

NEWSLETTER

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Second Sunday of Lent

In the Scriptures, the desert is the place to discover the limits of the human spirit, and the mountain is the place to encounter the spirit of God. During Lent, we visit both: last week the desert, today the mountain.

In Genesis God directs Abram to leave his home for a new land. An encounter with God often leads to a journey and we can observe the life of our catechumens to see this truth lived in our time. This journey represents a new spiritual discovery in the relationship with God. Referring to our Lenten journey, we embark on a spiritual journey of self-examination. Abram is called to take up a physical journey, which is an enormous undertaking since it involves his entire household of extended family, slaves and workers. Added to this is the fact that Abram is given no definite destination nor map to get there. This journey requires faith and it will be a wonderful display of God's providence at every step. Whenever God asks us to move into the future and deepen our relationship with him, we are accompanied by blessings only God can provide.

The transfiguration of the Lord is an example of a biblical theophany, a manifestation in a physical way of the divine among us. Jesus goes up a high mountain where there will be echoes of earlier theophanies such as Moses at Sinai when he received the Law and his face shone brightly reflecting the light of God. God spoke to Moses from a cloud, as was the case for Jesus at his baptism. These details strongly remind us that the mission of Jesus is deeply rooted in God's loving plan of our salvation. As Jesus and the Apostles come down from the mountain, it is clear this work of God will continue as will God's call to us to journey with Jesus.

God blessings for your Lenten journey,

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 Jacqueline Vojtisek, Walter Jarrett, Margaret Gibson, Magdalena Gomez and Don Clinen **recently deceased and also for** Mal Thomson, Dennis Duncan, Bill Hanley, Robyn Illett, Stan Grzegorzolka, deceased members of Begley-Bourke Family, Patricia Vieyra, Mary Hooper, Giuseppe Saffioti, Francesca Saffioti, Ross Saffioti, Jarrett Family, Patricia O'Connell, John Stapleton, Margaretha Atta Widodo and Beryl Allam.



Please remember the sick in your prayers – Margaret Linnett, Harold O'Connell, Pete Waldron, Tony Desbrow, Cooper Price, Pat Lindsay and Hazel Langthorne.

DIARY DATE CLAIMERS 2023

Saturday 4 March
Parish Bake Stall
Rosary at 4:30pm in the Parish Hall
Sunday 5 March
Parish Bake Stall
Family Mass at 8am
Thursday 9 March
Playgroup meet at 9am in the Hall

 Liturgy and Prayers this Week		6 March – 12 March
Monday	-	-
Tuesday	-	-
Wednesday	7:00pm	Mass
Thursday	-	-
Friday	8:00am 7:00pm	Mass + Adoration Stations of the Cross
Saturday	9:00am	Mass
Sunday	5:30pm(Saturday), 8:00am and 5:30pm	Third Sunday of Lent
Readings – Exodus 17:3-7 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 John 4:5-42		
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

COVID REQUIREMENTS – Please continue with routine precautions minimising the risk of transmission -

- Stay home when you are sick
- Maintain good hand hygiene
- Maintain social distancing (1.5m) when queuing for Holy Communion and when entering/exiting the Church.
- Wear a mask when in close contact with others.

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>



PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2023

Please mark these important dates in your diary.

FIRST COMMUNION (Year 4 children)

Parent information sessions

4 May 7pm OR 5 May 9:30am

Celebration of First Holy Communion 10-11 June

CONFIRMATION (Year 3 children)

Parent information sessions

20 July 7pm OR 21 July 9:30am

Celebration of Confirmation 29 August



PLAYGROUP BULIMBA is on each Thursday morning during the school term from 9am-11am. Come along to the parish hall for this week's Storytelling activity with Brisbane City Council Library. ALL WELCOME.

SYRIA AND TURKEY EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY APPEAL

The tragic earthquakes in Syria and Turkey have claimed over 50,000 lives and impacted over 20 million people. Parishioners who wish to support the emergency response can do so via the Caritas Emergency Appeal. Please donate via Caritas at: <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/middle-east-crisis-appeal-turkey-syria/>. Please keep the people of Syria and Turkey and all those working to help them in your prayers.

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

Paddy goes on a first aid course. The instructor wants to test the participant's basic knowledge so asks, 'What would you do if your child swallowed the front door key?' Thinking for a moment, Paddy answers back, 'I'd climb in through the window.'

IN THE ARCHDIOCESE




VOCATION VIEW: The Lord called Abram to go forth to a new land and begin a new nation. There is no telling what we can become by responding to the Lord's invitation to us. Please pray for Vocations. To speak to someone about your vocation please contact the Vocation office on 1300 133 544 or vocation@bne.catholic.net.au

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

LENTEN CONCERT SERIES - Each Thursday in March at 12noon, in St Stephen's Cathedral. Come explore the 40-day journey of Lent through music – featuring compositions inspired by the key themes and scripture readings of Lent. A time of inspiration and reflection before the 12:30pm Mass. All welcome, free admission.



ST JAMES COLLEGE, SPRING HILL is a progressive multicultural Catholic Coeducational Secondary College for Years 5 - 12 in the Edmund Rice tradition. ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING on Monday 6 March from 6.00pm. Enquiries to Maria Young, Enrolments Officer, MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au, 3230 8600. Visit www.jta.link/SJC.



Goal Eight
The Cry of the Earth

Adjust your air conditioning unit running temperature to 24°

PROJECT COMPASSION – Tereesa

is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. Through the Baabayn Young Mums and Bubs Group, Tereesa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children. **PLEASE DONATE TO PROJECT COMPASSION 2023.** Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.** You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available at the church doors, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

will be celebrated each Friday during Lent at 7pm. Please join us in the church as part of your Lenten journey. All welcome.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY of the WORD is held during the Sunday morning 8am Mass in school terms. After the opening prayer, children will gather together in the Parish hall to celebrate and learn about the Liturgy of the Word in a way that is engaging for their level of understanding. We encourage young primary school aged children to attend.

The first **PARISH BAKE STALL** for 2023 will be held this weekend. A delicious selection of baked goods will be available to purchase, with all proceeds going to community members in need. Cash and EFTPOS will be available for payments.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – celebrated each Friday in the church. Please join us to pray for families, our parish and world peace. Stop in on the way to work or school. All welcome.

PARISH MISSION EVENT – The Catholic Guy (Bruce Downes) is coming to Our Lady of Graces, Carina during this Lenten season and you're invited! Four inspiring sessions 23-28 March 2023, admission is free. Presented through music and the arts, it is at times deeply prayerful, powerful and profoundly funny. For more information, please see brochures at the church doors.

MUSIC ON SUNDAY

Today's Readings: Genesis 12:1-4 2 Timothy 1:8-10 Matthew 17:1-9

GATHERING HYMN

RETURN TO GOD

REFRAIN

*Return to God with all your heart,
The source of grace and mercy;
Come seek the tender faithfulness of God.*

Now the time of grace has come,
The day of salvation;
Come and learn now the way of our God.

I will take your heart of stone
And place a heart within you,
A heart of compassion and love.

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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.

*May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.*

Amen

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

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.

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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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

A TRUSTING PSALM

CHORUS

*Lord, let your mercy be on us
As we place our trust in you.*

The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love.
His love can never be measured.
His beauty is like nothing we have ever seen,
So let us place our trust in him.

The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God.
His love can never grow weary.
His mercy is as though our sins have never been,
If we can place our trust in him.

The word of the Lord is fire burning strong.
His love can never grow weary.
He will seek and save the lost until we all return,
So let us place our trust in him.

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RECESSIONAL 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.

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.

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