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Mass Times

Sat Evening: Mass: 6pm

Sunday: Mass: 7am, 9am

Tues - Sat: Morning Prayer & Rosary: 6:45am
Mass 7:30am

Confessions : 30 minutes before Mass

Confessions, Baptism & Marriage by appointment

25TH FEB 2024

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Transfigured in Glory

<https://mycatholic.life/books>

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Mark 9:2-3



The many teachings of Jesus were hard for many to accept. His command to love your enemies, to take up your cross and follow Him, to lay down your life for another, and His call to perfection were demanding, to say the least. So as a help for all of us to embrace the challenges of the Gospel, Jesus chose

Peter, James and John to receive a small vision of Who He truly is. He showed them a glimpse of His greatness and glory. And that image most certainly stayed with them and helped them every time they were tempted to get discouraged or despair over the holy demands our Lord placed upon them.

Recall that prior to the Transfiguration, Jesus taught His disciples that He would have to suffer and die and that they must also follow in His footsteps. So Jesus revealed to them a taste of His unimaginable glory. The glory and splendor of God is truly unimaginable. There is no way to comprehend His beauty, magnificence and splendor. Even in Heaven when we see Jesus face to face, we will eternally enter deeper and deeper into the incomprehensible mystery of God's glory.

Though we are not privileged to witness the image of His glory as these three Apostles were, their experience of this glory is given to us to ponder so that we will also receive the benefit of their experience. Since the glory and splendor of Christ is not just physical but also essentially a spiritual reality, He can give us a glimpse of His glory also. At times in life, Jesus will give us His consolation and instill within us a clear sense of Who He is. He will reveal to us through prayer a sense of Who He is, especially when we make the radical choice to follow Him without reserve. And though this may not be a daily experience, if you have ever received this gift by faith, then remind yourself of it when things get difficult in life.

Reflect, today, upon Jesus as He is now fully radiating His glory in Heaven. Recall that image whenever you find yourself tempted in life toward despair or doubt, or when you sense that Jesus simply wants too much of you. Remind yourself of Who Jesus truly is. Try to imagine what these Apostles saw and experienced. Allow their experience to become yours also,

so that you will be able to daily make the choice to follow our Lord wherever He leads.

My transfigured Lord, You are truly glorious in a way that is beyond my comprehension. Your glory and splendor are beyond what my imagination can ever comprehend. Help me to always keep the eyes of my heart upon You and to allow the image of Your Transfiguration to strengthen me when I'm tempted to despair. I love You, my Lord, and place all my hope in You. Jesus, I trust in You.

Praise of God - Saint Francis of Assisi

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**You are holy, Lord, the only God,
and Your deeds are wonderful.**

You are strong.

You are great.

You are the Most High.

You are Almighty.

You, Holy Father are King of heaven and earth.

You are Three and One, Lord God, all Good.

**You are Good, all Good, supreme Good,
Lord God, living and true.**

You are love. You are wisdom.

You are humility. You are endurance.

You are rest. You are peace.

You are joy and gladness.

You are justice and moderation.

You are all our riches, and You suffice for us.

You are beauty.

You are gentleness.

You are our protector.

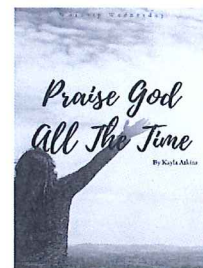
You are our guardian and defender.

You are our courage. You are our haven and our hope.

You are our faith, our great consolation.

You are our eternal life, Great and Wonderful Lord,

God Almighty, Merciful Saviour. Amen.





Feb/ March

Sun 25th Feb

Tue 27th Feb Legion of Mary @ 9:00am
DVD group @ 11:00am

Wed 28th Feb School Mass @ 9:00am

Fri 1st March Anointing of the sick @ 7:30 am Mass
Stations of the Cross @ 7:00pm

Sat 2nd March Confessions/Reconciliation @ 5:30pm

Liturgy Roster for 2nd / 3rd Feb 2024			
Mass	6:00pm	7:00am	9:00am
ACOLYTES	Nick De Luca	I Darch	M Knublely; C Anello
READERS:	N De Luca	L Pepi	V Hall
COMMS:	G Redolatti	A Greenfield	J Lim
SERVERS:	M Palermo; S Salamone		F & L Tarai
Counters	Team 7 - M Aye Aye, M D'Cunha		
Cleaners	M Hewitt		

Mass Remembrances/Anniversaries/Sp. Int.

RS=repose of the soul /TG=thanksgiving /SP=special intention

SAT 24-Feb 6:00 PMRS-Frederick Kerwin

SUN 25-Feb 7:00 AM RS-Rita D'Cunha

9:00 AM RS-Charles Martin/Regina

TUE 27-Feb 7:30 AM RS-Renel & Noellie

WED 28-Feb 9:00 AM

THU 29-Feb 7:30 AM TG -Joan Lobo

FRI 1-Mar 7:30 AM RS-Leslie Hewett & Trevor Rodrigues

SAT 2-Mar 7:30 AM RS-Holy Souls

6:00 PM RS-Holy Souls

SUN 3-Mar 7:00 AM

9:00 AM RS-Earl Daniels

TG- Margaret Daniels



Pray for :-

Those who are suffering in wars, in natural disasters, and in religious persecutions. Francisco Paterniti, Ventura

Ramos-Nunez, Maria Pacca, Geraldine O Sullivan, Ermelina Vescovo and Clara Pound.

A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,

During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.

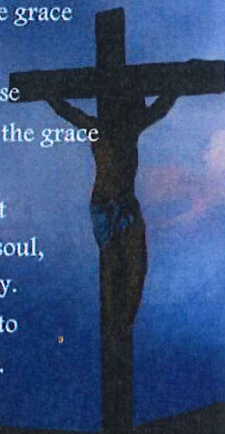
Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul, remind me of the grace and simplicity.

May this season be grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.

Amen.



This is the simplest and easiest way to pray without ceasing <https://aleteia.org/2024/02/20/>

If you thought praying without ceasing was difficult, you should try praying this prayer and discover how easy it is to never stop praying.

St. Paul in his letter to the Thessalonians challenges Christians to "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

Over the centuries there have been a variety of reactions to this challenge, such as the Liturgy of the Hours and the Jesus Prayer.

However, there is an even easier way to pray without ceasing that barely requires any memorization and does not need any prayer book.

Jesus

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains the simplest way to pray without ceasing in its section on prayer:

The invocation of the holy name of Jesus is the simplest way of praying always. When the holy name is repeated often by a humbly attentive heart, the prayer is not lost by heaping up empty phrases, but holds fast to the word and "brings forth fruit with patience." This prayer is possible "at all times" because it is not one occupation among others but the only occupation: that of loving God, which animates and transfigures every action in Christ Jesus. CCC 2668



All you need to do is say the name "Jesus" with prayer and love. No complicated formula prayers and no prayer books to worry about. Try praying Jesus' name throughout the rest of today and see what happens!

Psalm 51

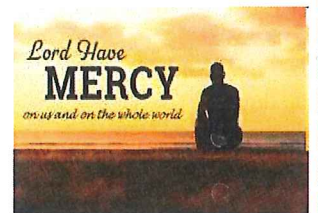
O loving and gracious God, have mercy.
Have pity upon me and take away the awful stain of my sin.
Oh, wash me, cleanse me from this guilt. Let me be pure again.
For I admit my shameful deed-it haunts me day and night.
It is a sin against You and Your infinite mercy.

Create in me a new, clean heart, O God.
Purify me and make me white as snow.
Cleanse my thoughts and desires.
Restore to me again the joy of your

salvation, and make me willing to obey you.

Jesus, have mercy on me.
Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.

Now do not be afraid of the glorious Sacrament of Reconciliation!



OUR PARISH FAMILY...



Second Sunday of Lent

24 & 25 February

After the birth of her children, 22-year-old Ronita was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

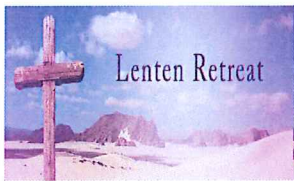
Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



**** Stations of the Cross with Benediction** during Lent every Friday @ 7:00pm, Acolytes who are serving at the weekend Masses are reminded to serve at the Stations.

**** Note-** School Mass next wed Feb 28 @ 9:00am, anointing of the sick next Fri March 1st during the 7:30 am Mass. Also, we have Benediction every Thur after 7:30am Mass.

**02 Mar - 04 Mar WEEKEND MARIAN LENTEN RETREAT



Join like-minded people on a Lenten Journey following Christ and listening to the Holy Spirit like Mary. The program will include talks, fellowship, prayer, and silence. This Schoenstatt spirituality retreat will begin on Sat 2 March, 9am and finish on Mon 4 March 2pm, Vincentian Retreat Centre, 625 Nettleton Rd, Karrakup. Cost: \$120 per participant. RSVP contact Sr M Luka, srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au or 0439 537 843;

** 16 Mar DAUGHTERS OF MARY - MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS

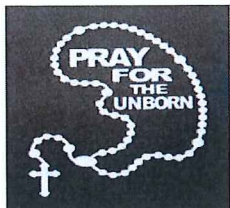
Girls aged 11+ and their mums are invited to join us at various locations in the Perth metropolitan area to journey together as mothers and daughters in relationship with Mary towards Christ. With Mary as our mother and educator we hope to be able to grow in her virtues to be daily followers of Christ. In all of our events mums and daughters are enabled to join with like-minded women and girls, and also grow in appreciation of one another. Saturday 16 March, 2.30pm to 4.30pm, All Saints Parish, Greenwood. Marissa Yang, peacefulspirit180@gmail.com 0448 966 998

**17 Mar GIRLS AFTERNOON IN LENT

Sun 17 March, 1.30pm to 4.30pm, girls aged 8-11 are invited to join a Lenten Get-together filled with faith and fun activities. Schoenstatt Shrine, 9 Talus Drive, Mount Richon. Please bring along a plate. \$5 per participant. RSVP Sr M Luka, srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au or 0439 537 843.

**HOLY WEEK RETREAT FOR WOMEN

On Palm Sunday, 11am to 3pm, women tertiary students, professionals, home makers and the young at heart are invited to begin Holy Week with prayer & silence, sharing and reflection. The program also includes lunch and afternoon tea. Schoenstatt Shrine, 9 Talus Drive, Mount Richon. Please bring along a plate. \$5 per participant. RSVP Sr M Luka at srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au or 0439 537 843.



Pregnancy Assistance would like to invite you to the Day of the Unborn Child Mass which will be celebrated by Bishop Don Sproston on **Saturday 9 March at 10am at St Mary's Cathedral.**

This Mass is a chance for you to mourn and honour all babies who are no longer with us but are loved and not forgotten. St John Paul tells us that when you have been through the tragedy of losing a child through abortion, the Church calls you back into its loving embrace, bringing you hope that your little one is safe with God and that you will be reconciled with both.

When you have lost a child through miscarriage, still birth or ectopic pregnancy this Mass will be celebrated for you also, to remember your beloved babies who will be forever in your heart.

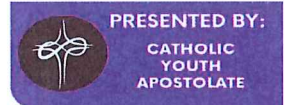
During the Mass you will have the opportunity to place a flower at the foot of the Altar in honour of all unborn children and specifically in remembrance of your own children who died prior to birth.



"HERE I AM, LORD"

MARCH 1ST - 2ND 2024
@ QUEEN OF APOSTLES
PARISH HALL

Join us for FAST 24 an annual Lenten rally, where we offer 24 hours to the Lord, fasting, praying, and journeying as a community.



Register via
catholicyouthapostolate.com/fast24
or the QR code:



GUEST SPEAKERS:
FR PHILLIP PERREAU
SALVATORE DE LUCA
ALINA BIJU

For more information contact
Hudson: 0466344269



The Living Word

Second Sunday of Lent, Year B

25 February 2024

First Reading Gn 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

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.'

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. (R.)
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. (R.)
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. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:31-34

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.

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.

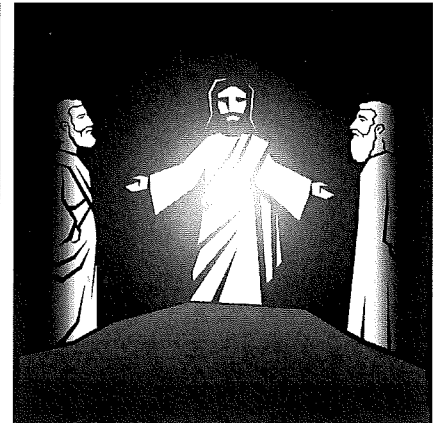
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Gospel Mk 9:2-10

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.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

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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Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.