



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.'

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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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



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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.

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

MASS TIMES (English):

Vigil Mass 5 pm (Saturday)
Sunday 8.00 am & 10.00 am
Weekdays: Tuesday 6pm
Mon. Wed. Thu. Fri. Sat. 9.00 am

VIETNAMESE MASS

Vigil Mass 6.30 pm (Saturday)
Sunday 5.30PM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.30pm-4.55pm
or anytime on request

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday after Mass 9am-10.30am

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Offered to those in need on
1st Wednesday at 9.00am Mass

Baptisms: Sat. 11.30am,
Bookings are necessary.

Children first Sacraments:
Please contact Elaine Nehme
Phone TBA; Email TBA

Parish site maintenance:
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COVID-19 is still around, Please use
sanitiser when you enter the church.

WELCOME TO FATHER PETER KRIGOVSKY

We welcome Fr Peter and pray that
he feels truly welcome—wishing him
every blessing as he begins his minist-
ry in our parish.

**KINDERGARTEN WELCOME
MASS** This Sunday we WELCOME
Kindergarten children, their families
and teachers to 10.00am Mass. Our
parish welcomes the opportunity to
celebrate Mass with these children
and their families and we pray for
God's blessing on the children as they
commence their schooling at St
Mary's Primary School. Parents and
Parishioners are invited to bring a
plate of food to share so that after
Mass, hospitality can be served and
everyone is welcome to stay after
Mass.

**STATIONS OF THE
CROSS** each Friday
during Lent at 7pm
LENT **SPIRIT AND
TRUTH:
The Power of Christ
Revealed**

this Lenten companion for 2023 has
been prepared by the Catholic Arch-
diocese of Sydney and provides a
great opportunity for Catholics to pre-
pare themselves, through prayer, re-
flection and discussion, to experience
Christ's Passion. Pick up your free

copy of this resource from the church.



PROJECT COMPASSION

Please donate to Project Compassion
2023. Together, we can help vulnera-
ble communities face their challenges
today and build a better tomorrow
For All Future Generations. Please
donate through Project Compassion
donation boxes available from our
parish, or by visiting [caritas.org.au/
project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling
1800 024 413.



**SYDNEY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
LEADER OF
MISSION** Recently, the Newly Ap-
pointed Leaders of Mission: Reli-

gious Education and Liturgy, from Sydney Catholic
Schools, were Commissioned into their roles on Friday,
17 February at St Joachim's Catholic Church, Lidcombe
by Bishop Danny Meagher. Clarice Hayek (both a pa-
rishioner and teacher in our parish), was commissioned -
she will be a valuable member of our school and church
community in the ongoing mission of spreading the mes-
sage of the Lord. Congratulations Clarice!!

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Thursday during school term in the iCentre, meet at
8.45am out the front of the church near Our Lady's stat-
ue.

Enquiries: ntalie.goetz@syd.catholic.edu.au

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)

Sydney Catholic Early Childhood Services operate an OSHC
facility to provide before, afterschool and vacation care
for our primary school children. Please contact the
OSHC on
0438 118 864 or veenita.chand@syd.catholic.edu.au



FRIENDSHIP TUESDAY - 7TH MARCH All are
welcome to the Emmaus room in the school between
10am and 2pm to chat, play cards or a game or to knit
or sew. Just remember to bring a cup and your lunch.
Morning tea will be provided. For more info ring
Pauline 97910098.

WALKING WITH OUR LADY THROUGH HOLY WEEK

A Womens Retreat Day with the Do-
minican Sisters of Saint Cecilia
Date: 1 April Time: 10am-4pm
Where: St Peter Chanel Church, 62 Kingsland Rd,
Berala
Along with talks and discussion, the day will include
time for silence and prayer during a Holy Hour. An
opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will
be available. Morning tea and lunch are provided.
Register online: [https://www.trybooking.com/
CGHGO](https://www.trybooking.com/CGHGO)

TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE DISASTER A
7.8 magnitude earthquake has unleashed devastation
on Turkey and Syria, leaving thousands of people
dead. After 12 years of war, Syria is at breaking point
and desperately needs assistance.

We must act NOW and help those affected by this ca-
tastrophe. Your generous donation means our partners
in Turkey and Syria can respond swiftly to support the
survivors of this unimaginable tragedy.
Visit: www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey or call 1800
024 413 toll free to donate now.

SILENCE IN THE CHURCH We all need silence
especially in the modern world filled with noise.
Many seek and hope to find it in the church as they
immerse themselves in prayer. We may have all heard
a complaint or two from our friends who tell us that
they no longer attend their local church because it is
very noisy. Let us remember that our church is also a
House of God and a House of Prayer and let us ob-
serve silence before and after the Mass out of rever-
ence for God and respect for others. Thank you

NEW PARISH BULLETIN FORMAT The objec-
tive is to have a larger text and ease of production.
Your ideas and suggestions are welcome.

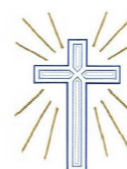
MASS TIMES Fr. Peter is offering to celebrate Mass
also on Mondays and Saturdays at 9am, except this
coming Monday 6th March, when the Mass will be
celebrated at 8.30am due to a prior appointment.

SAFEGUARDING OUR PARISH - Child sexual
abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with
crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know,
have been abused, please contact the police. Alterna-
tively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at
93905810 or Email: [safeguardingenquir-
ies@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). The Archdiocese has a le-
gal obligation to report crimes to the police.
Our parish has a folder (with Safeguarding infor-
mation including quarterly newsletters) in the
church – parishioners are welcome to view. A link
to the Archdiocese's Child Safeguarding Policy is
available from the homepage of our parish website
and on display in the folder. Enquiries: Veronica via
parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com.



Please Remember In Your Prayers Our Sick

Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Azelia Donati, Eileen Ellery, Kerry Gibbons, Kathleen Gibson,
Christine Hughes, Roger Luck, Daniel Matesic, Phillip Nehme, David Sanders, Mary Strambio,
Tony Strambio



Rest In Peace

Let us Pray For All Those Who Have Died

Bertha Smith, Les Bayley, Sandor Toth, Margaret McHugh, Eleanor Vereesen, James Mancini,
Margaret Ward, Cardinal George Pell, Pope Benedict 16th, Jennie Falvy, Vic Ryan, Marlene
Drew, Garry Czinner, Desmond Eisenhuth, Marie Goetz, Carlo Pianta, Eddie Tannous, Len
Kelly, Desmond Armbruster, Peter Tosi, Terry King, Bradley Kerin

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*