm
Bereavement Team
Meeting Saturday 24th
February 9.30-11.30
Parish Office
Wrap With Love
Wednesday 28th
February 1pm – CMR

Cuppa with Mary
MacKillop @ the home of
Margaret & John de Smet
Tues March 5th 10am
Enquiries: Margaret
0423 386 656. All
Welcome.

2nd Rite of
Reconciliation
Wednesday March 6th @
5pm

Anointing of the Sick
Mass Wednesday 6th
March @ 9am Mass

Craft Group 10am
Thursdays Church Meeting
Room

ADORATION TUESDAYS
@ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after Mass
Venue: Corrigans Cove



...LISTEN TO HIM...
Jesus revealed his oneness with humanity in all our weakness, by his Baptism in the River Jordan. On the mount of the Transfiguration, he revealed his oneness with God who proclaims ‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him’. It takes faith to listen to Jesus, who teaches that the path of life leads along the way of the Cross. But as Abraham learned, in the First Reading, if we put our faith in God our reward will be great. (St Paul’s Sunday Missal 2012)

The season of Lent invites us into a personal journey of looking within and listening to God lived in a community of Faith. Pope Francis reminded us at the beginning of Lent:

“The ashes placed on our head invite us to rediscover the secret of life. They tell us that as long as we continue to shield our hearts and hide ourselves behind a mask, to appear invincible, we will be empty and arid within. When, on the other hand, we have the courage to bow our heads in order to look within, we will discover the presence of God who loves us and has always loved us. At last, those shields you have built for yourself will be shattered and you will be able to feel yourself loved with an eternal love.” This is the inspiration of the Transfiguration - described as ‘a change in form or appearance into a more spiritual state’ – the invitation of Lent.

The Transfiguration is offered to us as a challenge to see beyond the immediate goals that we might have and reflect on the glory that awaits us... (Br Paul Creevey fms)

We live our lives of faith in the world...in our families, in our local community, in our Australian community and within the increasingly connected and interdependent global community. In a Lenten program which is personally valuable, the focus is on ‘Living in Harmony’ - a familiar theme but in the Lenten journey in a world that is increasingly rancorous, divisive and polarising, it is challenging us personally and communally to go more deeply into the faith dimensions of Harmony.

What are these fresh understandings?
‘There is a need for harmony... Harmony is a discipline. It has to be won, held, remade, revalued. At its best, it is built around the joyful playoff difference, a mutual love and respect, and a treasuring of other voices and ways. It builds trust and consensus. Harmony is a dynamic force, which enables a community to engage in action for change.’ We are invited to listen to the Lenten Gospels through the lens of the call for Harmony. In the Gospel on the Transfiguration and the First Reading when Abraham was ‘put to the test’, we learn that Harmony is strength in community – the community on the Mount united in trust in God’. (Gerard Moore)
‘Just as Abraham had to trust in God -who ultimately honoured that trust – we too must learn to trust that our future is in the hands of God’ (Br Paul Creevey fms)

As we journey during Lent are we willing to really encounter God, to trust in and listen to God so that we can grow into a deeper harmony in our faith community and in our world – being the living sign of God’s love.
Phil Billington



MASS THIS WEEK

Monday 26th February

Sunday 3rd March

Monday 26th: No Mass
Tuesday 27th: Mass 5pm
Adoration 4pm
Wednesday 28th: Mass 9am
Thursday 29th: Mass 9am
Friday 1st: Mass 9am
Saturday 2nd: Mass 6pm
Reconciliation 4.30-5.30pm
Sunday 3rd: Mass 9am

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

24/25 FEBRUARY

Cleaning

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O'Neill/Nugent

6.00PM MASS

Welcomer: C Brownlie
Commentator: S Ebejer
Reader: J Mackay
Eucharistic Minister
L Rodwell
Computer Screen
K Conway

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer L Foran
Commentator A Skinner
Reader: B Basevi.
Eucharistic Ministers S
Beashel
C Schor,
Computer Screen T
Priest.

MORNING TEA: M & C Lowe

COUNTERS: T & A Jackson

2/3 MARCH Cleaning

4-8 March D & L May

6.00PM MASS

Welcomer J Anderson
Commentator: P
O'Kelly
Reader: M Bridges
Eucharistic Ministers
J Wain,
Computer Screen J
O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer M de Smet
Commentator B Basevi
Reader: M Lowe
Eucharistic Ministers
K Corbin, C Lowe
Computer Screen D
May

MORNING TEA: COUNTERS: J. O'Sullivan G Norris

THE PARISH LENTEN PROGRAM will be run each Wednesday until Easter beginning on Wednesday 14th February in the Church Meeting Room @ **9.30 am-11am AFTER MASS**

(PLEASE NOTE) Evening Lenten Program has been cancelled due to no participants.

WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY
WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY
WEDNESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY
WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH
WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH
WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH

Enquiries: Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057

Stations of the Cross with Soup Dinner
Will be held each Friday evening until Easter
@ 5.30pm

February—Friday 16th & 23rd
March— Friday 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd



1st RECONCILIATION
COMMITMENT MASS
Saturday 24th February 6pm
Sunday 25th February
9am

Pastoral Care One Day Introductory Course

For those who would like to join the PC Team or those who would like to review their pastoral practice.
Saturday March 23rd from 9am – 4pm @ St Bernard's Parish Office.

Cost/Resources: Free
BYO Lunch. Booking essential: **RSVP March 19th.**

Enquiries: Marie W: 0405 028 057

Visitation and HC at the Manor

We Urgently need one person to visit and take HC to four of our Parishioners **once a month** after 9am Mass on a Sunday.
You would be on a roster with others. Beginning in February 2024.
All resources and guidance provided.

Enquiries:
Marie Weatherall [m] 0405 028 057

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian movement initiated by women. On one day a year it is an opportunity to set aside time to pray around a designated theme for the needs identified by the women of a specific county.
This year the focus is on Palestine.

The service will be held @ 10am on Friday 1st March at the Uniting Church in Batemans Bay. For further information contact Ruth Grace on 4471 5493



Ronita is 22. She lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines.

Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas local partners in the Philippines.

Through the FCJ, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child. After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter future for her whole family.

“I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself,” she said. “I feel hopeful for the future... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you.”

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.
You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

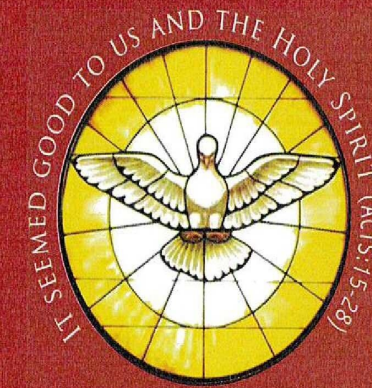
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Remembering the Sick:

Karen Nixon, John de Smet, Lynette Arundel, Kevin & Pat Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, 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, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Allan Odlum, 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: : Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel, Patricia McKeough, Ivan Trojkovic, Gerard Carew, Brian O'Connor, Annie Scicluna, Francis Bezzina, Paul O'Callaghan, Barbara Fogerty rsj, Carmen Morphet, Anne Dryden, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Shirley House, Vin Taylor, Fr Don Gunn, Krsto Jarnjevic, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Henry Thomas, Rosa Spano, Geza Markovits, Del Bateman, Kayleen Mortlock, M aree O'Brien, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Dante Pasqualin, Loretta Jones, Filomena Dela Torre, Christopher Horsfall, Dawn Miillman



YEAR OF THE Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light
of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts
of the faithful,
Grant that by the same
Holy Spirit we may be
truly wise and ever rejoice in his
consolations.
Through the same
Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

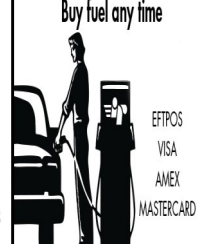
February: For the Terminally Ill

The Holy Father encourages prayers “so that terminally ill patients and their families always receive necessary medical and human care and support.”



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