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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

Year B

27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

## **Listen to him...**

To contemplate the scene of transfiguration we need to go up the mountain with Jesus, leaving behind our worries and concerns. I wonder how much pain and risk people take at this time to come to church. There is always something that invites and attracts us to be in his presence, is it so? On the mountain Jesus' appeared to Peter James and John in all his glory, as the Son of God. Of course, God presents to us in different forms and shapes through various people and situations around us. Peter wanted to hold on to that experience and stay on the mountain, offering to build a few tents. Yes, it's always easy for us to remain in our comfort zones. But you have to face the realities of life in connection with the divine experiences.

It was while he was praying to his heavenly father that Jesus was transfigured. The same can be the case for us. It is in His presence that we realize who we are and where we belong. Each time we pray and seek in communion with the Father, we too can experience being transfigured or transformed by God's presence. Very real change can take place when we encounter Christ in our prayer. Prayer can change anything in the world. An inner transformation can take place as our faith; hope and love are restored or renewed. And even a physical change can happen: the glow returns to our eye, we smile again, and our shoulders are no longer weighed down.

Jesus' communion with his Father in prayer at the time of the Transfiguration strengthens him to face the cross. We too need experiences of tasting heaven on earth in order to face the challenges of the cross in our own life.

“Some Saints are privileged to extend to us their patronage with particular efficacy in certain needs, but not in others; but our holy patron St. Joseph has the power to assist us in all cases, in every necessity, in every undertaking.”

St. Thomas Aquinas

Many blessings,

Fr Jason

## **SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY**

*... for it is to such as thee that the kingdom of God belongs.*

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan Code of Ethical Behaviour and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State.

This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, Students on placement and Visitors to our sites.

**Readings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Exodus 20:1-17

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

## READINGS FOR 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**Response:** I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

### Second Reading

Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us

### 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

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said '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 to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them anymore but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

## Parish Diary

### Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

Mass 6:30am  
St Joachim's

### Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Mass 6:00pm  
St Agnes'

### Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

Mass 9:00am  
St Agnes'

### Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

Stations of the Cross 8:40am  
Mass 9:00am  
St Joachim's

### Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

Reconciliation 5:30pm  
St Joachim's

### 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

**Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Mass 6:00pm  
St Joachim's

### Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7:30am  
St Joachim's  
Mass 9:00am  
St Agnes  
Mass 6:00pm  
St Agnes

### PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK IN FOR WEEKEND MASSES

Prayer to St Joseph

You were chosen by God to be the fosterer father of Jesus, the most pure spouse of Mary, and the head of the holy Family. We ask your intercession...

Protect our pope and all who labour for souls amid the trials and tribulations of this life, and grant that all peoples of the world may follow Christ.

Protect us from every disease present in our world.

Remove all fear from our hearts. Fill us with confidence.

Dear St. Joseph, accept the offering I make to you. Be my father, protector and guide in the way of salvation.

Amen

# Continuing on our faith journey during changed times; when our faith will sustain us through our challenges.



The Holland Park Mt Gravatt Catholic Parish acknowledge the Jagera people, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

## CHANGE OF BANK DETAILS FOR PLANNED GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS

If you are contributing to our Planned Giving by internet banking our details have changed: **It is important to change your records to the following before March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

BSB: 064 - 786;

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A/c Name: Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish.

The Tap Machine in the churches are pre-set at \$10 per tap; you just need to tap your Visa/Mastercard Debit Card or Credit Card.

Giving can also be arranged through Direct Debit, Credit Card, Parish Giving App and by Envelopes.

The Parish Giving app has been set up specifically for parishioners to be electronically connected to their parish for regular and one off giving. Download the app at: <https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/auth/login>

## WE REJOICE

With the Mullens family as they celebrate the baptism of Harvey.

## MONDAY MORNING MASS

Monday morning mass will now commence at 6:30am.

## COUNTERS

Tony's team

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Commencing 8:40am on Fridays before the 9:00am mass.

## MASS OF ANOINTING AND HOSPITALITY

The mass on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> will include an Anointing of the Sick. This will be followed by a hospitality which will be held at the front of the church.

## THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

The parish would like to invite all children in Year 5 and above who have received their First Holy Communion to join us in preparing for the Sacrament of Penance.

Where: St Joachim's church When: Saturday 6 March 10.30am - 12.00pm OR 1.00pm - 2.30PM

\***Children only need to attend one session.** This program is for children/candidates only. **RSVP before 1 March** to secure your place. [sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au) or ph:3349 2280

## REFLECTIONS FOR LENT AND EASTER

The Lenten Program that has been offered in previous years is not being offered this year. It has been redesigned for more personal reflection, however if you wished to form a small group there is a guide to do so included.

**Look to Jesus** is a book of 52 Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter published by Evangelisation Brisbane and available for \$5. These will be available in the churches from this weekend.



The Youth and Family Mass held last Sunday evening was such an incredible opportunity to gather together for Mass, share a meal, and socialise with some amazing ping pong skills! Thank you for everyone who was able to make it, and a special thanks to the Parish Pastoral Council for their efforts in catering the night!

This Youth and Family Mass will be occurring on the second Sunday of each month at the 6pm Mass at St Agnes. Can't wait to see you for the next one on the 14th March!

Additionally, we are starting a monthly youth group starting in March! Keep your eyes on the Parish Newsletter and Facebook page for more information!



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
28<sup>TH</sup> OF FEBRUARY 2021



Margret, 39, is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands. She was born deaf, so she knows the challenges it poses to education and employment. The school faced water shortages that left them without safe water for drinking, cooking, washing and growing vegetables. Then Tropical Cyclone Harold caused damage as the threat of COVID-19 loomed. With Caritas Australia's support, the school installed water tanks, provided cyclone-proof building materials, and helped to implement COVID-19 prevention measures and is now planning to boost food security through increased agricultural production.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion).

## ECUMENICAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – FRIDAY, MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>

World Day of Prayer will commence 10:00am at St Bartholomew's Anglican Church, Mt Gravatt. Please note that anyone attending this service will need to register beforehand - a simple phone to either Ngari Wheeler, 3343 2090 or 0423 092 109 or St Bart's Church Office, 3849 4411 or alternatively call Trish O'Brien on 3343 4582. A cash offering will support the Bible Society's 'Trauma Healing and Literacy Project' for women in Vanuatu. **Men are also encouraged to attend**; it is no longer a women's only event.

## SVdP HOLLAND PARK MT GRAVATT CONFERENCE

We are a small but busy Conference with high demand from our local community for assistance. We help people who ask for material assistance by visiting them in their homes, and usually offer supermarket vouchers. Some people we meet are in great need of advice, encouragement, a friend or spiritual help. We currently are only able to make 15 visits per week. Some middle-aged and younger volunteers would help our Conference continue. Without them we will stop within a few years. Visits can be made on weekdays or weeknights or weekends if we can pair you with someone free for that time. There is also opportunity for admin volunteers to work their own hours at home to help with paperwork and reporting. If you are willing to try this rewarding work, please leave your details with Dot in the Parish Office.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY SHOP

The Vinnies Shop at Mt Gravatt Central would love to have more volunteers. People seeking retail experience to add to their job applications are very welcome. Apply in person.

## VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR ALTAR LINEN WASHING

If you can help out for 1 month a year to wash the altar linen, the office would love to hear from you. We require 6 people for St Agnes and 2 for St Joachim's.

## Weekend Masses

All you need to do is click on your preferred venue:

St Joachim's Masses - <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVCV>

St Agnes' Masses - <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVFE>

**HOME ASSISTED MODIFICATIONS**

Grab rails, grab bars and other aids for aged care in and around the home.  
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