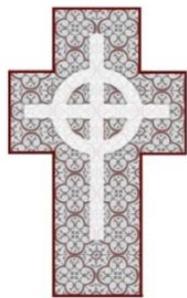


MASS TIMES

9am Friday
8am Sunday

RECONCILIATION

7:45am Sunday
or by appointment



ST LUKE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

Parish Priest Monsignor Peter Meneely VG
Rev Deacon Peter Pellicaan

Second Sunday of Lent, Year A

8 March 2020

FIRST READING

Genesis 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

Psalm 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 Timothy 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

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

Matthew 17:1-9

His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter, James, and his brother John 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 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.'

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Transfigured Bodysouls

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body, which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.'

Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus.

Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ? We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'.

Lent is a time of restraint and simplicity in the life of the Church. It is recommended that music is kept to a minimum.

On Sunday we will acknowledge the Lenten solemnity by omitting the Recessional Hymn. This will encourage us all to leave the Church reflectively, in the spirit of Lent.



ENTRANCE

212 Come As You Are

Come as you are, that how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven;
Come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits.
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away shamed and disheartened.
Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by my promise,
Why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are, that's how I love you.
Come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change the love that I bear you.
All will be well, just come as you are.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

411 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Holy God, we praise your name!
Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your power proclaim,
All in heaven above adore you.
Boundless is your vast domain,
Everlasting is your reign.

Hear the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim
In unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord!

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name you;
While in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim you;
And adoring bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.

OFFERTORY

424 Holy Father, God of Might

Holy Father, God of Might,
Throned amid the hosts of light,
Take our life, our strength, our love,
King of earth and heaven above.

Hear the songs your people raise,
Songs of joyful thanks and praise,
Calling all created things
To adore you, King of kings.

Christ, be with us as we go,
Let this blind world see and know,
Burning in our lives, the sight
Of its only saving light.

So all men will bless your name,
And your kingship all proclaim
Praising with the heavenly host
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

NOTICES

Easter Mass Times

Holy Thursday

9 April (Vigil Mass 5pm)

Good Friday

10 April (Passion of the Lord 3pm)

Easter Sunday

12 April (Mass 8am)

We are called to be disciples of Christ!

Could this be your Ministry?

Centacare's Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care (CPPC) is seeking Catholics with the ability to relate personally and spiritually to those suffering from mental illness.

Their volunteer training course (*provided cost free*) runs each Wednesday 9:00am – 3.30pm, from 6 May to 27 November 2020.

Upon graduating, the Pastoral Carers give a voluntary commitment of 8 hours per week.

Applications close Friday, 17 April 2020.

Written applications can be sent to: Fr Jim Smith,
58 Morgan Street,

Fortitude Valley QLD 4006 Telephone: 07 3252 5461

Email: cppc@bne.catholic.net.au

Website: www.cppc.net.au

Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Invites you to the annual

Chrism Mass

Thursday 2 April at 7pm

The Cathedral of St Stephen

All Welcome



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THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Available from the church this weekend for \$2

This week's edition includes:

- Josephite Sister Moya Campbell is packing her bags for the land of the long white cloud after nearly six years as Brisbane archdiocese's Vicar for Religious.
- Active Refugee and Migrant Integration in Australia, an initiative of Sunnybank parishioner Protais Muhirwa, celebrated its fifth anniversary.
- Inspired by memories from a childhood play in Herberton, Beverley Cains has written a play of her own about Our Lady of Fatima.

CALL FOR CAST & CREW

The Iona Passion Play is looking for potential apostles, Pharisees, crowd members and a Roman army! This year the play will be performed at Iona College Performing Arts Complex, on the 4th and 10th of April. If you are interested in being a member of the cast and crew (*all ages welcome – no experience necessary*), please visit the website www.passionplay.org.au or contact the coordinators at info@ipp.org for further information.

SAINT OF THE WEEK – St John of God



St John of God was originally a soldier who fought for Spain against the French and the Turks. Around the age of forty, he repented his former life and converted to a life of service to God. In 1539, he bought a house and gave shelter and care to the sick and needy. After his death, John's followers formed a Religious Order of hospitalers, the Brothers of St John of God. He is the patron saint of nurses, hospitals and the sick.

THE ORDER OF MASS

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

PENITENTIAL ACT

*Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our
sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred
mysteries.*

**I confess to you 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,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault (*striking the breast*)
therefore I ask the blessed Mary ever-virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

*May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.*

GLORIA (when spoken)

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (*all bow*)
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated
at the right hand of God the Father almighty,
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. **Amen.**

AFTER THE PREFACE

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

1. We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection,
until you come again.

OR: 2. When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

OR: 3. Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

*The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
May almighty God bless you
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
Go forth, the Mass is ended.
Thanks be to God*