



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.'

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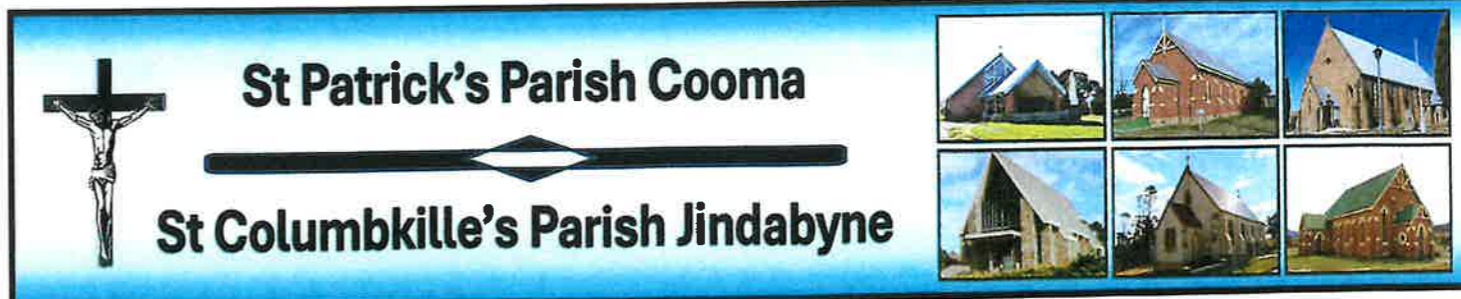
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Reflection by Greg Sunter

In all three versions of this Transfiguration event that appear in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, the context in which the event occurs is identical. That's a little unusual with these three gospel writers who like to put their own spin on events and often play with the chronology or settings of events. However, in this case, all three writers report the Transfiguration event as taking place immediately after a particular sequence of events. Jesus has asked the disciples who they think he is and Peter has made his confession of faith by declaring that Jesus is the Messiah. This declaration is followed by Jesus teaching about the demands of discipleship and then the account of the Transfiguration. Furthermore, all three versions are directly followed by an account of a man who brings his possessed son to Jesus for healing after the disciples have tried and failed to cast out the demon.

When all three of the synoptic gospels use the same story with little variation and all three retain the same context around the event then there are some pretty clear signals that this was a commonly accepted sequence of events and their sequence holds significance. The core message of this sequence of stories is about the faith of the disciples. Whilst Peter declares Jesus to be the Messiah, he and the others don't really yet know what this means. In the Transfiguration, they are given the clearest possible indication of Jesus' identity and yet they're confused and scared by what they witness. The following failure by the disciples to cast out a demon shows that they still haven't understood fully who and what Jesus is.

During this Lenten season, like the disciples, we are called to consider who Jesus is and what role he plays in our lives.



Second Sunday of Lent, Year A

1 March 2026

First Reading Gn 12:1-4

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.

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. *(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 Tm 1:8-10

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.

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

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



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Cooma
Mass Sunday 10am
Mass Tue, Thu & Fri 10am
Except 3rd Friday of month
Mass Yallambee Lodge 9.30am
Mass Hudson House Respect 11am
Jindabyne
Vigil Mass Saturday 5pm
Except 5th Sunday
LW&HC 5pm Saturday
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1st Sunday
Vigil Mass Saturday 3pm
All other Sundays
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2nd Sunday LW&HC 5pm
4th Sunday Mass 5pm

It was lovely to have Fr Daniel with us to celebrate Ash Wednesday Mass



With grateful hearts, we rejoice in the wonderful news that at Easter he will join the Monaro Mission as our Assistant Priest. As we journey forward in faith, we look forward to Fr Daniel walking beside Fr Mark, guiding and shepherding our parish with wisdom, compassion and the light of Christ.

WORLD DAY of PRAYER 2026

FRIDAY 6th March 2026
NIGERIA 'I will give you rest' Come'
meet Fr Daniel Ukpong our new assistant priest from Nigeria.
Will be hosted by the Catholic Church St Joseph's Berridale
10am Service followed by morning tea
All are invited and most Welcome

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The Third Sunday of Lent-Year A

First Reading: Ex 17: 3-7
Second Reading: Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8
Gospel: John 4: 5-42



LENT

PARISH CALENDAR

Week- 2 March 2026

MON -
TUE 10am Mass

WED Bombala Parish 9.30am
THU 10am Mass
FRI 10am Mass
6/3/26 6pm Stations of the Cross

2nd Sunday of the Month
Third SUNDAY of LENT'
SAT 3pm Delegate Mass
5pm Jindabyne Mass
5pm Bombala Mass

SUN 10am Cooma Mass

6th March 2026
Stations of the Cross
6pm Fridays during Lent

REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

We pray for those who have recently departed this life;

Tom Fitzgerald, Bruno Nosek, Peter Upton, Magid Sukkar, Luigi Giuliani

Anniversaries & Intentions

for those anniversaries is remembered at this time, and special prayers requested, may they be welcomed into the glory of the Risen Lord and rest in eternal peace. We pray to the Lord.

Harry Flanagan, Percy Gardiner, Seage family

"We have loved them in Life: Let us not forget them in death."



For the sick within our families, friends and parish community

and all who have asked for our prayers, may they be granted strength, comfort and healing.

We pray to the Lord.

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer



PRIEST: Like St Peter, we believe that "It is wonderful for us to be here" in the divine presence.

As brothers and sisters of Jesus we confidently bring our prayers to our God and Father.

COMMENTATOR:

* for our church leaders, especially the Pope. that their mission to proclaim God's Word to the world may always be inspired by the Spirit promised by Jesus.

We pray to the Lord.

* For all people who lack access to safe and reliable water, that they will be able to receive this basic necessity of life as a result of generous support for the Project Compassion campaign.

(Pause for silent prayer) We pray to the Lord.

* for all people who acknowledge Abraham as their Father in Faith: May all Abraham's descendants respect the mutual rights of others to follow the prophet in their journey to peace.

We pray to the Lord.

* for those millions of refugees and exiles who yearn for a return to their own promised land, especially the victims of recent wars in Ukraine, Afghanistan and Iraq who are now scattered in so many places throughout the world. May they be treated with justice, respect and hospitality from the authorities who influence their lives and their decisions.

We pray to the Lord

* For those who have died, that this season of reconciliation may renew our belief that life is changed, not ended, and we are to be raised up with them in Christ.

We pray to the Lord.

For peace everywhere, let us pray with Mary: Hail Mary.....

PRIEST: Loving God of creation, you revealed your beloved Son who enjoys your favour. Open us to listen to his word, and strengthen us to accept his call to take up the cross with him, so that we may be raised up to your eternal glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



The 2nd Sunday of Lent Year A reminds us that God is always leading us forward. Whether we are stepping into the unknown like Abram, seeing glimpses of Jesus' glory like the disciples, or holding onto hope in difficult times, we are never alone. Lent is a time to grow in faith, to listen more closely to Jesus, and to trust in God's plan. May we continue this journey with open hearts, knowing that He is with us every step of the way.



1 March 2026

SISILIA from TANZANIA

Sisilia, aged 13, lives with her mother and siblings in a remote village in northern Tanzania. Life has been difficult since her father passed away when she was a baby. "My mother does small farming and sometimes sells vegetables to get money. She supports the family on her own. We don't have a regular income because my father passed away many years ago. Life is hard, but we try our best," Sisilia said. She had to walk up to 30 minutes, three times a day, to fetch water from a dirty canal. The water was unsafe, causing frequent illness, and the long walks left Sisilia exhausted, fearful of wild animals and struggling to focus on her studies.

"I get very tired. Carrying heavy water containers every day after walking long distances is not easy. I was also getting piercing back pains. Sometimes I get home late and tired, and it's hard to focus on my homework or revise for exams." she said.

Lack of clean water is a major issue in Tanzania, where nearly 40% of people don't have access to basic drinking water services and 75% don't have access to basic sanitation services. (World Bank 2022).

With support from the A+ Successor Project, her school and village now have clean water taps. This means it takes Sisilia just two minutes to collect water from her house, reducing the risks she faced and giving her more time for learning. Access to safe water has also improved health, hygiene and nutrition for her school community. Teachers and students can drink clean water, maintain hygiene, and grow food in the school garden.

Sisilia has also joined a SWASH Club, where she learned about hygiene, sanitation, nutrition and child rights. She now confidently shares this knowledge with peers, parents and community members, even performing songs and demonstrations to promote good practices. This leadership has empowered her to advocate for children's education and wellbeing in her community.

Despite many hardships, Sisilia remains determined to succeed. Her favourite subjects are Science, English and Maths, and she dreams of becoming a pilot.

With the support of Caritas Australia, local communities are finding ways to respond to challenges with resilience and courage. Your generosity makes it possible to stand with them on this journey.