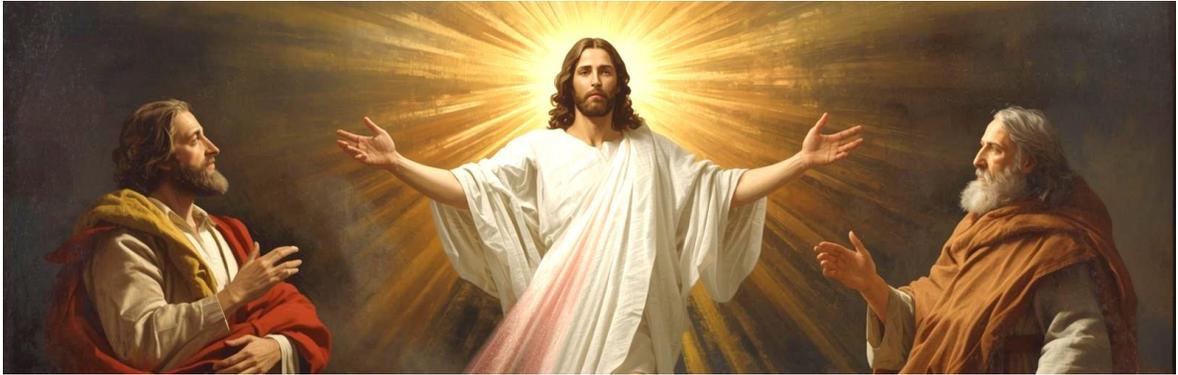




Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

2nd Sunday of Lent | Year A Cycle II | 1 March 2026



Changed

What is the Transfiguration? What is happening on the mountain? Why did Jesus take the three disciples with him? These are important questions because without them we might misunderstand the event. St Luke tells us that they went up the mountain to pray. If we read Matthew this way, the passage takes us into the prayer of Jesus. The disciples are privy to Jesus in his relationship with his Father. Have you seen someone absorbed in prayer? It can be an unforgettable experience of the beauty of a person in love with God; the person is changed. A person at one with God is most attractive to meet. This is the power of holiness alive. The disciples are overwhelmed by seeing Jesus in this relationship with his Father. Peter asks that they might stay here always. Oh to remain in the presence of God! Prayer also challenges us and helps us in our present needs. Before ascending the mountain, Jesus and his disciples struggled with his pending passion and death. The climax of the Transfiguration is the Father affirming his love for the Son and what will take place in Jerusalem. Jesus descends the mountain consoled by his Father and the disciples will walk to Jerusalem with Jesus.

God's Word Bishop Greg Homeming OCD

Relish It

God calls us out of our comfort zone to relish a life of grace and peace.

- a. One needs to leave one's 'Haran' in order to enter the God-promised 'Canaan': Abraham's whole-hearted response to God's call reveals his attitude of renunciation. He hopes the best is yet to come.
- b. One needs to set aside one's own plans in order to embrace God's plans: God's plan is that we be saved by Jesus' sacrifice. It is not important how big or how tiny our plan is, but how well it fits into God's plan.
- c. One needs to detach from the material to relish the spiritual: Jesus' act of going up the mountain reveals temporary detachment from the material in order to relish the spiritual. We are all called to journey from Haran to Canaan, from personal plan to divine plan, from the material to the spiritual.

God's Word Fr (Dr) Robert D'Souza

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Revelation

When Jesus goes up the mountain with his three disciples a special moment in time is about to be captured. There on the mountain the brightness of God shines out in the body of Jesus. It is a glimpse of all that can be, the promise of future glory. It is a vision of heaven, of a land that God will show to us. There was no camera, no photographer to catch this moment, but it is caught in the eyes and in the memory of those disciples. Peter, especially, will have occasion to write it down and hand it on to us as a precious possession. In a letter bearing his name, written many years later in Rome, Peter says, "We were with him on the holy mountain."

Not only did those disciples see the glory of Christ, but they heard the voice from heaven say, "This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him." This is a special moment of revelation. These disciples have seen and they have heard something very precious. The sight they saw is a vision of the land that God promises to us, the glory of heaven. The words that they heard tell us the real identity of Jesus of Nazareth. He is the Son of God in our flesh.

When the moment is over, the group leave the mountain and return to earth. They return to the life that must be lived day by day in this troubled world. But they now bring with them that vision of a world to come, and that confirmation of the truth of Jesus Christ. There will be many joys and many sufferings to come, and the shock and scandal of the cross will test their faith to the limits, but they will never forget what they have seen and heard. That vision and that Good News they will hand on to us.

St Paul belongs to that first generation of believers. He proclaims the great truth about Jesus: "He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News." That is why we journey in faith. That is why we bear the hardships of life: because, in Jesus Christ, we have seen a glimpse of the "promised land". We have seen what lies ahead. Not death and disaster, but life everlasting in the presence of God.

Abraham was called away, to leave home and family and the land of his birth, for "the land that I will show you". That land we have now seen, in the face and form of Jesus Christ. So we journey through this life in a great faith. Let us hear the Lord's words to us today, the same words that he spoke to the disciples on that holy mountain: "Stand up. Do not be afraid." In the journey of our own life through this world, may Easter sunshine fall on our faces.

Sunday Living Word Majellan Family Media

Family Mass & Presentation of Reconciliation Candidates

We're excited to invite you to our First Family Mass of 2026! Join us on Saturday 7 March at 5pm. We warmly welcome all families, especially those with children in Year 4 preparing for Reconciliation, to come and celebrate with us.

After the Mass, join us for pizza and light refreshments in the Parish Hall! Feel free to bring a plate to share. It's a wonderful opportunity to relax, connect, and meet other families in our community. We can't wait to see you there and share in this special time together! This weekend we also welcome the children who are preparing for First Reconciliation, to be presented to the parish, and to ask parishioners to pray for them on their faith journey.



Masses: Saturday Vigil 5pm | Sunday 8am & 9:30am | Reynolds Court 11am | Maronite Mass 5pm
Weekday Masses: Monday Communion Service 9am | Tuesday - Thursday 9am | Friday 11:45am
Saturday 9am | Reynolds Court Wednesday 10am
Reconciliations: Saturdays 9:30am - 10am | 4pm - 4:30pm **Liturgy of the Hours:** Saturday 8:40am
Rosary: Monday-Thursday 8:35am | Friday 11:20am | Saturday 9:30am
Holy Souls Crusade Prayer Group: Tuesday 9:30am **Cenacle Prayer Group:** Wednesday 9:30am
Christian Meditation Group: Friday 10:30am - 11:30am Reynolds Room



A Beacon of Faith, Hope & Love

Walking into the Wilderness Lenten Reflection Mornings

Walking in the Wilderness Lenten resource calls us to a deeper experience of communion, participation and mission, growing in reverence for the sacred mystery of our faith and the Eucharist. Take time to pause and ponder on our earthly and spiritual lives before God. Thursdays after 9am Mass in the Reynolds Room. All invited! For more information call 4332 2216.

Catechist Commissioning & Morning Tea

This Sunday 1 March at the 9:30am Mass the Catechists and Helpers will be commissioned to go into the state schools for the new school year. We invite the entire Church community to think about the responsibility to share our faith with others, and to congratulate our Catechists and Helpers for the wonderful work they do. Following the Mass the Catechists will host morning tea in the Parish Centre for all parishioners.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for March

For disarmament and peace. Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Seaside Youth Group

We are a youth group made by youth, for youth! A space for young people to connect with friends and faith. We welcome youth in School Years 5-12. Our next date is Saturday 14 March after the 5pm Mass, in the Upper Room, until 8pm. Newcomers welcome – bring a friend! Any questions to 4332 2216.

Kids Club

Join us Saturday 14 March from 3:00-4:45pm in the Reynolds Room. Kids Club is a parish social group for 5-12 year olds who want to make new friends, have fun and learn more about Jesus! Siblings welcome – parents must stay with under 5 year olds. Then come along to the 5pm Vigil Mass.

Nine Catechumens Attend the Rite of Elect

The Holy Spirit is powerfully touching hearts, minds, and souls this year, as we rejoice in the presence of nine Catechumens who attended the Rite of Elect on Sunday 22 February, supported by Fr Rosan, Anne Proust and Debra Vermeer. Their names have been beautifully inscribed in the Book of the Elect and signed by Bishop Anthony Randazzo. Let us unite in prayer as we support them on their sacred journey through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist this Easter. – Colleen Smith



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Genesis 12:1-4 | 2 Timothy 1:8-10 | Matthew 17:1-9

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

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.



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Please Note

Welcome!

This Sunday we have the Reception of the Kennedy Family whose child is to be Baptised today.

Anointing of the Sick

1st Friday 6 March during the 11:45am Mass.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross is being held on Fridays of Lent after the 11:45am Mass.

1st Friday Cuppa

Join us in the parish centre for a lovely cuppa and a chat after the Anointing Mass and/or Stations of the Cross. Bring a plate to share and enjoy some good company!

Lenten Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is being held on Saturdays of Lent after 9am Mass, for one hour.

Nursing Home Mass

Mass will be held for residents at Killarney Court, Killarney Vale on Tuesday at 11am.

Parish Morning Tea

The Ambrosian Family Group is hosting our Morning Tea next Sunday after the 9:30am Mass. Come along to the parish centre for a cuppa and a biscuit. All welcome!

Bake Sale Fundraiser Supporting Our Lady of the Rosary School

Our school is holding a Bake Sale Fundraiser on Tuesday 10 March to help raise funds for our students. Please drop off donations on Monday 9 March (with an ingredient list with all items). Thank you!

Project Compassion

Please remember Project Compassion this Lent - boxes are on the information tables.

Keep Us in Your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Antoni Szczur (father of Fr Pawel, PP of Gosford), Lin Ortiz, Sheila Tobin, Manda Vrtaric, Mary Bracewell.

Anniversaries: Robbie Lamont (1st), Terrence O'Neill, Kathleen Hack, Pauline McCudden.

Remembrances: Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, John Giutronich, Mario Cauchi, Delma Clarke, Richard Falzon, Nona Redman, Fr Michael Kelly, Simon Butcher, Michael Langley, Graham Henneberry, Sr Jeannete Bubb, Gilly Nyhof, Steve Gribbin, Sam Marmara, Charlie Borg, Charlie Grima, Joe Zammit, Udo Sholl, James Grima, Helen St Julian, Joe Bond and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Families: Borg, Marmara, Xuereb.

Sick: Susie Reyes, Harry McCarthy, Josephine McMahan, Lynette Falken, Steve Bond, Fr David Taylor, Lynne White, Fr Geoff Bugden, Fr Brogan, Julie Fletcher, Walter Knoke, Pat McCudden, Linda Read, Rod Slater, Pam Elliott, Janine Harpley, Patrick Yeo, Stjepan Tuka, Pauline Fowler, Anne Knoke, John McClement, Emma Horton, Kelly Will.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Sebastian Chandler, Florence & Valentino Charley, Maeve & Remy Bosco, Elena Alaalatoa, Andrew Fletcher, Zahli & Ellie Coffee, Cooper & Odin Rayward.

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Sacred Gifts

Welcome!

We open on Saturdays before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass and Sundays before and after the 9:30am Mass.

Also weekdays by appointment.

You'll find us in the foyer of the Church.

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