

KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

St Augustine's-Kyabram ~ St Patrick's-Tongala ~ St Sebastian's-Merrigum

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Second Sunday of Lent

5 March 2023



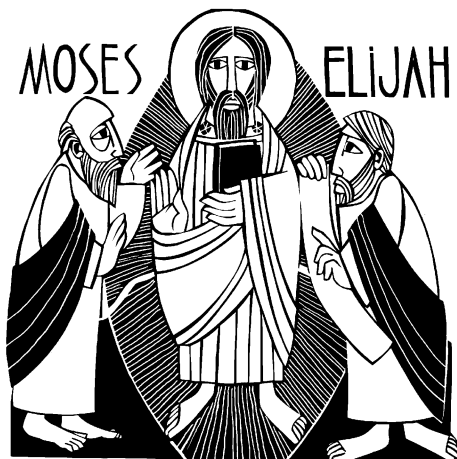
Readings for this week:

Genesis 12:1-4
2 Timothy 1:8-10
Matthew 17:1-9



Readings for next Sunday:

Exodus 17:3-7
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42



Liturgical Jottings

Lenten Lectionary Cycle A

The second Sunday has the same gospel story in all three cycles, the transfiguration of Jesus, which points to the glory of a life in Christ beyond the cross and death.

Beginning with the third Sunday in Cycle A, the ancient baptismal pericopes from John dominate the liturgies for three weeks. On the third Sunday, the story of Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman is centred on the "living water" which Jesus gives for eternal life. The story of the man born blind and healed by Jesus is the focus of the fourth Sunday, a baptismal story dependent on the early church understanding of baptism as enlightenment. The fifth Sunday uses the gospel of the raising of Lazarus, a reading with a rich historical background of its own and one that holds out to all Christians the ultimate goal of life with Christ after death.

Lizette Larson-Miller from The New Dictionary of Sacramental Worship, (Collegeville, TLP 2000)

Looking at the Readings

The first reading is a turning point in the Book of Genesis. From pre-history about reflections on the origins of the universe, humankind and sin, Chapter 12 turns to the beginning of salvation history with Abraham, his descendents and covenant with God. From sinners accursed (Gen 3:14, 3:17, 4:11, 8:21) to Abraham being blessed by God, and extending the blessing, "All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you." God's continues to bless his people in Paul's second letter to Timothy.

The Transfiguration of Jesus has its own feast day on 6 August, but the gospel account of this event is also read on the Second Sunday of Lent. The ascent of the mountain that the disciples made to be able to witness the glorification of the Lord provides a specific meaning to our Lenten journey. We, too, must journey from Mount Tabor to Mount Calvary. A journey to renew our faith and hope in the Lord in his suffering, death, resurrection and final glory into heaven.

Quote for the Week

God places us in the world as his fellow workers-agents of transfiguration. We work with God so that injustice is transfigured into justice, so there will be more compassion and caring, that there will be more laughter and joy, that there will be more togetherness in God's world. *Desmond Tutu*

Pope Francis' Lenten Message 2023

The Gospel of the Transfiguration is proclaimed every year on the Second Sunday of Lent. During this liturgical season, the Lord takes us with him to a place apart. While our ordinary commitments compel us to remain in our usual places and our often repetitive and sometimes boring routines, during Lent we are invited to ascend "a high mountain" in the company of Jesus and to live a particular experience of spiritual discipline – *ascesis* – as God's holy people.

Prayer for the Day

Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress. *(Introit)*

On the Lighter Side

This time last year I heard that some young people restricted their use of social media during Lent, this year I overheard: "I giving up spreadsheets for forty days." His friend replied: "Excel Lent!"

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Second Sunday of Lent 4 & 5 March

Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. Through the Baabayn Young Mums and Bubs Group, Tereesa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023

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/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

TIMES & ROSTERS

Saturday 11th March at 6pm Mass

Commentator – M Radanov

Lector – W Mulcahy

Special Minister- C Stewart

Sunday 12th March at 8.30am

Commentator – V Fox

Lector – T Hehir

Special Minister-A Ryan

Sunday 19th March at 8.30am

Commentator – M Carver

Lector – N Watt

Special Minister – M. Di Petta

Sandhurst World Youth Day Pilgrimage for Young Adults:

Come and join the Sandhurst Young Adults Pilgrimage to Lisbon, Portugal for the 2023 World Youth Day celebrations!!! A group of 18–35-year-olds (post school age) from our Diocese will be journeying together for 2 weeks as we join young people from around the world to celebrate our faith. The pilgrimage will include attending the WYD Vigil and final Mass with the Pope, a day trip to Fatima, and a post-WYD retreat in Avila, Spain. We're really excited about the pilgrimage and hope you are too!! Expressions of Interest close March 10th.

To help young adults get to WYD, the Diocese are offering financial sponsorships to help cover part of the cost of the pilgrimage.

For more information head to sandhurstwyd.com or get in touch with the pilgrimage coordinator, Ruth Lawlor (ruth.lawlor@sandhurst.catholic.org.au), for more information.

Who: Young Adults from Sandhurst, ages 18-35 (post-school age) When: 29th July – 11th August 2023.

Fr Jackson Saunders has been appointed as Chaplain for the Sandhurst World Youth Day.

WELCOME BACK We welcome the return of Fr John to our Parish after his visit back to India, and trust that he had a wonderful time with family and friends.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity and support for our Parish. May God bless you always. Last week's Collection is **\$819.50**

BULLETIN ADVERTISING

We are once again considering if any business would be interested in advertising in our Parish bulletin, website.

The costs are **Ad (5x6cm)**

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Sick: Philip Bowman, Ainsley Lane, Sam Peyton, Kadya Mitchell-Treacy, Shane McDonnell, Samantha Kurilic, Trevor Peters

Recently Deceased: John Georgiou, Lee Chant

Anniversaries:

(Please email the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list)



FORTNIGHT TIME TABLE

Mon 6th March
Tues 7th March - 4.45pm Rosary. 5.00pm Mass, Stations of the cross following Mass.

Wed 8th March,
Thurs 9th March - Mass 9.15am for Year 9
Fri 10th March

Weekend Masses

Sat 11th March -6.00pm Harvest Mass and Parish Gathering.
Sun 12th March - Mass 8:30am.

Mon 13th March
Tues 14th March -4.45pm Rosary; 5.00pm Mass. Stations of the cross following Mass.

Wed 15th March,
Thurs 16th March - Mass 9.15am Year 1/2 and year 8
Parish Partnership Luncheon 12.55-1.45

Fri 17th March

Weekend Masses

Sat 18th March- No Mass
Sun 19th March - Mass 8:30am. Merrigum 12 noon

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Mass Times

Kyabram

Week Day Masses (Tuesday and Thursday):
see Diary Dates
Saturday (2nd and 4th Saturday of the month):
6.00pm
Sunday: 8.30am

Tongala

First Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

Third Sunday of month 12.00 noon

Reconciliation – Second Saturday of the month
at 5.30pm (before 6pm Mass) in St Aug's
Church Kyabram.

Mass of Anointing is held the first Thursday of
the month at 10.00am in St Augustine's
Church.

PARISH GATHERING TO CELEBRATE AND GIVE THANKS FOR THE HARVEST

will be held Saturday, **11th March**. In Jesus' day, the Jewish people celebrated the "Feast of Ingathering" or the "Feast of Tabernacles". Everyone shared from their harvest, and goods were collected for the poor. St Augustine's Parish will again celebrate the harvest with the same sense of joy and sharing on Saturday 11th March. We invite all farmers, crops growers, orchardists, winegrowers, home gardeners and cooks, to bring from their produce on that day – for the produce swapping table. Let us also share abundance with those in need; we encourage people to bring a non-perishable item in a can, jar or packet, of something produced in our area. On the day, donors can bring these items to the altar in the entry procession for the St Vincent DePaul Society baskets. We also ask people to bring a plate to share for supper following Mass.

NEW ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

On behalf of Fr John Paul, it is our pleasure to announce the appointment of Vicki Arnell as our new Parish Administration Officer. Vicki will commence working for the parish on Tuesday, 7th March. Please introduce yourselves and make her feel welcome. Wayne Mulcahy, Chair; PFC and Alana Brennan, Chair; PPC

CHILD SAFE PARISH

We are a Child Safe Parish, we have a zero tolerance for child abuse and aim to provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment to all visiting children, young persons and vulnerable adults. If you are concerned for any form of abuse that is immediate you should call 000; a significant risk or harm, whether or not you have formed this belief on reasonable grounds, you should immediately raise your concerns with the Parish Child safety officer Finola Price on 03 58521310.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As we come to worship, we remember the Yorta Yorta & Bangerang People the original custodians of this land. We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with deep respect. May the Elders, past and present, be blessed and honoured. May we join together and build a future based on compassion, justice, faith and reconciliation.

Breaking Open the Word

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.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

TRUSTING THE PROMISE

At the beginning of Lent, it is not uncommon for people to feel discouraged or dissatisfied. Another year has come and gone and there is still much to be done as we get our spiritual house in order. Today's readings converge as they give reasons not to lose heart in God or, perhaps more importantly, in ourselves because we are loved by God. Abraham and Sarah were prepared to set out on the greatest adventure of their lives in their old age. Such willingness to trust in God's promises, despite the difficulties that lie before us, is at the very heart of the life of faith.

Prior to setting out for his final journey to Jerusalem, Jesus instructed the disciples that a brutal death awaited him. They were discouraged and bewildered, fearful both for Jesus and themselves. In the midst of this Jesus takes some of them aside and goes up the mountain and is transfigured before them. Their fear is now replaced by terror, but Jesus comes and touches them, encouraging and empowering them for the road that lies ahead. In a similar fashion, the second letter to Timothy invites him not to be disheartened by the challenges and difficulties that beset him. God's grace and power have already been poured freely into our hearts. Since this is the case there is no need to be disheartened or fearful. Jesus' death has already won the victory, all that is needed is for us to take heart and trust in the new life that has been promised to us.

Christopher Monaghan CP

THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / A

5 MARCH 2023

FIRST READING Gen 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis
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.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP 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.

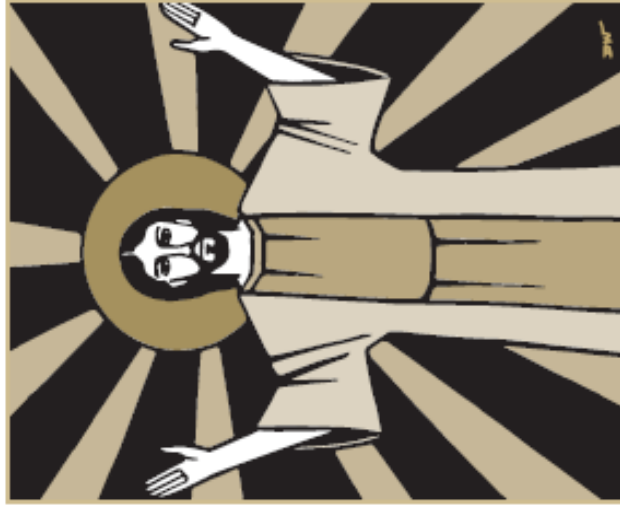
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. / The Lord
is our help and our shield. / May your love be
upon us, O Lord, / as we place all our hope in
you. R.

SECOND READING 2 Tim 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to Timothy

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.

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 became as white as the

PILGRIMAGE IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL THROUGH GREECE AND TURKEY

11-23 SEPTEMBER 2023

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