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"He must increase, I must decrease"

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5pm;
Sunday 7.30am, 9.15am, 6pm.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday-Friday 7.45am (Monday & Tuesday with Lauds)
Saturday and Public Holidays 9am.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK First Friday
4pm Mass

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE Friday
after morning Mass; First Friday
3.30pm; Saturday 9.30am (after
morning Mass) & 4.30pm; Sunday
7.00am.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Baptism
Preparation - 9.30am second and
fourth Sunday of the month
Sacrament of Baptism - 11.00am first
and third Sunday of the month . Please
contact the parish office for more
information.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT** Saturday after 9am Mass
until 10am Monday until 9am (Public
Holidays 10.15am) Thursday 7.30pm-
8.30pm for the needs of the Parish.

PARISH CHOIR Enquiries: 0417 659
526. Practice Wed nights in the church
@ 7pm. New members welcome.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Monday
evenings 6-7pm in the Leo Mahon
room. All welcome. Enquiries 0432 882
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Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! From the shining
cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. *Praise to
you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

Readings: 15th March 2020
Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

Keep Us In Your Prayers OF YOUR CHARITY PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF:

Remembrances: Sergei de Souza.

Anniversaries: Alan French, Marie Louise Goetz, Paul Hogan, Dudley
Juratowitch, Bruno de Souza.

Sick: Dennis Von Nida, Ernie Mullins, John Mitchell, Marie Dixon, Michael
Taylor, Kathleen Bezzina, Geoff Floyd, Elaine Finlayson, Tom Searle, Joan
Kelleher, Vicki Pirie, Patricia Dwyer, Donna Vella, Donna Briemer, Oscar
James Morreti, Betty Fraser, Luis Emilio Garrido, Audrey Kirkman, Malin
Tugaga, Pamela Power, Mary Scarf, Louis & Rose Aloisio, Amanda Sheridan,
Audey Barsenbach, Marta Panczyna, Mary Wood, Therese Horner, Jack
Dummett, Jo Farrelle, Anne Singleton, Tina Cohen, Janice Green, Robert
Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros Harbig, Sheila Rogan, Karen Chorazyczewska,
Ian Wilks, , Ed Hyland, Daphne McNab, Shirley Crotty, Ada-Primrose Murphy,
Tim Parker, Lorraine Smith, Larry Cresswell, Ken Joyce, Alison Richmond,
June Townsend, Andrew Muggs, Sheila Houghton, Frank Levy, Dorothy
Fulton, Roger Mitchell.

Quotes from Amoris Laetitia... "The Joy of Love"
Pope Francis

We also find it hard to make room for the consciences of the
faithful, who very often respond as best they can to the Gos-
pel amid their limitations, and are capable of carrying out their
own discernment in complex situations. We have been called
to form consciences, not to replace them.

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St John the Baptist Catholic Church

Mission and Vision
Bringing Jesus Christ to ALL, through:
Worship and Liturgy
Outreach
Our Parish School
Hospitality
Adult & Child Faith Formation



2nd Sunday of Lent
8th March 2020, Year A (Psalter Week 2)
Gospel Reflection—© Fr Richard Leonard SJ



Three key people of the Old Testament are given to us in today's readings: Abram, Moses and Elijah. Unfortunately most of what we know about these men is fairly sketchy. Who can blame the young children, then, who wrote down the following answers in an exam on the Old Testament?

'Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Amendments. The First was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple. The Fifth was to always humour thy father and mother.'

The Jews of Matthew's community, however, would have been able to remember by heart every detail about Abram, Moses and

Elijah. These men remain the Jews' greatest heroes. The first hearers of the Transfiguration story would have immediately made all the connections between Jesus' story and Abram, Moses and Elijah's experience of God on a mountaintop, where each has a life-changing encounter with the presence of God and is illuminated in every way. Each of them is called by God to fulfil a special task and so descend from the mountain with the strength to see it through.

Matthew is especially interested in the story of Moses. One of the refrains of the entire Gospel is that Jesus is the New Moses, the fulfilment of the law and the light that illuminates the darkest night. As interesting as the similarities are between Moses on Sinai and Jesus on Tabor, the differences are even more revealing for us on our Lenten journey.

Moses goes up the mountain alone, Jesus takes companions with him who share in the experience and witness to it. The face of God is hidden from Moses whereas on Tabor Jesus is given to us as the face of God for the world. On Sinai Moses receives a code of law and is told to make sure the people obey it. On Tabor Jesus receives a proclamation of God's love and we're told to listen to him. While Moses' face shines, Jesus' whole body is transfigured with light. Moses descends to enforce the law; Jesus comes down to die that we might live.

Just when some of us think Lent is a grim season of self-denial, the Church gives us the story of Jesus' Transfiguration to put our sacrifices in context. The only reason we deny ourselves anything or commit ourselves to actions of service for these 40 days is to grow more deeply in love with the God who loves us into life. Penance is not meant to attack our self-esteem, it's intended to help us sort out what really matters, to cast some light in the darkness of our lives and to focus on the relationship which gives meaning and purpose for this world and the next.

The God of Mount Tabor is not interested in each of us feeling isolated as we fulfil the letter of a legal code. He wants all of us to have hearts that listen to the Gospel of love so that we can gain the power to transform the world through the sacrifices of our daily lives.

On a much gentler scale, Sunday Mass is meant to be a weekly mountaintop experience for us where we hear God call us by name and confess his love for us; where we feel re-energised for the commission we have to bear his light to the world. In this context anything we can do this Lent that helps remove the blocks in our full response to his love, must be worth effort.

Parish News

First Holy Communion Programme 2020: Presentation of candidates preparing for the sacrament of Holy Communion at 6pm mass on Sunday. Please keep them in your prayers.

Project Compassion: Your donation to Project Compassion gives expression to the Gospel imperative to pursue justice and help those vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. Project Compassion envelopes are available in the Gathering Area.

Welcome to our new Assistant Priest: On behalf of Fr Timothy and the Parish Community we would like to extend our welcome to Fr Lourduswamy who will be assisting Fr Timothy in our parish. There will be a morning tea after 9.15 am mass on Sunday, 8th March to celebrate his arrival.

National Catholic Safeguarding Standards: Leadership, monitoring & improvement

Standard 9 – The Parish regularly reviews and improves systems for keeping children safe

Key Elements of Standard 9:

- Regularly reviews and improves practices
- Analyses concerns and complaints to identify causes and potential system failures
- Reports of the findings of relevant reviews

Salesian Thought

Where there is greater happiness, there is greater satisfaction. Hence, the divine Goodness has greater delight in giving Graces than we in receiving them. (TLG, Book I, Ch. 15)

Saint Francis de Sales

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March Prayer intention for evangelisation - Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Lenten Programme 2020

Fridays - Stations of the Cross at 6.30 p.m.

Wednesdays - Stations of the Cross at 6.30p.m. followed by the Eucharist at 7.00p.m.

2nd Rite of Reconciliation: Friday, 3rd April at 7.00 pm.

SJB PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY

Our Parish Vision is Bringing Jesus Christ to All. : "He must increase, I must decrease".

YOUTH OPENING NIGHT 8TH OF MARCH 2020

Old Church Building Hall

FAMILY DINNER WITH THE YOUTH

7.15 PM – 9.00PM

Bring your sons and daughters and your family

Please book with Kiliti on 0412731979 or Bernie on 0417698760

COME AND SEE!

Theme for the Night:

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS - DISCIPLESHIP - A MEAL - AND FUN GAMES

Vegetarian Mexican/Italian Penne Aurora/Pesto Pasta/Fine Indian Cuisine

We have decided to start the **First Youth Meeting with a FAMILY DINNER.** All the youth and young adults that sign up plus the families of the Youth Ministry Team are invited to attend and everyone is welcome. All catered for and the only missing ingredient is YOU.

It is not too late to join us if you want to be part of this great ministry. **All adults that are participating are required to be trained and complete Work with Children's check** before activating your gifts and talents to help. Please email your WWCC to woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au. Those who cannot make it to the training at the above times will be trained in their available time – please let me know in advance.

Our Youth Ministry Team are still recruiting for:
Youth Leaders and Mentors (Aged 18 and overs needed – we will train you)

Youth Group Members aged 12 – 17

Young Adult Members aged 18 – 30

Please sign up on pages provided if you want to be a Youth Member

aged 12 – 17 & and for Young Adults aged 18 – 30

Please sign up and contact Kiliti 0412731979 or the Parish Office 4341 1073

Anyone interested in joining the forces for Youth Ministry, we need YOU.

Coronavirus, COVID-19

Bishop Anthony has reviewed his previous instructions with regard to coronavirus and now provides us with the additional instruction proportionate to the current understanding of the coronavirus and the risks outlined by health authorities:

- Individuals should consider their own health, including any potential to infect others with a contagious disease, before attending a public liturgical celebration, and the manner by which they engage their participation in the celebration.
- Holy Water should be temporarily removed from stoups at the doors of churches to reduce the possibility of transmission of the virus. Holy Water should continue to be available for people to take home.
- Celebrants may exercise the option allowed in the Roman Rite for the inclusion of the Sign of Peace in the Rite of Communion. If they choose the option for the Sign of Peace, individuals should avoid shaking hands but say "Peace be with you" and offer a smile, wave, nod or bow.
- Parishes should continue not to distribute Holy Communion from the Chalice until further notice.
- The Faithful shall still have the option of receiving Communion on the tongue until the situation is further reviewed, but Ministers of Communion should disinfect their hands afterwards and avoid contact with the palms of people's hands.
- The Faithful who are too unwell to attend Sunday mass for whatever cause or at particular risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus can honour their Sunday obligation by participating in a time of prayer within the home, reading the Scriptures or watching Mass on television or online (<http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>).

Eucharistic Miracle at Buenos Aires

Parishioners are invited to hear Mr Ron Tesoriero speak about his experiences with The Eucharistic Miracle at Buenos Aires. Ron is a lawyer and documentary maker. Ron will be speaking at a dinner at the Davistown RSL on Thursday 19th March, 7:00 for 7:15. The dinner is hosted by the Catenian Association. Cost is \$30, a 2 course dinner with wine. For catering: Please RSVP Wednesday 11th March 2020. SMS 0410434840

email: brisbanewatercircle@gmail.com

Welcome to our Parish families

Children's Art Exhibition 2020



We welcome our children and their families to take part in the Lenten theme of 'What does Lent mean to me?'

Art sheet and instructions are available in the Gathering Area of the church after Mass this weekend.

Come and speak to Kathie and Colleen at the Hospitality desk for more information.

Rosters

Volunteer Church Cleaning 13/03/20: Veronica Jordan, Christine French, Michael French.

Children's Liturgy 15/03/20: Ingrid Stevens, Celeste Boonaerts, Rebecca Beisler.

Cash Housie every Saturday night at Peninsula Community Centre, Cnr Ocean Beach Rd & McMasters Rd, Woy Woy. Games start at 7.30pm and finish 10.20pm, cash prizes. Ticket sales from 6pm. Proceeds benefit the Parish.

Enquiries Rob: 0427 990 818.

St Vincent de Paul Society on the Peninsula assist and give a hand up to people in need. We have two Conferences with volunteers sharing the visiting or office work. New Volunteers are always welcome. Please ring Pat 0403 672 077 or Peter 0425 358 376.

Ethel Cox Parish Centre - "Mary Mac's Place" Hospitality volunteers provide nutritious, freshly cooked meals and information and referrals to appropriate community services. Open Monday to Friday, 11am-1pm, at the Ethel Cox Parish Centre. For more information, please contact 4341 0584.

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