



The Catholic Parish
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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The Pastor's Pen....

On the second Sunday of Lent in each Lectionary cycle, the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. This event is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels - Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This year, in Lectionary Cycle B, we hear Mark's report of this event. Continuing my Lenten focus on prayer and praying, this Gospel story is rich with insight for us.

The context for Mark's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew's and Luke's Gospel as they base their story on that of Mark. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his coming passion. After this, in each of these Gospels, there is also a discussion of the cost of discipleship.

In each case, Jesus takes three of his disciples - Peter, James, and John - to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospels, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus' passing will accomplish in Jerusalem.

Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received the Ten Commandments from God. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to God. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the Prophetic promises. It also tells us that Jesus is the fulfilment of all that God promised to the people of Israel.

On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed and that Peter's offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi/teacher instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to listen obediently to him. This voice from heaven recalls and amplifies the Divine voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death. The Prayer after Communion at Mass places our discipleship with that of those who witnessed Jesus Transfiguration:

As we receive these glorious mysteries, (in the Eucharist) we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still here on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Fr. Mark Percival. MA, PP.



Anointing Mass
10am Wednesday 28th February
St Joseph's Church



Mass for Forgiveness of Sins
7pm Wednesday 13th March
St Joseph's Church

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*Sacraments of Initiation Info Night
for Confirmation,
Holy Communion and Penance*

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM



The 2024-26 Sacraments of Initiation program run by the Catholic Parish of Corinda Graceville – is for all children who are baptised and will have turned 8 years of age by July 1, 2024, (usually Grade 3 children and above), regardless of which school they attend.

The premise under which this policy is implemented within our Parish, is about inviting children to complete their initiation into the Catholic faith as part of a parish based, school supported, family centred preparation program. *We will be working together as a team to continue your child's faith journey.*

An information night will be held at **6:30pm on Thursday 14th March 2024**, at **Christ the King Church**, Churchill Street, Graceville, **for parents and children who would like to find out more about the program** - Confirmation, Holy Communion and Penance - and the process for enrolling their child/children in the same. Important information regarding the program will be provided at this night, so at least one parent or guardian should attend so that you may be in the best possible position to make an informed decision on whether your family wish to commit to the program at this time. Children are encouraged to also attend so that they can check out the Catechesis Atrium that they will be attending.

We look forward to journeying alongside you all during this special season of preparation.

Melissa Lonergan, Sacramental Program Coordinator Corinda Graceville Parish



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 Australia's 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."

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**

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We pray for the good health, strength and healing of: Joan Armstrong, Ron Atkins, Shirley Baldwin, Carolyn Brooks, Joan Burgin, Jack Cain, Barbara Carmody, Bridie Carr, Kath Connole, Cath Dennis, Maureen Doherty, Mary Egan, Margaret Fernandez, Erica Finnimore, John Flynn, Neil Flynn, Nash Giles, Laurie Gillespie, Patrice Gillespie, Gregory Gould, Pam Harding, Margaret Hawser, Bob Healy, Myrna Healy, Una Hill, Ned Hiller, Mark Inmon, Maureen Inmon, Bevan Johnson, Fran Johnson, Charles Keating, Shelly Kelly, Annie Little, Fr Frank Lourigan, Nino Malissa, Monique Maltet, Neil McCormack, Damien Mollard, Julene Montgomery, Gabrielle Morgan, Adam Morrison, Monica Morrison, Donald Mortiss, Lorraine Neville, Tri Nguyen, Richard Niland, Jan O'Donoghue, Jimmy O'Keefe, Rita O'Keefe, Taavi Orupold, Emma Parer, Genevieve Parer, Jennifer Parer, Shelly Parer, Glenda Penna, Clive Punter, Dawn Punter, Mary Spandler, Sr Cyprian Thureson pbvm, Pauline Thureson, Thao Trinh, Sue Venderley, Rebecca Wallace, Nick Willemsen.

We remember and pray for all our parishioners living in aged care.

We pray for all who are suffering due to conflict, natural disaster and ill health.

May the recently deceased rest in peace: Fr Kevin Bates SM, Fay Norris, Fr Ian Wren, Fr Des Reid CSSp, Stephen Fox, Malcolm Hollingworth, Hai Tuan Vu, Phil Middleton, June Mitchell, Val O'Brien, Brian Devitt, Michael Struckett

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Joseph Pace, Cathy Rogers, Douglas Wode, Ronald Parker, Jullie McHugh, Mervyn Kalinowski, Madonna McCarthy

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather, the Yuggera and Turrbal peoples, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge the continued deep connection and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Thank you: to the Parish Choir who lead our music ministry at the Saturday evening Mass at St Joseph's this weekend.

Children's Liturgy: will be held at the 8am Mass at St Joseph's Corinda today, Sunday 25th February, then next weekend at the 9.30am Mass at Christ the King on Sunday 3rd March. The final Children's Liturgy for term 1 will be held at 8am on Sunday 10th March at St Joseph's Church. All primary school aged children, and those enrolling in the Sacramental Program are invited to attend.

Morning Tea: will be held after the 8am Mass at St Joseph's today Sunday 25th February. All are welcome to stay for some hospitality and a chat.

Anointing Mass: will be held at 10am this coming Wednesday 28th February at St Joseph's Church. All are welcome to attend this special Mass of Anointing during the season of Lent. A time of prayer, worship and healing as we journey towards Easter.

Choir Practice: will be held on Thursday 29th February at 7pm at St Joseph's Church Corinda. If you would like to sing at the Easter ceremonies please come along. New members are always welcome - please come to practice or contact Michael at the parish office.



The World Day of Prayer: in our area will be hosted this year by St David's Church, Chelmer Street East, Chelmer. Fr Nic and the parish community there are looking forward to welcoming us at 10 a.m. on Friday 1st March. Each year the women of a different country prepare the service - with hosts being selected several years ahead and preparing their prayer service well in advance, enabling printing and distribution of resources. This year, the ladies of Palestine prepared the service, well before the current war erupted. Now is a great time to come and pray for all those affected by the horror of this war, as we pray with and for them for peace. St David's congregation will provide a lovely morning tea to follow the prayer service, providing a great opportunity to socialise.

Youth Group: for grades 6 to 12 is held each Friday night of the school term from 6:30pm to 8.30pm (including dinner) in St Joseph's Hall Corinda. All young parishioners are invited to attend on Friday 1st March. Please contact Claire on 0490 202 194 if you wish to know more.

Stations of the Cross: will be held at 7pm on Friday 1st March at St Joseph's Church, and on every Friday evening during Lent. You are warmly invited to attend this prayerful devotion throughout the Season of Lent.



Closing date for First Holy Communion Enrolments: is Friday 1st March. If your child is in Year 4, or 9 years of age or older, and has already received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and you wish to register for the **Sacrament of Eucharist (First Holy Communion)** please contact Melissa, our Sacramental Coordinator, at the parish office or via sc.corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au to gain further information.

Liturgy Team Meeting: will be held at 10.00am on Saturday 2nd March at the Parish Office.

The Fijian Choir: will provide the music ministry at the 5.30pm Saturday Mass next weekend on 2nd March.

Practice for Easter Cantors: will be held at 2pm next Sunday afternoon 3rd March at St Joseph's Church.

Sausage Sizzle: All are invited to stay for some warm hospitality and friendship after the 6pm Sunday evening Mass at Christ the King next weekend Sunday 3rd March.

St Vincent de Paul: will meet at 8.30am on Friday 8th March at the Parish Office. New Vinnies members are always welcome to assist in our good works.

Mass for Forgiveness of Sins: Date Claimer: 7pm Wednesday 13th March at St Joseph's Church.

St Joseph's School Sponsored Mass: 5.30pm Saturday 16th March at St Joseph's Church.

Christ the King School Sponsored Mass: 9.30am Sunday 17th March at Christ the King Church

How to help your child understand the Mass: a workshop for Parents and Grandparents to help you to help your children and grandchildren to understand the beauty of the Mass. A wonderful opportunity to open up the meaning of the different elements of the Mass. Open to anyone to attend at 6.30pm on Thursday 21st March at the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Graceville. Please contact Melissa via sc.corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au to register your attendance.

RCIA: Please continue to pray for our Catechumens Jonathan, Eva and Jack and all of our candidates who will be fully initiated into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. If you are interested in the Catholic faith and feel a desire for the Sacraments of the Church please speak to Father Mark, Malia or contact the parish office for a chat.

Parish Calendars for 2024: are still available in the Perspex holders at the doors of the Churches.



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WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Wednesday 10.00 am St Joseph's - Anointing Mass

Thursday 9.00 am St Joseph's - Mass

Friday 9.30 am Christ the King - Mass

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5.30 pm St Joseph's

Sunday 8.00 am St Joseph's

9.30 am Christ the King

6.00 pm Christ the King

DEVOTIONS

Friday 7.00 pm St Joseph's - Stations of the Cross

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 4.30 pm – 5.00 pm St Joseph's

Other times by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism for Children is celebrated by appointment on the following Sundays of the month

2nd Sunday 11.00 am St Joseph's

4th Sunday 11.00 am Christ the King

All enquiries to the Parish Office

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Printed so that users may pray daily the Liturgical Prayer of the Church)

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

SUN, 25 MAR SECOND SUNDAY of LENT
Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10

MON, 26 FEB Dan 9:4-10; Lk 6:36-38

TUE, 27 FEB St Gregory of Narek, abbot, doctor of the church
- *Optional Memorial*
Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

WED, 28 FEB Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

THU, 29 FEB Jer 17:5-10; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

FRI, 1 MAR Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
(Autumn Ember Day - Special Day of Prayer and Penance)

SAT, 2 MAR Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

SUN, 3 MAR THIRD SUNDAY of LENT
Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Liturgy in Focus Lecture and Discussion Series Fr Richard Leonard SJ

"Living Liturgy: Being Sent Out on Mission to the World"

*Nourished by word and sacrament at our weekly Eucharist,
the gathered community is sent out to live and proclaim our faith,
hope and love in Christ.*

What does the world look like to which we are sent?

*What liturgy might enable us to reclaim a missionary energy that is
hospitable, bold, inclusive and Catholic?*

Wednesday, 13 March 2024

7.00pm to 8.45pm

**Hanly Room beside the Cathedral of St Stephen
(parking available via Charlotte Street)**

60 minute presentation, 20 minute tea/coffee/chat,
20 minute Q&A

\$10 per individual or \$8 per ticket for bookings of 5 or more.
Contact the Parish Office to register.

Jesuit priest Richard Leonard has degrees in arts and education, as well as a Master's degree in theology. Fr Richard did graduate studies at the London Film School and has a PhD from the University of Melbourne. He directed the Australian Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting for 22 years. Dr Leonard is an Honorary Fellow of the Australian Catholic University and has been a visiting scholar within the School of Theatre, Film & Television at UCLA and a Visiting Professor at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. Fr Richard has lectured on faith and culture all over the world. He is presently the parish priest of North Sydney. Fr Richard has been published in America Magazine, Eureka Street, US Catholics, is regular columnist with The London Tablet and is often on ABC Radio. He is the author of 13 books.

HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

GATHERING: "BEYOND THE DAYS"

Refrain: Beyond the days of hope and myst'ry
we see a light of faith renewed,
and in our longing we thirst for guidance
to walk with you day by day.



3. In your hands, O God, we feel the touch of your guidance.
Keep us safe in your care: may your gentleness be there.

4. On our Lenten path we see the dawn of a new day.
Be our vision of hope; be the promise of our lives.

PENITENTIAL ACT: "THE CONFITEOR"

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

[And, striking their breast, they say:]

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

[Then they continue:]

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (8.00 am MASS): "DISMISSAL FOR CHILDREN"

We send you now to hear God's word; God's message just for you.
Walk with Jesus by your side in ev'ry-thing you do.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: "PSALM 116: I WILL WALK IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD"



I will walk be-fore the Lord, in the land of the liv - ing.

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "MASS SHALOM"

Refrain: Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus;
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ!

PREPARATION OF GIFTS: Saturday 5.30pm "IF GOD IS FOR US"

Refrain: If God is for us, who can be against,
If the Spirit of God has set us free.
If God is for us, who can be against,
If the Spirit of God has set us free.

1. I know that nothing in this world can ever take us from His love.
2. Nothing can take us from His love, poured out in Jesus the Lord.
3. And nothing present or to come, can ever take us from His love.
4. I know that neither death nor life, can ever take us from His love.

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