

25th February 2024 (Year B)

# NEWSLETTER

## Second Sunday of Lent

Every year on the second Sunday of Lent we hear the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus. In this year of Mark we hear his version. The first one to be recorded. What comes before and after this event are very important. Peter has just affirmed Jesus as the long awaited promised one, the Anointed of God or Christ, the Messiah. Jesus praises Peter for this insight and the act of faith that affirms it. The transfiguration of Jesus in the company of Moses and Elijah confirms Peter's insight. Moses and Elijah give witness to the promise God has renewed for generations through the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah) that the promise would indeed be kept. The voice from heaven should dispel any remaining doubt or confusion in the minds of those present or for us today. While still in the "after glow" of what happened on the mountain Jesus gives the first prediction of his impending suffering and death. This person of great glory and power will suffer for and with us. The passion of Jesus does not diminish in any way the glory of the Transfiguration. In fact, Jesus' death shows the extent to which he is prepared to live the promise of God. "I will be your God and you will be my people." This death will be one very important aspect of the true glory of Jesus and it should be the same for all who live in him.

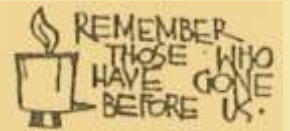
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A reminder of the World Day of Prayer to be held at Sts Peter and Paul's next Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, at 10.00am. As host it is important that this community extends sincere hospitality to our christian brothers and sisters and to all who join us on the day. We require people to gather, to welcome people at the door, to read and to lead some of the prayers. Following the time of prayer there will be refreshments served in the parish hall.

All are very welcome, and I hope we will use this opportunity to pray together for peace in the Middle East.

God blessings upon you and the week ahead,  
*Fr Kevin*

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationships of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.



**Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially** Bernie Spoerlein, Meripa Toma Deir, Rony Dan Heenan, Romao Figueiredo, Bernard Larkin, Sylvia Fane **recently deceased and also for** Rev Bryan Lee, Dulcie O'Connell, Dolores Reyes, Robyn Illett, Bill Hanley, John and Joan Momot, John Smith, Patrick and Clare Dugger, Kretschmer, McLachlan and Hanly families, Begley and Bourke families.



**Please remember the sick in your prayers** – Hazel Langthorne, Joy Ashworth, Pete Waldron, Margaret McLaughlin, Angela Krista, Anita Xavier, Mick Shelton, Ray Moresi, Megan Stuart, Remy Rossi, Lance Tutanoa and Roy Hogan.

### DIARY DATE CLAIMERS 2024

#### Tuesday 27 February

**Carers Group** meet at 10am in the Parish Hall.

#### Thursday 29 February

**Playgroup** meet from 9am to 11am in the Parish Hall.

#### Friday 1 March

**World Day of Prayer** 10am in the Church followed by morning tea.

#### Friday 8 March

**Drop In Morning** 10am in the Parish Hall.



### Liturgy and Prayers this Week 26 February – 3 March 2024

Monday	-	-
Tuesday	-	-
Wednesday	7:00pm	Mass
Thursday	9:00am	Mass
Friday	8:00am 7:00pm	Mass + Adoration + Benediction Stations of the Cross
Saturday	9:00am	Mass
Sunday	5:30pm(Vigil) 8:00am and 5:30pm	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>
	Readings – Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13-25	
Reconciliation	Saturday 9:30am and 5:00pm	
Rosary and Angelus	Saturday before the 9:00am Mass	
Meditation	Tuesday 4pm at the Convent, 50 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne.	

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

- **Collection Boxes at the church doors** - cash donations
- **Tap and Go device** – pre-set to \$10 donation at the door
- **Give via direct debit or your Credit Card** - please call the parish office or find the form on the website (Quick Links)
- **Direct deposit donation to our bank account** - BSB 064 786 A/C 100016732 (Ref: surname)

Another easy way to support the Parish is by using the Parish Giving App: <http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>



**THE PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP** will meet this Sunday morning after the 8am Mass. Anyone who is interested in social justice issues is very welcome to come along to the Parish Board Room and join in the conversation.

**PROJECT COMPASSION** – This Lent, Caritas Australia will ask us to consider several stories of vulnerability and hope in action. Ronita lives with her husband and two children in Manila. She has overcome obstacles to enjoy better employment prospects and a brighter future with the assistance of Caritas Australia's local partners in the Philippines. You can help improve lives for some of the most vulnerable communities on earth through your donations. **Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of envelopes and give generously this Lent.**



**ARE YOU A CARER?** Do you look after someone who lives with disability, has a medical or mental health condition or is frail due to age? You might be young or old, looking after a relative or friend 24 hours a day or just some of the time. If this sounds like you, you are welcome to join with others at the parish carer's meetings, held on the last Tuesday of each month. Consider coming to the next meeting on Tuesday 27 February, held in the parish hall from 10am-12pm. All welcome.

## PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2024

Please mark these important dates in your diary.

**FIRST COMMUNION** (Year 4 children)

**Parent Workshop sessions**

24 April 7:30pm **OR** 26 April 9:30am

**Celebration of First Holy Communion 25-26 May**

**CONFIRMATION** (Year 3 children)

**Parent Workshop sessions**

8 August 7pm **OR** 9 August 9:30am



**A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.**

*Experts:* Your children will model the behaviour they see.

*Me:* Really? Because my kids have seen me fold laundry and they don't fold laundry!

## IN THE ARCHDIOCESE



**A VOCATION VIEW:** If you need an example of a person responding to a vocational call, look at Abraham – called in old age to leave his country, father a child, and then asked to sacrifice the child. What faith! Vocation is a risky response to a unique call from God. Please pray for vocations. Scan the QR code to find out more or contact the vocation office on 1300 133 544 or [www.vocationbrisbane.com](http://www.vocationbrisbane.com) Follow us on @vocationbrisbane

**TWO MINUTE HOMILY** by priests from across the Archdiocese of Brisbane. You are able to watch this week's homily [here](#).

**QLD CHURCHES TOGETHER** – online ZOOM workshop series “**RESPONDING TO DOMESTIC VOLENCE**”. Because Church communities are not immune from Domestic Family Violence. 28 February and 6 March. 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Register via Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/COJMX> For further information please call 3369 6792.



**ST JAMES COLLEGE, BRISBANE** is a progressive multicultural Catholic co-educational college for students in Years 5–12 in the Edmund Rice tradition. **Enrol for YEAR 5 in 2025. INFORMATION Session 4 March.** Students from all backgrounds and abilities welcome. Bursaries and scholarships available. Enquiries - 3230 8600 or [MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au](mailto:MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au). [www.jta.link/SJC](http://www.jta.link/SJC).



## This week's goal: CRY OF THE POOR

This week's goal refers to the impacts of the environmental destruction suffered by vulnerable people. Consider how you can protect children from air pollution with usage of contaminants in the home.



Sts Peter and Paul's School runs a **Support-a-Reader Program**, to enhance literacy acquisition and reading. The program relies on volunteers from the Parish and School communities. Sessions are conducted in the meeting room of the Good Samaritan Hall on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon 1:50pm to 2:55pm. If you are interested in volunteering your time or for further information, please contact Mary Clarris [mclarris@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mclarris@bne.catholic.edu.au) or 3399 1281.

**PARISH BAKE STALL** - Craving something sweet? Join us after Mass at 6:30pm, Saturday 2 March or Sunday 3 March at 9am outside the Church for some lovely homemade baked goods.



**FAMILY MASS** will be celebrated in the parish next Sunday 3 March at 8am followed by morning tea in the parish grounds. Everyone welcome.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** continues to be celebrated in the church throughout Lent on Friday evenings at 7pm. Please consider joining as part of your Lenten discipline.



**A RESURRECTED LIFE - Daily Reflections for Lent.** This pocket-sized resource will help guide readers through 5 to 10 minutes of daily contemplation inspired by a short text of Scripture from the day's Gospel reading, as well as reflections on how to put the Word into practice, and prayer. Copies are still available from the parish office at a cost of \$8 each.

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING** - Keeping up to date with Safeguarding Training is essential for parish volunteers. It is a requirement under the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards this training is completed every two years. The Archdiocesan Safeguarding Office is trialling the training in webinar format which some may find more convenient. If you are a volunteer in leading our **Children's Liturgy of the Word**, we ask you to participate in this. Date: 6 March 2024 at 6:30pm. Register now at <https://SafeguardingTraining-WebinarNinja>

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** at Sts Peter and Paul next Friday 1 March at 10am, followed by morning tea. The Ecumenical Service for this year has been prepared by the Christian women of Palestine. All welcome.





# MUSIC ON SUNDAY

Readings – *Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18*    *Romans 8:31–34*    *Mark 9:2-10*

## GATHERING HYMN

### GOD OF DAY and GOD OF DARKNESS

God of day and God of darkness,  
Now we stand before the night;  
As the shadows stretch and deepen,  
Come and make our darkness bright.  
All creation still is groaning for the dawning of your might  
When the Sun of peace and justice  
Fills the earth with radiant light.

Show us Christ in one another,  
Make us servants strong and true;  
Give us all your love of justice,  
So we do what you would do.  
Let us call all people holy,  
Let us pledge our lives anew,  
Make us one with all the lowly,  
Let us all be one in you.



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## PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you,  
my brothers and sisters, 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,  
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.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the  
living.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus,  
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ.  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This  
is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus,  
Praise and honour, Lord Jesus Christ.

## NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten  
Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God  
from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him, all things were made. For us and for our  
salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy  
Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the  
third day in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand  
of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the  
living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I  
look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of  
the world to come. Amen

## SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim  
your death, O Lord, until you come again.

## LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
Grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMN

### IN THE RADIANCE OF YOUR GAZE

#### CHORUS

*I will walk in your presence my Lord,  
In the land of your loved creation.  
I will live in the radiance of your gaze,  
From the warmth of your heart, my God.*

When I lift my eyes up to the hills  
I wonder who'll be my help?  
My help will be from the Lord who made me,  
Made the heavens and the earth.

May the Lord be sure you do not fall,  
Never sleeping, always your guard.  
You shall be at peace,  
For the Lord is mindful of your footsteps and your ways.

God is your protection and your shade,  
standing ever close by your side.  
Neither the sun nor the moon shall harm you,  
By day or by night.

From evil, the Lord will keep your soul  
And will hold your life in safe arms.  
As you walk, your God will guard your going,  
For ever your true strength.

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## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people.  
Light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

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