

The Living Word

Second Sunday of Lent, Year A

5 March 2023

First Reading Gn 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

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 Tm 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 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

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



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

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'.

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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.'

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
 Sunday 9:30am, Mass for
 St Mary's Syro-Malabar
 Community (Malayalam
 language)
OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 9:00am
QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please see below: Liturgy in our Parish this week

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

is available prior to each weekend Mass,
and also before or after weekday Masses if needed

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please visit our website or contact Parish office

Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

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Recently Deceased: Ronald Thomas Forbes.

Anniversaries 5th March to 11th March: Eileen Scanlon, Georgina Crowe, Bill O'Kane, William Mouchmore, Bill Rushton, Petronella Weterings, Ian Neville, Jennifer Jones, Bernard Clancy, and Banda Hallal.

Please pray for those who are Sick: Elly Anwyl, Peg Benham, Naomi Bianco, Mary Blonk, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Connie D'Amico, Benedict Darby, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Margaret Dyer, Gloria & Ron Forbes, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Peter Harrington, Jeannette Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Kerin Hoyer, Robert Hurley, Melissa Keogh, Gary Kingsbury, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Leahy, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Piec, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Sean Richards, Betty Rushton, Pauline Shannon, Jeannett Stevens, Mary Sullivan, Pam Sullivan, Kevin Teasdale, Aldo Trentini, Deanne Warren, Susan Weston, Michelle Williams, Peter Williams and Shirley Woodruff.

ROSTERS

*If you are unable to meet your commitment on your day,
please arrange a substitute. Thank you!*

**COMMENTATOR (C), LECTOR (L), SPECIAL MINISTER (SM),
WELCOMERS (W), PROJECTIONIST (P)**

OCEAN GROVE: 12th March at 9:00am:

(C) Catherine Hayes (L) Jenny Cole (SM) Marg Lucas, David O'Connor
(W) Frank & Kaye Nelson.

QUEENSCLIFF: 12th March at 11:00am:

(C) Tony Frizza (L) Shirley Hurley (SM) Terry Philp (W) Trish Frizza.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 7th March at 10:00am:

John Calnin and Greg Carey.

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

If you are a volunteer in our parish, have you:

1. A current Working With Children Check?
2. Signed a Parish Code of Conduct?
3. Done the *Safeguarding Essentials* 30-minute online training?
4. A National Police Check (for counters and collectors only)?

To make it easier, instead of online training, a group training session is being planned. Date to be advised. To register your interest, please contact Jennie Ryan via email: Queenscliff.Safeguarding@cam.org.au

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE UPDATES!

www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/safeguarding/parish-child-safe/

We appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to comply with our legal requirements. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

**** NEWS & EVENTS ****

If you need Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.

Christian meditation and prayer continues at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove, on a fortnightly basis (Tuesdays) from 10-10:30am. Next session will be on **Tuesday 14th March**.

Holy Family Church, Barwon Heads, is open on Thursdays from 10-11am for private prayer and a cuppa. All welcome.

TAR (Trinity Aid for Refugees) grocery collection: during March, Queenscliff & Point Lonsdale Parishioners are asked to contribute to the Grocery Collection box. Donations of dried or canned foods, such as Basmati Rice, Chickpeas, Red Kidney Beans or toiletries or shopping vouchers would be most gratefully received. Thank you for all past and future generosity. Contact: shirleyhurley@iinet.net.au.

TAR Catholic Social Justice Corner (weekly update):

'Uluru Statement from the Heart' (continued): *"Our sovereignty is a spiritual notion: the ancestral tie between the land, or "mother nature", and the Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander people who were born therefrom, remain attached thereto, and must one day return thither to be united with our ancestors."*

TAR Meeting: to discuss the future of TAR and the need for a broader Social Justice focus will be held on Wednesday 15 March at 3.30pm in the Narthex of Star of the Sea Church. All welcome. Enquiries to Shirley 0409 424 243 or Maureen 0439 541 942

HOSPITALITY: Holy Trinity Hospitality Team will change the date for morning tea after 11am Mass from the last Sunday of the month to the first Sunday of the month commencing Sunday 5th March 2023 and every first Sunday thereafter. Our Lady Star of the Sea Church continue to offer hospitality after the 9am Mass on the 1st Sunday of the month. **Everyone is warmly welcome!**

PROJECT COMPASSION has commenced and runs all through Lent. Each of our churches has resources for you.

St Vincent de Paul Society 2023 Festival Mass: The 2023 Festival Mass will be held on **Thursday 9th March** at Nazareth Church, Grovedale. Mass will commence at **7:00pm**, followed by commissioning of presidents & volunteers & presentation of service awards. A key feature of the night will be the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Grovedale Conference. Former members of Grovedale Conference are particularly invited to attend. The night will conclude with supper and an informal gathering.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 6th March – Monday of the 2nd week of Lent

Tuesday 7th March – Tuesday of the 2nd week of Lent

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

11:00am Mass with Anointing at Sea Views Manor, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 8th March – Wednesday of the 2nd week of Lent

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

11:00am Mass with Anointing at Arcare, Point Lonsdale

1:30pm Funeral Service of Ronald Thomas Forbes,
Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Queenscliff.

Thursday 9th March – Thursday of the 2nd week of Lent

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove
with OLSOS Year 5 students attending

Friday 10th March – Friday of the 2nd week of Lent

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 11th March – Saturday of the 2nd week of Lent

Sunday 12th March – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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Thought for the Week:

Blessed be childhood, which brings down something of heaven into the midst of our rough earthliness.

- Henri-Frédéric Amiel.

FIAT – CELEBRATING MARY'S 'YES' – FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli is asking every parish in the archdiocese to participate in a special project of prayer commencing 6:00pm Friday 24th March & concluding at 6:00pm Sunday 26th March. (The Feast of the Annunciation is observed on Saturday 25th March).

At our Parish Pastoral Council meeting on Wednesday 1st March, after much discussion the Council decided in consensus to hold a **Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00am to 9:00am on Sunday 26th March prior to the beginning of Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea Ocean Grove.** This time and place will be included on the calendar being organised by the Archdiocese.

GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS CLUB: You are warmly invited to join us for a social get-together for food and friends for our first dinner for 2023. Date: Tuesday 14th March 2023. Time: 6:00pm. Venue: The Bistro, Belmont Hotel, cnr High Street & Mt Pleasant Road, Belmont. Cost: Purchase of meals and drinks at your own cost. If you wish to come to the dinner, please phone or text Michael 0431 959 584 or Joan 0429 215 111 by Friday, 10th March.

MAHJONG: Any member of the parish who would care for a game of Mahjong on a weekly basis, please ring Nan on 52551241



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