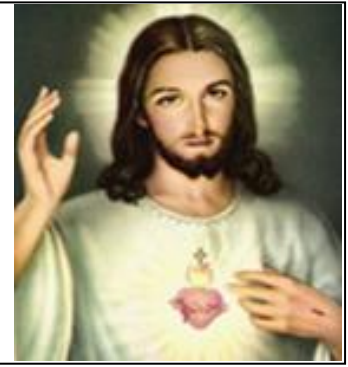




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Parish Mass Schedule

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

Next Healing Mass:

Thursday 7 April

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday after 9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday (English)

Reconciliation:

30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

Second Sunday of Lent (Year C)

Sunday 13 March 2022

Mount Tabor and Mount Calvary of Life

In the Gospel we have the beautiful and mysterious story of Jesus' transfiguration. Whatever the nature of vision, it was seen only by the same three disciples who witnessed his agony in Gethsemane. This tells us that there is connection between Mount Tabor and Mount Calvary. Saint Luke brings out more clearly the episode's connection with the passion. He tells us that Moses and Elijah spoke with Jesus about his passing, that his death, which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Even though Mount Tabor and Mount Calvary are connected, there is an enormous contrast between them.

On Mount Tabor, the sky was bright and Jesus was praying. As he prayed, his face shone and his clothes became dazzling white. On the one side of him stood Moses – the great lawgiver, on the other side stood Elijah – the greatest of the prophets. A luminous cloud overshadowed them, symbolizing the presence of God. Out of the cloud, the voice of the Father was heard uttering the lovely words: "This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him". So wonderful was the experience that Peter exclaimed, "Lord, it is good for us to be here! If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah".

Peter wants to stay on the mountain. He wanted to build a safe haven there, away from the trouble and danger they had left down below. But the purpose of this experience was not to encourage escape. It was meant to comfort and strengthen Jesus and the apostles so that they would be able to go back and face the trouble and danger they left behind. There would come another day and another hill, Calvary. This time the sky would be dark. The face of Jesus would be covered with sweat and blood. His clothes would not dazzle; they would be taken from him. For companions he would have two criminals. There would be no voice from heaven, only the voice of scoffers and mockers. The apostles would want no part of it. The only thing in common would be that Jesus would once again be praying. From this it is clear that what sustained Jesus in bright and dark moments alike was his special relationship with the Father. That relationship was the lifelong ground beneath his feet.

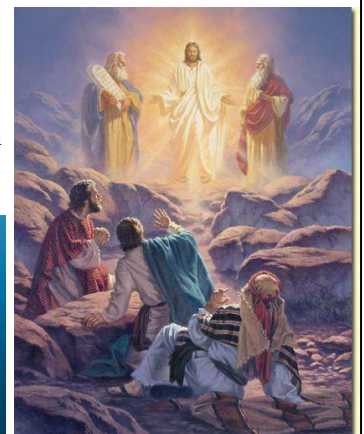
How does this connect with us? Even though we may never have been to the Holy Land, all of us are familiar with both Mount Tabor and Mount Calvary. Mount Tabor is the hill of joy and exaltation. We too have moments of transfiguration – rare moments of light and joy. At these moments we 'hear' a voice whispering to us in our hearts: "You are my son" or "You are my beloved daughter." And, like the apostles, we are reassured and strengthened. But we are probably more familiar with Mount Calvary – the hill of sorrow and pain. All of us have moments when life is dark and difficult. At these moments, it may seem that God has abandoned us, and we are on our own. In those moments we must do what Jesus did on Calvary, that is turn to God in prayer and commit our cause to Him.

The road of suffering is narrow and difficult. But it is not the same since Jesus travelled it. A bright light illuminates it. And even though it leads to Calvary, it doesn't end there. It ends at Easter. Those who link their suffering with those of Christ will share Christ's Easter joy, and become a source of blessings for others.

Fr Flor McCarthy SDB,
New Sunday &
Holy Day Liturgies
Year C.

And a voice came out of the cloud, saying,
"This is my Son,
my Chosen One;
listen to him!"

Luke 9:35



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.

	Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Saturday 6:00PM Mass - Ministers of Communion
12-Mar-22	Marlene Vergou Teresa Dang	Peter Bourke
19-Mar-22	John Kmaid Terry Murphy	Mary Harb
26-Mar-22	Celia Lemos Mary Harb	Terry Murphy
	Sunday 10:30AM Mass - Readers	Sunday 10:30AM Mass Ministers of Communion
13-Mar-22	Judeline Wadhvani Ophelia Swai	George McBrien
20-Mar-22	Marilene Fortuna Ophelia Swai	Pauline Veamatahau
27-Mar-22	Ivana Lo Bello Ophelia Swai	Eileen Stevens
	Sunday 6:00PM Mass - Readers	Sunday 6:00PM Mass Ministers of Communion
13-Mar-22	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Robert Dullard
20-Mar-22	Marijana Jurjevic Robert Dullard	Margaret Bannan
27-Mar-22	Damian Casamento Tim Rankin	Margaret Rankin



Cleaning Roster: Saturday 19 March 2022

Volunteers

Thank you for your hard work



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Our parishioners, family members and friends

That they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect.

Those who have died recently

Pietro Alberti (RIP 19/2)

We Commemorate

Catherine Ters

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



Dates to Remember

All Fridays during Lent:

Stations of the Cross – 6:30pm



Feasts /Memorials of the week:

Thursday 17 March

Solemnity of St Patrick

Friday 18 March

Collect: St Cyril of Jerusalem

Saturday 19 March

Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

PLEASE TAKE THE BULLETIN HOME



Welcome before Baptism

The Sacred Heart community welcomes

Jude Indovino

in preparation for his Baptism on
Sunday 20 March.



Last Week's Collection: 6/3/22

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,069

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$662

Thank you for your kind generosity!



SYNOD OF BISHOPS

FEBRUARY 2022

SYNOD OF BISHOPS: Have you taken up Pope Francis' invitation to participate in a global conversation about the Catholic Church? People around the world have been participating in an international conversation about the Catholic Church. You are invited to join the discussion, helping shape a major global meeting in 2023. Make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality, calling the People of God to walk together in our mission as Christians. The deadline for online submissions in the local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality is **Sunday, 13 March**. Find out more at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>



INFORMATION SESSION - PERMANENT DIACONATE

DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

COME & SEE! An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **Saturday 2 April 2022, 10:00 -11.45 am** at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne.

For more information:

A new Vocations website is under development; however the links below (copy, then paste) are working.

Watch: Melbourne's Deacons: <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0>

Watch: Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons:

<https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

Read More: [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 335

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Book & Plant Sale

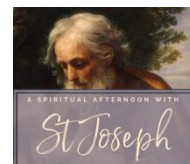
The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold a Book & Plant Sale, **Saturday 26 March 9 am – 2 pm**, at 154 Cotham Road Kew. Proceeds from the Sale will go to assist the many needs of the missions. Enquiries: Phone 9817 3715

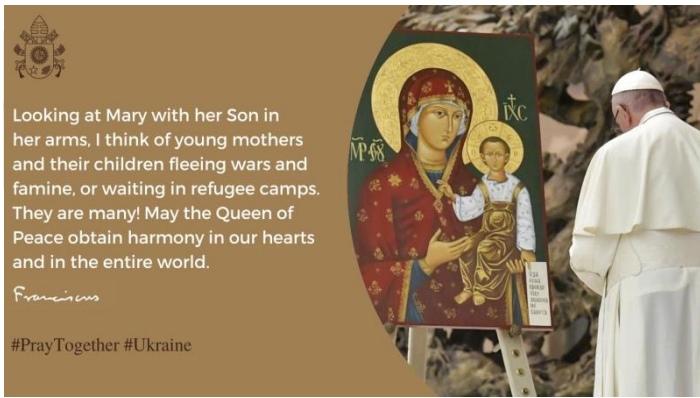


A Spiritual Afternoon with St Joseph

St Gabriel's Parish, Reservoir, invites you to a spiritual afternoon with St Joseph, **2-5pm Sunday 20 March 2022**. The afternoon will include two talks given by Anna Krohn and Sr Mary Sarah OP on different aspects of the life of St Joseph, Litany of St Joseph, Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction, and afternoon tea. All welcome!

Entry by donation. For more information and to register go to www.sapientiaproject.com, or call St Gabriel's Parish Office on 9460 6036





**LAUDATO SI':
ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME**

“One Person of the Trinity entered into the created cosmos, throwing in his lot with it, even to the cross. From the beginning of the world, but particularly through the incarnation, the mystery of Christ is at work in a hidden manner in the natural world...”

by Pope Francis

The effects of climate change impact all of us. For some, the change is gradual and not totally apparent. For others, the effects are immediate and disrupt livelihoods in a matter of hours, minutes, or seconds. No matter the speed, these environmental disasters occurring across the globe have forced millions of people to leave their home behind and seek refuge elsewhere.

The Stations of the Cross is an ancient tradition and a spiritual pilgrimage of accompanying Christ in his passion. While Christ's Passion existed in history, the Passion continues to play out in modern times. Our sisters and brothers fleeing the damage done by climate change make great sacrifices along their journey to find safety.

We invite you to pray with the Stations of the Cross to walk with Jesus through the streets of Jerusalem, and to walk with those who have been displaced by the effects of climate change around the world.

LET US PRAY: *Lord Jesus, today we join you in your Passion, accompanying you through your greatest trial. Grant us the courage to keep our eyes open, our ears listening, and our senses aware of what you experience. May we recognize how your Passion continues in the plight of our sisters and brothers who seek refuge during these unsettling times, fleeing violence, conflict, persecution, and environmental destruction. May we stay by your side, even if we fall with you. Animate our steps with your love and hope, although we may not be certain where the journey will end. Remove all fear and help us to become aware of your presence in all things. Amen (Jesuit Refugee Service)*

SEE: Ecological Way of the Cross presented by the LaudatoSi' Movement Lent. <https://laudatosilent.org>



2nd Sunday of Lent – 12 & 13 March 2022

As a person with a disability living in remote India, Biru faced the prospect of a life of poverty and discrimination. With your support, he participated in entrepreneurship training and gained the skills to become financially independent.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future.

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 lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and abstinence from meat.

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

- (a) **Prayer:** e.g., Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways.
- (b) **Self Denial:** e.g., not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere; or in other ways. Project compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.
- (c) **Helping Others:** e.g., special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or over-burdened; or in other ways.
 - * All who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain. (Canon 1252)
 - * The Season of Lent is a time of penance. During Lent the faithful are exhorted to devote themselves in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny themselves.
 - * Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, 2 March 2022 and Trinity Sunday 12 June 2022 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year.
 - * The wonderful gift of the Lord's merciful love is offered in a special way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is a most appropriate time to receive this Sacrament. All faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year.



Mission Spirituality Forum

The fruits of “Mission: One Heart, Many Voices”

When: Thursday April 28 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm

Where: To register please go to:

<https://forms.gle/NSMhcW5qRzDcf7Xy7>

(refer to notices in Church foyer for more information)



**Meditation on Jesus
For Healing and Wellbeing**

Saturday 19th March, from 10am – 1pm.

Janssen Spirituality Centre

22 Woodvale Road, Boronia, Victoria 3155.

RSVP Tel: 03 9762 6625 Or gilbertcarlo@gmail.com.



Joke Corner

An insufferably pious bishop and one of his priests were playing golf. The priest was having a bad day. Every ball he hit would end up in the rough or a sand trap or a water hazard. He couldn't take a trick. And every time it happened, the priest would utter a mild swear word. After each incident the bishop would admonish the priest.

“You keep swearing like that and God will punish you Father,” he warned. “You should be more like me and offer up your misfortunes to the Lord who will certainly repay you a hundredfold.”

But on the very next hole, the priest sliced the ball into a pond. He slammed his club down with utter indignation and shouted, “Blast.”

“Now Father,” the bishop said, “remember what I said. God will punish you for your sins. You need to be more holy, like me.”

Just then, a bolt of white lightning burst from the clouds and hit the bishop squarely in the head.

A deep voice bellowed from the clouds. “Blast. Missed again!”

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God

and to you, my brothers and sister s,

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;

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.

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:5-12,17-18

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said,
‘Look up to heaven and count the stars
if you can.’ ‘Such will be your
descendants,’ he told him. Abram put
his faith in the Lord, who counted this as
making him justified.

‘I am the Lord’ he said to him ‘who
brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans
to make you heir to this land.’ ‘My
Lord,’ Abram replied ‘how am I to
know that I shall inherit it?’ He said to
him, ‘Get me a three-year-old heifer, a
three-year-old goat, a three-year-old
ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.’
He brought him all these, cut them in
half and put half on one side and half
facing it on the other; but the birds he
did not cut in half. Birds of prey came
down on the carcasses but Abram drove
them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell
into a deep sleep, and terror seized him.
When the sun had set and darkness had
fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace
and a firebrand that went between the
halves. That day the Lord made a
Covenant with Abram in these terms:

‘To your descendants I give this land,
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great
River.’

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 26(27):1,7-9,13-14

The Response Is:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;

whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

before whom shall I shrink?

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken:

‘Seek his face.’

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;

hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger;

you have been my help.

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

I am sure I shall see the Lord’s goodness
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.

Hope in the Lord!

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17-4:1

My brothers, be united in following my
rule of life. Take as your models
everybody who is already doing this and
study them as you used to study us. I
have told you often, and I repeat it today
with tears, there are many who are
behaving as the enemies of the cross of
Christ. They are destined to be lost.
They make foods into their god and they
are proudest of something they ought to
think shameful; the things they think
important are earthly things. For us, our
homeland is in heaven, and from heaven
comes the saviour we are waiting for,
the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will
transfigure these wretched bodies of
ours into copies of his glorious body. He
will do that by the same power with
which he can subdue the whole
universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends,
do not give way but remain faithful in
the Lord. I miss you very much, dear
friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the Gospel
Acclamation.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***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

Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and
James and went up the mountain to
pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his
face was changed and his clothing
became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly
there were two men there talking to him;
they were Moses and Elijah appearing in
glory, and they were speaking of his
passing which he was to accomplish in
Jerusalem. Peter and his companions
were heavy with sleep, but they kept

awake and saw his glory and the two
men standing with him. As these were
leaving him, Peter said to Jesus,
‘Master, 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 he was
saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and
covered them with shadow; and when
they went into the cloud the disciples
were afraid. And a voice came from the
cloud saying, ‘This is my Son, the
Chosen One. Listen to him.’ And after
the voice had spoken, Jesus was found
alone. The disciples kept silence and, at
that time, told no one what they had
seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, /
Creator of heaven and earth, / and in
Jesus Christ, his only Son, our lord, /
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.

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

Lord, hear our prayer.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

