

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
**Second Sunday of Lent Year C**  
**First Reading**

*Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18*

A reading from the book of Genesis

*God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.*

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

*The Word of the Lord*

**R. Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1*

**(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life before whom shall I shrink?

2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.'

3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek, hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help.

4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord!

**(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

**Second Reading**

*Philippians 3:17 - 4:1*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.*

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the

enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

*The Word of the Lord*

**R. Thanks be to God**

**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** *Luke 9:28-36*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, 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 he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

*The Gospel of the Lord*

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

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**REFLECTION by Nick Brodie**

Pope Francis draws our attention to Peter, James and John. Understandably weary, they were struggling against sleep and almost missed the Transfiguration entirely!

'The drowsiness of the three disciples appears to be a discordant note', the Pope muses. These three disciples later fall asleep at Gethsemane! 'This sleepiness in such important moments is surprising', the Pope remarks. In this regard, the apostles can help us think about Lent. 'It is a period', the Pope suggests, 'in which God wants to awaken us from our inner lethargy, from this sleepiness that does not let the Spirit express itself.' In their sleepiness these apostles make good role models for us. Despite their exhaustion, they remained open to the working of Grace. 'We might think', the Pope says, 'that it was the light of Jesus that reawakened them.' 'Like them, we too are in need of God's light,' the Pope affirms. And that light, he adds, 'makes us see things in a different way: it attracts us, it reawakens us, it reignites our desire and strength to pray, to look within ourselves, and to dedicate time to others.' We might sometimes feel sleepy, in faith as in work, but we can still be witnesses to the Transfiguration if we are really open to the light of Christ.

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**YEAR C**



**CHURCH EVENTS**

**Choir Practice**  
1PM Every second and fourth Monday

**Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am**  
Fridays after Mass

**Wrap with Love**  
Wednesday 26th March  
1-3pm CMR

**Lenten Program**  
Wednesdays after Mass  
5 March—9 April

**Parish Sacramental Program**  
**First Reconciliation 2025**  
**Yr 3 Sacramental Retreat**  
**Day Wednesday 26th**  
**March 9.-30—2.00pm**  
**Carroll College**  
**Family Catch-up afternoon**  
**with pizza Thursday 27th**  
**March @ 5pm Church**  
**Meeting Room**

**Craft Group 10am**  
**Thursdays Church**  
**Meeting Room**

**ADORATION TUESDAYS**  
**@ 4pm**

**COFFEE CLUB**  
**Thursdays after 9am**  
**Mass**  
**Venue: Corrigans Cove**

**NOTE FOR DIARY!!!**

**RECONCILIATION FOR THE WHOLE PARISH**  
**FOR EASTER**

**PLACE:** St Bernard's Church

**DATE:** TUESDAY 8TH April, 2025

**TIME:** 5.30PM (AFTER FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION)

**UNTIL AS LONG AS NEEDED**

**CONFESSORS:** FR REX CURRY

FR EDEN LANGLANDS

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**MASSES THIS WEEK**

**Monday 17th:—Sunday 23rd March**

**Monday 17th :** NO MASS

**Tuesday 18th:** Mass 5pm

**Wednesday 19th:** Mass 9am

**Thursday 20th:** NO MASS

**Friday 21st:** NO MASS

**Saturday 22nd:** Mass 5pm

Reconciliation 3.30-4.30

**Sunday 23rd:** Mass 9am

There WILL BE NO MASSES held this Thursday and Friday as Fr Rex will be away.

**ROSTERS**

**15/16 MARCH**  
**Cleaning**

17-21 Favetta/ O'Neill/  
Nugent

**5.00PM MASS**

Welcomer P Jobs  
Commentator M  
O'Neill  
Reader: S  
Ebejer Eucharistic  
Ministers  
K Lovering  
Computer Screen  
K Conway

**9.00 AM MASS:**

Welcomer M deSmet  
Commentator J  
O'Sullivan  
Reader: D Herring  
Eucharistic Ministers  
M & C Lowe  
Computer Screen T  
Jones.

**MORNING TEA:**

M & C Lowe

**COUNTERS:**

G Norris/J O'Sullivan

**22/23 MARCH**  
**Cleaning**

24//28 D & L May

**5.00PM MASS**

Welcomer K Conway  
Commentator: S  
Ebejer  
Reader: P Nolan  
Eucharistic Ministers  
N Buick  
Computer Screen  
D May

**9.00 AM MASS:**

Welcomer M Britt  
Commentator B Basevi  
Reader: LPage  
Eucharistic Ministers  
N Page, D Herring  
Computer Screen T  
Priest

**MORNING TEA:**

N Beatty/M deSmet

**COUNTERS:**

B Basevi/C Meade

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Parishioners are invited to attend the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent.

A soup dinner is served after the short service.  
The Stations of the Cross are held at 5.30pm each Friday.

**Starts 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**LENTEN GROUP**

Will be held after Mass on Wednesdays beginning March 5 Ash Wednesday—April 9  
Enquiries: Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057

**EASTER MUSIC PREPARATION**

In addition to our regular Monday practices, extra choir practice to prepare for Easter will take place at 1pm on Monday 17th March, Monday 31 March and Monday 7 April.

**New and previous singers....All welcome!!**

**CHURCH RUBBISH BINS**

Please ensure if you fill a green, red or yellow bin, make sure it goes out for collection on the appropriate day.

**TRANSPORT REQUIRED**

There is a lady in Batehaven who is unable to get to Mass on a Sunday due to limited mobility on hills.  
Is there anyone who could pick her up for Mass on Sunday?

Please let the Parish Office know if you are available  
Wednesday—Friday 4472 4153  
or batemansbay@cg.org.au

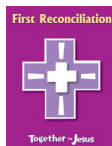
**RETURN OF HYMN BOOKS**

Please return all copies of **AS ONE VOICE VOLUME ONE**  
And **AS ONE VOICE VOLUME TWO**  
**AS ONE VOICE** Hymn books can be left on the organ stool  
Many thanks, Grace

**Parish Sacramental Program**  
**First Reconciliation 2025**

A reminder to families for key dates:  
Yr 3 Sacramental Retreat Day will be held on Wednesday 26th March at Carroll College 9.30-2.00pm

Catch-up afternoon with Pizza Thursday 27th March @  
5pm in the Church Meeting Room  
**BOOKLETS TO BE RETURNED**



**Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) is a 13-year-old primary school student from Samoa.  
Toefuata'iga's school community struggled without reliable access to clean water, which impacted students' education and hygiene. Teachers often had to leave the school to fetch water from nearby homes, disrupting lessons and adding strain to the community. When the water ran out at the school, students were sent home which meant they missed out on valuable learning time. Thanks to the support of Caritas Australia in partnership with Caritas Samoa, Toefuata'iga's school now has a 10,000 L water tank through a Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) program. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.  
*"Now that we have the water tank, things are so much better, we can stay at school all day, and I get to spend more time learning and playing with my friends. I'm happy that we don't have to go home early anymore."* – said Toefuata'iga.  
This transformative story is just one example of how Caritas Australia's Project

Compassion creates waves of change around the world. Will you stand with students like Toefuata'iga this Lent?



Envelopes available for donations or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

**Remembering the Sick:**

Jeanette Clarke, Margaret Priest, Chris Bowditch, Sheree Jackson, Brendan Blyton, Wendy & Pat Roberts, Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, Kevin Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Vince Burns, Patrick Burns, Carolyn Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, 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 Wick, Joe Quigley, Margaret Silversides, Patricia Totterdell, David Cowley, Joanne Rogers, Gerald Lewis, Josephine Beckhaus, Cyril Noyeaux, Frank Simic, Sr Paulinus Croker, Marion O'Grady, Patricia Suhl, Neil Leonard, Letitia Baz, Trent Fisk, Kevin Carew, Margaret Kelly, Arthur Hurrell, Vicki Lukasik, Paul Skinner, Suzanne Melton, James Quirk, Giovanni Menon, Tony Puconja, Hazel Nolan, Else McGahey, Richard Smart, Patrick Dunn, Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O'Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard, Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel, Patricia McKeough, Ivan Trojkovic, Brian O'Connor, Annie Scicluna, Francis Bezzina, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Vin Taylor

**The Jubilee Prayer**

Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our  
brother, and the flame  
of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your  
Kingdom.  
May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of  
the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within  
both humanity and the whole cosmos, in  
the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth, when,  
with the powers of Evil  
vanquished, your glory will shine  
eternally.  
May the grace of the  
Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of  
Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of  
heaven.  
May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our  
Redeemer  
throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.  
**Amen**

**Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions**

**MARCH**

**For families in crisis**

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences

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