



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

2nd Sunday of Lent

Year B Cycle II

25 February 2024



## Inner Transformation

To contemplate the scene of the Transfiguration we need to 'go up the mountain with Jesus', leaving behind our worries and concerns. On the mountain Jesus appeared to Peter, James and John in all his glory as the Son of God. Peter wanted to hold on to that experience and stay on the mountain, offering to build a few tents!

It was while he was praying to his heavenly Father that Jesus was transfigured. The same can be the case for us. Each time we pray and seek to be in communion with the Father, we too can experience being transfigured or transformed by God's presence. Very real changes can take place when we encounter Christ in prayer. An inner transformation can take place as our faith, hope and love are restored or renewed. And even a physical change can happen: the glow returns to our eyes, we smile again, and our shoulders are no longer weighed down.

Jesus' communion with his Father in the prayer of Transfiguration strengthened him to face the cross. We too need experiences of tasting heaven on earth in order to face the challenges of the cross in our own life. Lord, help us to taste and see heaven on earth. Lord, transform us!

*God's Word* Dr Louise Byrne vdmf

## Willingness

The readings for the Second Sunday of Lent invite us to reflect on the importance of faith and trust in God's plan for us. The Gospel reading from Mark tells us about the transfiguration of Jesus, where he revealed his glory to Peter, James, and John. This experience strengthened their faith in Jesus as the Son of God and reminds us that even when we face difficult situations, we can trust that God is with us and will guide us through them.

The reading from Genesis tells us about Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son Isaac as a test of his faith. This story reminds us that faith often requires us to make difficult choices and sacrifices and to trust in God's plan, even when we don't understand it.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us reflect on our own faith and trust in God. Let us pray for the courage to follow God's will, even when it requires us to make sacrifices. Let us continue to grow in our relationship with God, so that we may experience the fullness of his love and grace.

Colleen Smith *Pastoral Associate*



**Congratulations  
Alfred & Angela  
Vasta**  
on the occasion  
of your  
**50th Wedding  
Anniversary**  
16 February 2024!



**Anointing  
of the Sick**  
will be celebrated  
Friday 1 March  
during 11:45am  
Mass for those  
over 65 or with  
serious or long-  
term illness.



**Nursing Home  
Mass**  
Mass and  
Anointing of the  
Sick will be  
celebrated at  
Bupa Bateau Bay  
on Tuesday  
at 10am.

**Please  
Remember  
Project  
Compassion  
this Lent**



## No Ram to Take His Place

The First Reading and the Gospel are loosely connected by the theme of events happening on a mountain.

In the Genesis story, Abraham is commanded by God to sacrifice his son Isaac on a mountain (Moriah); in the Gospel, the Transfiguration of Jesus takes place on Mt Tabor. The first event presents the scary prospect of a young boy being killed; the second describes the glorious and awe-inspiring transfiguration of Jesus before Peter, James, and John.

The narrative of the near-sacrifice of Abraham says that God sometimes puts us to the test. God does not tempt us in the manner the serpent seduced Adam and Eve or Satan tempted Jesus in the desert. Temptations are aimed at making us fall; tests are intended to purify and strengthen our faith. Thus, in Abraham's story, God intervenes as Abraham is about to carry out what he is commanded to do.

While Isaac escapes death, Jesus will not be spared by the Father. Beloved Son though Jesus is, he will be offered as a sacrifice: no ram will be there to take his place. Thus, Paul asks that if God "did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all," what can God not give us? That is how much God loves us: God has given his only Son for our salvation.

That his enemies will plot to kill him Jesus has predicted, and he does not hide it from his close followers. At the same time, in his transfiguration, Jesus intimates to them what awaits him after he is killed. The transfiguration of Jesus - with its symbolic elements (his face shining very brightly, his garments becoming dazzlingly white, the Father's voice coming from the cloud) foretells his glorious resurrection; it is a manifestation and foretaste of his future glory.

As followers of Jesus, we expect not just the "regular" trials of life but also and especially the opposition and hatred of those who reject Jesus. Jesus does not promise an easy life for his followers; in fact, he is very honest in declaring that they will meet the same fate that their Master will meet. But even as we face these challenges, let us remember that trials and challenges make us stronger and that God will never try us beyond what we can bear. Let us be consoled by the hope that glory and new life await those who hold out to the end as Jesus has promised.

*365 Days with the Lord* Fr Renato Repole SJ

## Project Compassion

This year Project Compassion presents the stories of resilient women from different corners of the world, facing vastly different challenges, but are all united by one dream: to create a better tomorrow for all future generations.

After the birth of her two children, 22-year-old Ronita (pictured left) was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family. Through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion, she is forging a path to a brighter future.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities facing challenges. Please donate through the Project Compassion boxes available at the Church doors, call 1800 024 413 or go to [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

## Lenten Reflection Mornings

You are invited to join our Seminarian, Rosan, for Lenten Reflection focusing on the Sunday Gospel Reading. The Reflection mornings will be held on each Wednesday of Lent 28 February, 6, 13 & 20 March in the Reynolds Room from 9:30-10:30am (after 9am Mass). Refreshments will be provided. All Welcome!

## Altar Service Training

Are you in year 4 or above? If yes and interested, we invite you to embark on a rewarding and enriching journey by becoming a Junior Altar Server in our parish. This is an opportunity to actively contribute to our worship community, fostering spiritual growth and forming lasting friendships. As a Junior Altar Server, you'll play a vital role in our liturgical celebrations, learning the sacred rituals and traditions that make our parish unique. This experience not only deepens your understanding of the Mass but also allows you to develop leadership skills, responsibility, and a strong sense of belonging.

We welcome you to embrace this chance to contribute to the spiritual life of our parish. Your enthusiasm and dedication will undoubtedly enrich our worship experience, and we look forward to welcoming you into the cherished tradition of altar service.

Take the first step toward a meaningful and fulfilling journey – become a Junior Altar Server! Saturdays 2, 9, 16 & 23 March 4pm followed by the Vigil Mass. Enquiries to Rosan 4332 2216.

## Please Note

### Triple P Positive Parenting Programme

The Triple P Programme teaches parents how to use effective strategies to promote their children's development and deal with common developmental challenges. Thursdays 9:30-11:30am in the Parish Centre. Bookings essential [www.ccfss.org.au](http://www.ccfss.org.au) or 4340 1585.

### THANK YOU from Catholic Mission

We would like to thank all parishioners who contributed to the Catholic Mission Parish Appeal. Your generosity and prayers are supporting lifechanging mission programs like the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where they are addressing critical health issues such as tuberculosis, malnutrition, and maternal mortality. Total amount raised: \$2360.

### Job Vacancies - Diocesan Outreach Assistants - ACN

Could you share the stories of suffering Christians? Are you looking for flexible part time work? Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants to deliver monthly presentations in parishes across Sydney, Broken Bay, Perth and Maitland-Newcastle. For more information and to view the full job ad go to [www.aidtochurch.org/work](http://www.aidtochurch.org/work)

### Lent with The Catholic Guy - Bruce Downes

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical, and inspiring video in your inbox every morning. This program is FREE and you can sign up at: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent>



**Welcome**  
to the Breneger,  
Coburn and  
Robilliard Families  
for the Reception  
of their children  
for the Sacrament  
of Baptism.



### Stations of the Cross

Stations will be held on Fridays of Lent after the 11:45am Mass.



### Lenten Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held each Saturday of Lent following 9am Mass for one hour.



### Low Gluten Hosts

Please see one of the Priests before Mass if you are a coeliac.

# THE ENTRANCE PARISH DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

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## Mass & Devotions

**Sunday Masses** Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am (11am at Reynolds Court, Bias Ave Bateau Bay)  
**Weekday Masses** Monday - Thursday 9:00am Friday 11:45am Saturday 9:00am  
**Reconciliations** Saturdays 9:30-10am and 4-4:30pm  
**Liturgy of the Hours** Saturday 8:40am **Rosary** Monday-Thursday 8:35am Friday 11:20am Saturday 9:30am  
**Cenacle Prayer Group** Wednesday 9:30am **Christian Meditation** Friday 10:30am-11:30am Reynolds Room

## 2nd Sunday of Lent

Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

1 Rom 8:31-34

Mk 9:2-10

**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.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

**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!

**Communion Antiphon:** This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

## Keep Us In Your Prayers

*There is no gift more precious than prayer - Fr Benedict Groeschel*

**Recently Deceased:** Jill Lockyer, Kathleen Mulligan, Jenny King.

**Anniversaries:** Agnes Walker (1st), Maria & Antun Radic, Kathleen Hack.

**Remembrances:** Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, Terry Howard, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Luba Banovic, Sr Jeannette Bubb, Simon Butcher and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**Families:** Clarke.

**Sick:** Jenny Balacco, Laila Calvi, John McClement, Susan Simmons, Anne & Trish Knoke, Paul Smith, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Peter O'Grady, Kelly Will, and all with serious illness.

**Welcome Newly Baptised:** Indy, Jovie, Murphy & Cash Thompson, Zoe & Hudson Scoines.

## Pearly Gates Revisited



Our Lady of the Rosary

GIFT CENTRE

*For all your devotional needs...*

## Everyone Welcome!

The Gift Centre is open each weekend before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturdays, and before and after the 9:30am Mass on Sundays.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

**Enquiries 4332 2216**