

## ST. TIMOTHY'S PARISH NEWS

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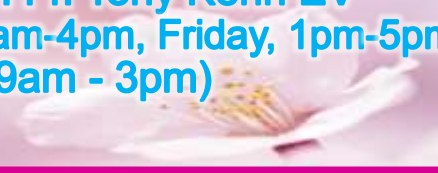
## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

27 - 28 FEBRUARY 2021

Parish Priest / Administrator: Fr. Tony Kerin EV

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Corrie (Wed-Thurs, 9am - 3pm)



## TRANSFIGURATION

*"Jesus was transfigured before their eyes."*

Something remarkable happened on that mountain.

Consider the possibility that it was not Jesus who changed but rather it was Peter, James and John who were transformed. Imagine that this account from Mark's Gospel documents the experience of Peter, James and John as their eyes were opened; their vision widened, enabling them to see without impediment the virtually blinding light of Jesus' love that flowed from every fiber of his being.

Indeed, every day of Jesus' life something of that remarkable brilliance, that remarkable passion, and that remarkable glory was revealed to people of all ages, stages and states of life. The shepherds and magi saw it; the elders

in the temple saw it; the guests at a wedding saw it; a woman caught in adultery saw it; a boy possessed by demons saw it; a man born blind saw it; a good thief saw it.

If so many others could recognize it in a word, a glance, or a touch, why might Peter, James and John have required such extra effort in helping them to see Jesus' glory? Perhaps it was because they were so close to Jesus; perhaps it was because they were with him every day; perhaps it was because, on some level, they had somehow taken his glory for granted.

What about us? Do we recognize that same divine glory present in us, present in others, present in creation, present in even the simplest and most ordinary, everyday experiences of justice, truth, healing, forgiveness, reconciliation and compassion?

Or do we take it for granted?

St. Francis de Sales saw the Transfiguration as a "glimpse of heaven." During this season of Lent, may our eyes, our minds and our hearts be transfigured and transformed. May we see more clearly the glory of a God who always loves us, who redeems us, who heals us, who forgives us, who challenges us, who pursues us, who strengthens us and who inspires us.

May we grow in our ability, through the quality of our lives, to make that "glimpse of heaven" visible in the lives of others.

*Salesian Feed.*



### **A PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH**

*St Joseph, you were receptive to God working in your life.*

*Help us by your prayers at this time of trial.*

*You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care:*

*may your prayers assist our local Church to respond to those in need.*

*You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers: help us to follow his example of love.*

*You were part of God's plan for all humanity: assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day.*

*You spent your life in service: may we be mindful of others, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, caring for them in these difficult days.*

*You trusted in the clear primacy of God over all history and every situation: help us to grow in faith and pray to the Father, Thy will be done. Amen.*



## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Here I am!" he answered." - Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbour needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

### MASS ONLINE

#### ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, MELBOURNE

Masses are livestreamed daily on our Archdiocesan YouTube channel and on Sundays are available to view on free-to-air TV via C31 (channel 44 on digital TV).

#### BOX HILL PARISH

Daily Masses: <https://www.facebook.com/GBHparish>

Sunday Masses also on:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/GreaterBoxHillParish>

#### MASS FOR YOU AT HOME

Available at Network Ten - 10 Play

<https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>

#### VIETNAMESE SUNDAY MASS AT 5:00 PM

<https://www.facebook.com/sttimvn>



Our Thanksgiving Online Payment Portal is **Parish Pay Portal**

<https://secure.artezpacific.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=116521&langPref=en-CA>

Gratitude for your continuing support.

You may also opt to use the direct debit facility, kindly email or call us for application form or the Parish bank details.

### SACRAMENTS:

**Baptism:** 1st Sunday of the Month (9:00 AM Mass)

- ♦ Reconciliation
- ♦ Marriage
- ♦ Anointing of the Sick
- ♦ Funerals



Contact Parish office for Enquiries & Arrangement

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#### 2021 FIRST EUCHARIST, RECONCILIATION & CONFIRMATION

- ♦ For children attending St. Timothy's school, preparation for these three sacraments is through the school.
- ♦ For children not attending St. Timothy's school, preparation and enrollment is through the Parish Office every Tuesday-Thursday from 9:00-3PM and Friday from 1:00- 5:00PM

### MASS TIMES:

- ♦ Saturday: 6:00 PM
  - ♦ Sunday: 9:00 AM
  - ♦ Mass in Vietnamese : 5:00 PM (All Sundays)
- VIETNAMESE ENQUIRIES: AHN LOC 0434 239 212 or ANH TOAN 0422 295 115.

### WEEKDAYS:

- ♦ Wednesday & Thursday, 9:15 am
- ♦ 1st Wednesday of the month, 10:00 am, Anointing Mass
- ♦ Every Friday, 10:00 am



Let us rejoice and extend our blessings to

**JULIE NGUYEN**  
on her Baptism Day,  
28 February

### CREATIVE THINGS TO GIVE UP FOR LENT IN 2021

**Bad posture:** Working from home often means working with terrible posture. Make it a point to sit up straight while you sit at your laptop or watch TV.

**Gossip:** This Lenten season, steer conversations away from gossip. If a friend starts talking about someone else, say something nice about that person and change the subject. You can also tell your friends that you're trying to avoid gossip. They might appreciate the nudge toward positivity.

**Frivolous spending:** Is there anything you overspend on that you know you shouldn't? For example, Starbucks, clothes, or Uber? Cut one of those things out and donate the money you save to charity.

**Swear words:** Whether your computer crashed, your train is late, or you stubbed your toe, try to avoid muttering the first expletive that comes to mind. Instead, challenge yourself to expand your vocabulary or express yourself in a different way.

**Negativity:** Whenever you find yourself in a feedback loop of negative thoughts, try to think of three things you're thankful for.

Source: <https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/>



### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2021 CHILDREN IN NON CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Parents can now enrol their children on the following sacramental programs:

- Term 1: The Sacrament of Confirmation (Ages 12 & older)
- Term 2: The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Ages 8 & older)
- Term 3: The Sacrament of First Eucharist (Ages 9 & older)

Please note that this program is being handled by Box Hill Parish. For further details, you can contact the parish office at (03) 9401 6371 or email at [boxhill@cam.org.au](mailto:boxhill@cam.org.au)

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Dorothy Faulkner, Carmel Curtain,  
Elio Lessio Peter Waddington,  
Robert Defina, Rosemary Cardenti,  
Aquinaldo Buaquina, Graham Williams,  
Andrew Joseph Yeo, Ferruccio Cigana,  
Noreen Kelly, Cecilio Abadilla,  
Armando Colasanti, Charlie Curmi.

ROSTERS:	6:00PM	9:00AM
<b>EUCHARIST MINISTERS</b>		
♦ This Week	Mary Italiano	Anico Yee
♦ Next week	Peter Naughtin	Chin L Tay
<b>PROCLAIMERS</b>		
♦ This Week C/P:	Hubert Lobo	Trevis Yee Ryan Yee
♦ Next week C/P:	Rachel Grealy	Alfred Lee
<b>COUNTERS</b>		
This Week: Raj Fonn / Violet Fonn		
Next Week: Peter Deayton / Lester Steele		



**POPE MARKS 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF DIVINE MERCY APPARITION**

Marking the 90th anniversary of the apparition of Jesus to St Faustina Kowalska, Pope Francis wrote a letter to Catholics in Poland expressing his hope that Christ's message of divine mercy would remain "alive in the hearts of the faithful".

According to a statement released by the Polish bishops' conference, the anniversary of the apparition, the Pope said he was united in prayer with those commemorating the anniversary at the Divine Mercy Shrine in Krakow and encouraged them to ask Jesus "for the gift of mercy."

"Let us have the courage to come back to Jesus to meet his love and mercy in the sacraments," he said. "Let us feel his closeness and tenderness, and then we will also be more capable of mercy, patience, forgiveness and love."

In her diary, St Faustina wrote that she had witnessed a vision of Jesus on February 22, 1931, while she was living at a convent in Plock, Poland. Christ, she wrote, had one hand raised in benediction and the other resting on his breast, from which emanated two rays of light. She said Christ demanded to have this image painted – along with the words "Jesus, I trust in you" – and venerated.



*This Lent, across our archdiocese, we are being invited to reflect on the way and person of Jesus, renew ourselves in his love, and recommit ourselves to the path of discipleship. After a year where the regular structures that help us live a life of faith and grow in our relationship with Jesus were largely absent, we are encouraged to use Lent to reflect more deeply on our relationship with Jesus and be more attentive to nurturing its growth. To aid us in this, a Way of the Cross resource has been developed incorporating images, Scripture, music, reflection and prayer.*

*Praying the Stations (or Way) of the Cross has long been a treasured practise in the Church, particularly on Fridays in Lent. This Way of the Cross video resource [www.bit.ly/WayoftheCross2021](http://www.bit.ly/WayoftheCross2021) has been developed for individuals, families, parishes, schools and other groups throughout the Archdiocese of Melbourne and beyond.*

*Find a quiet space, still yourself and pray it by yourself or with others.*

*Further Lenten resources can be found at: [www.melbournecatholic.org/lent2021](http://www.melbournecatholic.org/lent2021)*

**ARCHBISHOP COMENSOLI: THE LORD WILL FIND A WAY; OUR TASK IS TO DISCOVER IT**

This time, a year ago, none of us were aware of what was coming. There were a few whispers of a strange new virus emerging, and perhaps some beginnings of concern for a new flu-like infection spreading through Asia. But none of us were thinking that a flood was coming, and that the world would be downed in this pandemic – 110 million people infected, 2.5 million deaths, billions of lives and livelihoods overwhelmed. COVID-19 has indeed been a flood of biblical proportions.

Yet, the promise of God, made to Noah and his family, has prevailed. "There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again." The world has been devastated, but not destroyed; we have been shattered, but not annihilated. Even now, as mass vaccination begins to roll out like a returning dove with an olive twig, the rainbow of God's abiding love for his creation appears, and his covenant with us renewed.

For this reason do I hold out hope in the midst of the circumstances in which we are presently engulfed. The Lord will find a way; our task is to discover it, and then live it. We are marked with the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ; as such, we have been re-configured to see the world before us through the lens of our redemption.

As we each stand at the threshold of this Lent of 2021, wondering what it might have in store, I want to offer you a word of encouragement and hope. God will not let us be destroyed; he has our back. As we begin our spiritual journey to the foot of the cross of Jesus Christ, and then on to the empty tomb, know that you are not abandoned, and then work so that we do not abandon each other in our needs.

**CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS BACK POST-COVID RECOVERY**

Catholic Social Services Australia is part of an alliance of Christian community organisations who have committed to playing their part in Australia's recovery from COVID-19.

"We vow to provide service and love to all in need without prejudice or judgment – to share our common table with the hungry, to bring warmth and care to the frail, and to proportion our common wealth among the poor and destitute," said organisations including World Vision, Wesley Mission, Bible Society Australia, Mission Australia and the Presbyterian Church.

The joint letter from the Christian community organisations was handed to Prime Minister Scott Morrison as part of a day of meeting with him, Opposition Leader Anthony Albanese and a number of relevant government ministers.

Dr Ursula Stephens, CEO of Catholic Social Services Australia, pointed out how Christian collaboration with governments is key to good outcomes. "Faith-based organisations provide more than half of all welfare services in Australia, and those represented here recognise the vital role they can play in restoration in response to the impacts of COVID-19."

In his address to the group, Mr Albanese quoted Pope Francis and Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge in his argument that Australia had a rare chance to "shape the future and emerge from the pandemic as a better and fairer nation".



## **INTRODUCTION TO MASS:**

God is on our side and with God on our side how can we possibly fail? While Lent is a time of discipline, a time of penance, its purpose is not to make us morbidly focussed on our unworthiness, but rather to consider the immensity of God's love. It is in response to this love that we embark on the journey of a disciple in faith, hope and charity, so we become images of Christ to ourselves and to our neighbours.—(Mary Coloe PBVM)

## **PENITENTIAL RITE:**

Lord Jesus, you call us to your holy mountain.

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, you are our strength in times of uncertainty.

Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you plead for us at the right hand of the father.

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

## **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 :**

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

1. I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted. 'O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. (R.)
2. 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. (R.)
3. 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. (R.)

## **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 any more 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.