



STS PETER & PAUL'S CATHOLIC PARISH SOUTH MELBOURNE

Under the Pastoral care of the Capuchin Friars

17 March, 2019



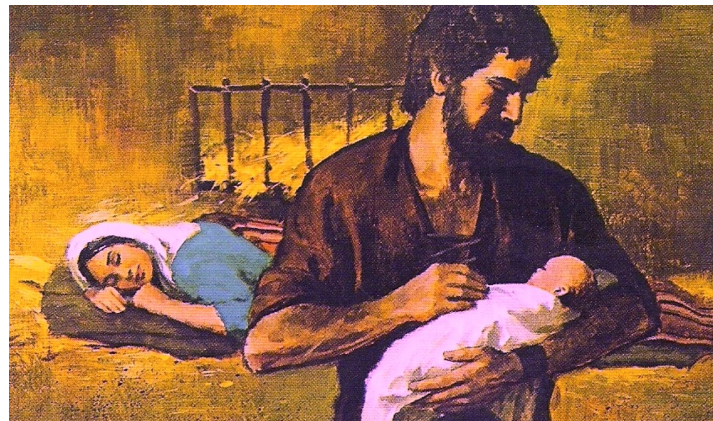
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

When we see and hear of evil acts committed in our world, and especially when close to home, we can often ask "what can I do?". One thing we mustn't do is ignore. What we can do is offer something different - offer the world something beautiful in response.

In the Gospel story of the Transfiguration we see, along with the disciples, a glimpse of that beauty that can be offered. Perhaps a lesson we can learn from this story is the importance of being open to letting God show us His beauty - being open to God revealing the light that He is in a world of darkness in order to share that light with the world. But we can't offer something to the world that we have not first received.

We celebrate the feast days of two great saints of the church this week - St Patrick (whose feast day is transferred from the 17th to the 18th this year) and St Joseph. Both were able to face the evils of the world by offering the world something more. For St Patrick it was evangelising a people that didn't know a loving God. For St Joseph it was, in his strong, silent way, caring for the Messiah and His mother. I particularly like the image (and similar depictions) of Joseph here. I think it's because it shows him, and the holy family, in a different way. I think it can be a reminder to us of being open to seeing things anew.

Fr Dean



WHAT'S ON

Holy Hour
Wednesdays,
6:30pm

Stations of the Cross
(plus Fish & Chips)
Every Friday in Lent
7pm

Lenten Discussion
Group
Every Friday in Lent
9:15am

Craft Group
Mon 27th & Wed
29th March, 12pm

New Parishioner
Gathering
Sun 17th March,
11am

MASS TIMES

Sunday 10am, Saturday 6pm (Vigil)
Mon - Fri: 8am . Saturday: 10am
Confession Times: Sat 10:30am, 5:30pm

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Secretary Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:30am - 3pm



LENTEN MORNING TEAS

Every Friday in Lent, 9:15am in
the hall

The morning will include
a Lenten Scripture reading
and reflection.



NEW PARISHIONER GATHERING

There will be a gathering for new parishioners after
Mass this

Sunday 17th March.

All those who are new to the parish, and those who
would like to find out more about what is happening
in the parish are welcome.

SUNDAY EVENING MASS

As part of the preparation for the Sacrament of First
Reconciliation, there will be a

**6pm Sunday Mass on 17th, 24th,
31st March**

that the class will attend. But all parishioners are
welcome to attend this Mass.

PROJECT COMPASSION

The theme of this year's Project Compassion appeal is
'Give Lent 100%'. Please remember to collect a donation
box to help a good cause.

PLAY READING GROUP

The next Play Reading group will be on **Monday 18th
March 1pm**, in the hall. All are welcomed. For more
information:

Geraldine 0419 115 565 or Annie 0423 741 790

CATECHISM CORNER

A FORETASTE OF THE KINGDOM: THE TRANSFIGURATION

From the day Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Master "began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things. . . and be killed, and on the third day be raised." Peter scorns this prediction, nor do the others understand it any better than he. In this context the mysterious episode of Jesus' Transfiguration takes place on a high mountain, before three witnesses chosen by himself: Peter, James and John. Jesus' face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking "of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem". A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says: "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

For a moment Jesus discloses his divine glory, confirming Peter's confession. He also reveals that he will have to go by the way of the cross at Jerusalem in order to "enter into his glory". Moses and Elijah had seen God's glory on the Mountain; the Law and the Prophets had announced the Messiah's sufferings. Christ's Passion is the will of the Father: the Son acts as God's servant; the cloud indicates the presence of the Holy Spirit. "The whole Trinity appeared: the Father in the voice; the Son in the man; the Spirit in the shining cloud." (n 554-554)

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Glory in Sight

In today's Gospel, we go up to the mountain with Peter, John, and James. There we see Jesus "transfigured," speaking with Moses and Elijah about His "exodus."

The Greek word "exodus" means "departure." But the word is chosen deliberately here to stir our remembrance of the Israelites' flight from Egypt.

By His death and resurrection, Jesus will lead a new Exodus—liberating not only Israel but every race and people; not from bondage to Pharaoh, but from slavery to sin and death. He will lead all mankind, not to the territory promised to Abraham in today's First Reading, but to the heavenly commonwealth that Paul describes in today's Epistle.

Moses, the giver of God's law, and the great prophet Elijah, were the only Old Testament figures to hear the voice and see the glory of God atop a mountain (see Exodus 24:15–18; 1 Kings 19:8–18).

Today's scene closely resembles God's revelation to Moses, who also brought along three companions and whose face also shone brilliantly (see Exodus 24:1; 34:29). But when the divine cloud departs in today's Gospel, Moses and Elijah are gone. Only Jesus remains. He has revealed the glory of the Trinity—the voice of the Father, the glorified Son, and the Spirit in the shining cloud.

Jesus fulfills all that Moses and the prophets had come to teach and show us about God (see Luke 24:27). He is the "chosen One" promised by Isaiah (see Isaiah 42:1; Luke 23:35), the "prophet like me" that Moses had promised (see Deuteronomy 18:15; Acts 3:22–23; 7:37). Far and above that, He is the Son of God (see Psalm 2:7; Luke 3:21–23).

"Listen to Him," the Voice tells us from the cloud. If, like Abraham, we put our faith in His words, one day we too will be delivered into "the land of the living" that we sing of in today's Psalm. We will share in His resurrection, as Paul promises, our lowly bodies glorified like His.

Scott Hahn



**PARISH
HOLY HOUR**
Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament
every Wednesday
6:30 - 7:30pm

STATIONS OF THE

CROSS

PLUS FISH & CHIP FRIDAYS

FRIDAYS IN LENT, 7PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN THE CHURCH FOLLOWED BY
FISH AND CHIPS AT THE BACK OF THE HOUSE

A couple
of pics
from
Stations
of the
Cross
on
Friday
night

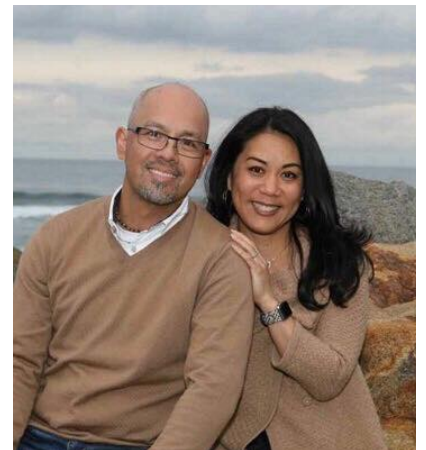


PARISHIONER PROFILE

Randy and Marissa Galang

We have been parishioners of Sts Peter and Paul for more than five years. We love the parish for its rich history, the custodianship of the Capuchin Friars, the outreach programs, and the fact it is located in South Melbourne, which we have called "home" since arriving in Australia from the US in 2013. In that time, we've noticed the growth and improvements of the parish. They are excited to be a part of the positive changes and to see the community grow into a vibrant and welcoming parish.

We are originally from southern California. Randy is an architect and enjoys photography, golf, and playing the guitar. Marissa is a resource manager for a digital agency. She also enjoys travelling, paddle boarding and spending time with family.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Joseph - 19th of March

Everything we know about the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus comes from Scripture and that has seemed too little for those who made up legends about him. We know he was a carpenter, a working man, for the skeptical Nazarenes ask about Jesus, "Is this not the carpenter's son?" (Matthew 13:55). He wasn't rich for when he took Jesus to the Temple to be circumcised and Mary to be purified he offered the sacrifice of two turtledoves or a pair of pigeons, allowed only for those who could not afford a lamb (Luke 2:24). Despite his humble work and means, Joseph came from a royal lineage. Luke and Matthew disagree some about the details of Joseph's genealogy but they both mark his descent from David, the greatest king of Israel (Matthew 1:1-16 and Luke 3:23-38). Indeed the angel who first tells Joseph about Jesus greets him as "son of David," a royal title used also for Jesus.

Please remember in your prayers and Masses the following people who are ill:
Sr. Annunciata Fcj, Valda Hogan, Flo O'Hara, Sr. Joyce Stewart, Celestine Ressler, Peter Wood, Vandersman Family, Joanne Kilmer, Liliana Bobadilla, Ruby Roxas, Eunice Costa, Richard Fennessy, Eunice Costa, Giovanna Santarossa, James, Burnes, James Watkins, Bonnie Breen, Maurita Carlisle, Jeff Martin, Naomi McSweeney, Mary Quirke, Ilse Miranda, Neil Baker, Helen Keighery, Alison Fraser, Tony Bailey, Steven Wallace, Elaine Wallace.

2nd Sunday of Lent

Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

1st Reading – Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

The Old Testament patriarch, Abraham, is venerated by Jesus, Christians and Muslims, one of the sources of unity between the three traditions. The covenant-promise of the Lord God becomes one of the most profound revelations of the Hebrew Scriptures. We can all follow Abraham, our father in faith

Responsorial Psalm

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?

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek His face.'

It is your face, O Lord that I seek; hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help.

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 in my light and my salvation.

2nd Reading – Philippians 3:17-4:1

St. Paul develops the Transfiguration of Jesus revealed by the public affirmation of His father before the gathered disciples. We, too, can be transfigured with him because we have been baptised into Christ's death and resurrection.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Fathers' voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear Him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel - Luke 9:28-36

The scene is the transfiguration of Jesus. The Apostles do not see the full meaning, so Jesus warns them not to tell anyone until He is risen from the dead.

Next week's reading: 1 Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15
2 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12
Gospel Luke 13:1-9

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray together:

Lord, we pray for Pope Francis, his bishops, clergy and religious that following the example of Abraham they too may be people of faith.

Lord, we pray for all of us present for the celebration of the Transfiguration of the Lord Jesus that we may depart from this sacred assembly with the assurance that we too are called to encounter the risen Christ in his glory.

Lord, we pray for those who are victims of terrorist attacks. We especially pray for those who lost their lives in the massacre in Christchurch. May their souls rest in peace and their families and loved ones be comforted at this time. May we all work for a world of peace.

Lord, we remember with compassion our family and friends who have gone before us. Hold them in your keeping, especially those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Francis Trindade, Graham Fisher, Pat Calleya, Josephine O'Brien, Lila Bryant.**

Collections: March 9/10, 2019

1st Collection: \$ 1061

2nd Collection: \$ 686

1st Collection goes to the Friars, and the 2nd collection goes to the running costs of the Parish.

	READERS	E.M.E	HOSPITALITY	FLOWERS
Sat 16	Janet			Doris
Sun 17	Rick & Geraldine	Geraldine F & Sue	Colin & Geraldine	
Sat 23	Geraldine C			Geraldine F & Sue
Sun 24	Megan/Osbourne	Rick & Geraldine F	Denis & Olwen	