

2nd Sunday of Lent - Year A 7th - 8th 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 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

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.

Second Reading: 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.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Ps 19:8-11

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved son, hear him.

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Gospel: Matthew 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 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Every Lent the Transfiguration is given to us as a sign that we are invited to be changed, transformed and transfigured. Perhaps too often we look at the transfiguration as something that happened only to Jesus, forgetting that our Lord Himself invites all of us to be changed, transformed and transfigured in the same way, allowing the divine to shine forth through us.



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“The Earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship.”

Pope John Paul II

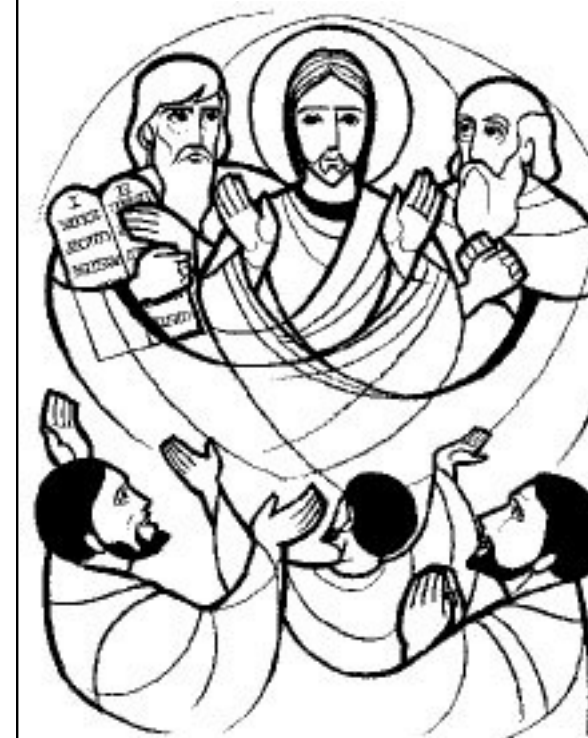
The transfiguration in the Gospel readings today describes a dazzling transformation. The witness of which had a profound impact on Peter, James and John. The transfiguration renewed their vision and they felt compelled to perpetuate the experience by remaining high on the mountain. Jesus encouraged them to continue their journey. From a mountain you can see the landscape from a different perspective, noticing landmarks which may not have been clear from below.

Often climbing the mountains in our own lives; overcoming challenges, offers us an opportunity for a new perspective, a clearer vision. Much like Peter, James and John, when we behold the divinity of Jesus, our view is expanded, so that we can now see in a different way. This doesn't deny the circumstances of our life or world, rather it shows us that in the midst of these circumstances, there is life, hope and each other. This is what allows us to endure, face and respond to the needs of our world.

Phany who lives in rural Cambodia, undertook an opportunity that transformed her own perspective. Struggling to earn a living as a rice farmer, her family experienced food scarcity and she was forced to leave her young daughter behind to take up construction work in the city. Through a Caritas Australia supported program, Phany learnt a range of different farming techniques and small business skills so that she could generate a reliable income for herself and her family. Now Phany is reunited with her daughter because she can make a living in her home village. She now has

enough food and income to support her family and send her daughter to school. These new skills also benefited Phany's neighbours through better management of water and the sharing of farming skills which has improved the wellbeing of the whole community. Do you need to change your perspective so together we can go further, recognising that our responsibility for others goes beyond our immediate community?

Twenty-seven-year-old Phany was a struggling farmer and was forced to leave her daughter to take up construction work in the city. Her life has been transformed since joining a Caritas supported program, learning crop growing skills and better water management, to combat drought.



Office Hours:

Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

Parish Priest:

Fr Jan Szweda, SVD

Priest in Residence:

Fr Ennio Mantovani SVD

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School Principal: Mark Tierney

School Phone: 9487 1001

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Ylenia Useli

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Child Safety Officers:

Kay Dufty: 0431 376 212 and

Robert Dullard: 0433 401 958

Child Safety Committee:

Robert Dullard (Chair)

Parish Council Members:

Catherine Zanatta (chairperson),

Kay Dufty (secretary), Tony Eley,

Gerard Grant, Ophelia Swai,

Anisasio (Pauline) Veamatahau,

Mark Tierney, Ben Fortuna, Solo-

mon Konchakara, Natalie Baran

Parish Finance Committee:

Peter Constable (Chair)

0425 779 831

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

Pauline O'Day (President)

Ph: 9484 2445

Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am (Italian),

10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 9.10am

Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of

the month at 1.30pm

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament: Wednesday after

9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday (English)

Legion of Mary: Thursday

7.30pm, in the Presbytery


Reconciliation:

Weekdays: 30 minutes before

Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

Project Compassion 2020  **Caritas AUSTRALIA**
Go further together is the theme for this year's Project Compassion, which was officially launched on Tuesday at Catholic Regional College in Caroline Springs. Every year, millions of Australians take part in Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal, standing in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. Envelopes and boxes for your Lenten donations are in the church foyer. Take one and return it in April. Your donations are tax deductible. Just fill in the necessary information.

Update on Coronavirus Prevention 6th March 2020
 The following prevention measures should be communicated to the Catholic Community in the Archdiocese of Melbourne:
Holy Water: Holy Water should be temporarily be removed from stoups at the doors of the church. Holy Water should continue to be available for people to take home.
Sign of Peace: When exchanging the Sign of Peace, individuals should avoid shaking hands but encouraged to say "Peace be with you" and offer a smile, nod, wave or bow.
Holy Communion: All Ministers of Holy Communion should particular care to wash their hands before and after distribution
 Parish should cease distributing Holy Communion from the Chalice until further notice.
 It is recommended that the Body of Christ only be administered in the hand.
 Ministers should seek to avoid contact with the communicant's hand.

Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2020
 can be accessed online at:
[Pope Francis' Lenten Message 2020](#)

Dates to Remember
All Fridays during Lent: Stations of the Cross - 7pm
Sunday, 15th March: Children's Liturgy - 10.30am
Sunday, 15th March: 10.30am - Commitment Mass for children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Welcome!
 This weekend through Baptism we welcome
Alessandra Maria Francesca Ferella
 into our Parish family



Sacred Heart Parish Prayer
Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Sacred Heart Primary School Enrolments
 Enrolments for the 2021 school year are open. For a school tour, contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website: <http://www.shpreston.catholic.edu.au>
Open Day: Thursday 19th March at 9.30am – 11.00am and 12.00pm – 1.30pm

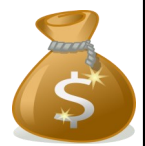
Sacramental Program for 2020
Reconciliation
 Commitment Mass: 15th March
 Celebration of Reconciliation: 26th May
Holy Communion
 Commitment Mass – 26th July
 First Holy Communion – 13th September
Confirmation – 9th August




Parish Financial Report for Year Ending 31 December 2019

INCOME	
Church Collection	91,248
Donations	35,732
Rental Income	108,949
Interest received – CDF	308
Other Income	6,165
TOTAL INCOME	242,402
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Repairs & Maintenance	84,195
Parish Office Costs	20,031
Insurances	23,968
Utilities	16,951
Archdiocesan Levies	21,096
Council Rates	2,497
Other Operating Expenses	2,380
TOTAL EXPENSES	171,118
CASH SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	71,248

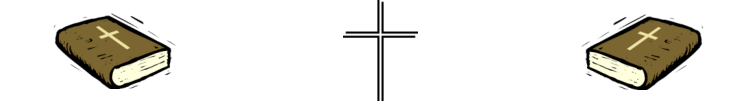
Last Week's Collection: 01/03/20
 1st Collection for our Parish: \$1304.05
 Direct Debit for February: \$855.00
 2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$691.20
Thank you for your kind generosity!



Save the Date: Thursday 26 March, 7pm
 Parish Pastoral Council would like to invite you to a special environmental presentation by guest speaker Br Matthew Beckmann. The evening will focus on Pope Francis' call to environmental awareness and action (Laudato Si) and practical ways our Parish can care for our world.




Theology @ The Pub
 Monday April 6th - St Therese of Lisieux: the Little Way with a Big Impact,
 Speaker: Bernadette Micallef
 Doors open: 6:30pm, Talk commences: 7:30pm
 Where: European Bier Café, Level 1, 120 Exhibition Street CBD Melbourne
 Audience: 18 to 35 year olds; Priests and Religious of all ages welcome
 Visit us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/tapmelb/
 Website: www.theologyatthepub.com.au



Lent to Easter: Embracing the Paschal Mystery
 A day with Fr Paul Turner (USA)
 This seminar day will utilise Fr Paul's extensive knowledge and expertise to expand theological understandings and deepen insights into the way we worship and celebrate in transition through this sacred season.
Date & Venue: Wednesday 18 March, St Francis of Assisi Parish/School Hall, 290 Childs Rd, Mill Park
Program: 9.30am Registration, 10.00am Session starts, 2.00pm Session concludes
Cost: Incl. morning tea and lunch Individuals: \$25, Group of five: \$100
Please register online: www.trybooking.com/BIPKB by Friday 13th March

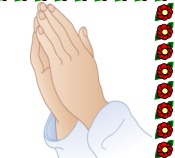
Cleaning Roster: Saturday 14th March 2020
Cory/Michael
Thank you for your help!



Roster for weekend of 14th - 15th March 2020


	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	Marlene Vergou John Plum	Peter Bourke Terry Murphy
Sun 9.00am (Italian)	Orsini A.	Bozzella C. Mancini M.
Sun 10.30am	Mata Vaiau Eileen Stevens	Alan Castles? Ivana Lo Bello
Sun 6.00pm	Marijana Jurjevic Ylenia Useli	Margaret Bannon Margaret Rankin

WE PRAY FOR:
The elderly and the sick
Lopisoni Amato, Alan Castles & Fr Jan Szweda
 We Commemorate
Blaz Pejic (15th Anni.)
 O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen.



Triduum of Prayer
 What can I do for vocations?
 The best and most important thing is to pray. From March 20-22, there is 23 hours of prayer for vocations to the consecrated life and priesthood in parishes and religious communities around Melbourne. To find out where you can join in the 'Triduum of Prayer', go to www.cam.org.au/vocations and click on 'Resources'. Consider joining in one hour around Melbourne for prayer for more vocations.

Laudato Si at Sacred Heart
 Let us be protectors of creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment. *Pope Francis*
 For many Lent is a time for reflection and giving up something like alcohol or chocolate. We believe it's also a good time to shine a light on our fragile ecology and focus on doing something for our common home. So, during Lent we challenge you to take action to look after the environment. It may be something simple like not using plastic bags or using your car less.
 Contact Stephen Costello if you would like more information or to help to develop our program.
 Ph 0432405417 email: cosgle56@gmail.com

Reach Beyond: Become Simply Rich...
 All trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. They're not asking for money or gifts that contribute to degrading dependence. Your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. **Palms Australia** will provide you with thorough preparation and support. You will be rewarded with riches greater than you might imagine.
 Look at www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on 0422472567, or email palms@palms.org.au

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