



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

2nd Sunday of Lent

Year C Cycle I

16 March 2025



God is There

The Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain confirms that Jesus was in the presence of God. It also serves to clarify that Jesus is, indeed, God's Son. That Jesus is, indeed, confirmed in this is manifested by the voice from the cloud which, in words similar to those used at the Baptism, affirms Jesus as Son and slave. Jesus is both at the same time Son of God and Suffering Servant. He will, through his death, bring salvation to all. He is the fulfilment of all the hopes, not only of Israel, but of the whole world. He supersedes both Moses and Elijah. They are no longer needed now that Jesus has come.

The Transfiguration serves to emphasise that, though God will seem hidden at the passion and death of Jesus, and though Jesus might seem defeated, things are not as they seem. Rather, God is as present at the passion and death of Jesus as he was at the Transfiguration.

Jesus is as victorious in his passion and death as he was in his Transfiguration. In the First Reading of today, this is precisely the kind of confidence that Abram is challenged to have. He and his wife are old, they do not have even one son and yet, God commands him to believe that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars in the sky. Abram dared to believe, even when he could not understand, and it was so. He first believed and then, he saw.

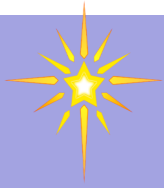
The readings of today teach us an all important lesson. There are times in our lives when things do not go the way we plan, when all that we plan goes awry, when the road seems steep and the going is difficult, when every step that we take is laboured and arduous, when we cannot see or understand and, when we feel like giving up and giving in. It is at times like these that we, like Peter, wish we had stayed on the mountain. It is at times like these when we might like some tangible proof or some sign. Yet, the Transfiguration of Jesus teaches that God continues to walk ahead of us and, though we may not be able to see him as clearly as we would like, God is there.

God's Word Fr Errol Fernandes SJ

Remember Project Compassion this Lent

This Lent, we are called to Unite Against Poverty through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need. Please donate today through the donation boxes, by scanning the QR code, online at caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413. Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.





Feast Days This Week

St Patrick
17 March
St Joseph
19 March



Stations of the Cross

Stations is 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.



Nursing Home Communion Service

will be celebrated
on Tuesday at
Nareen Gardens
Bateau Bay
at 10:30am.

Caterpillar or Butterfly?

In today's Gospel Reading the first four words of the Greek text have been omitted, and that is most unfortunate. These four words are: "And after six days." Six days after what? After the prediction of the Passion. Consequently, by restoring the first four words of today's Gospel passage, we are given the key for understanding the meaning of the Transfiguration. In other words, Mark is telling us that the Passion and glory are two sides of the same coin. By his Transfiguration, Jesus is giving a reassurance to the alarmed disciples. For all intents and purposes he is telling them something like this: do not panic, in the end everything will be all right. We need to be told over and over again that our human story, like the story of Jesus, will have a happy ending-like a fairy tale, only much better.

Author Elisabeth Elliot in her book *Keep a Quiet Heart*, conveys the same message: "What the caterpillar calls the end of the world" she writes, "the Creator calls a butterfly. As humanity we see only the imperfect, underside of God's tapestry of our lives. What we judge to be 'tragic - the most dreaded thing that could happen,' I expect we'll one day see as the awesome reason for the beauty and uniqueness of our life and our family." *365 Days with the Lord* Fr Nil Guilemette SJ

Transfigured by Sacrificial Love

Amidst our forty days of meditation on Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, we are given a foretaste of his resurrection, perhaps to assure us of God's ultimate victory over sin and evil, and also to reassure us of God's intervention in and reversal of our suffering. Moreover, the insertion of the story of Jesus' transfiguration may be an invitation, as we enter more deeply into his Paschal Mystery, to reflect on his glorification, which occurs not only at the end - in his resurrection from the dead and ascension into heaven - but in the very midst of his suffering in the invincible power and radiant beauty of his self-sacrificing love unto death on the cross.

366 Days with the Lord Sr Miriam Alejandrino OSB

Youth Group

The latest Youth Gathering was held Saturday evening with 18 enthusiastic young people. They were excited to see The Upper Room which is going to be the Parish Youth Centre. Next Youth Night 12 April after Mass.



Deacon Rosan's Ordination This Wednesday!

Anyone who would like to join us on the bus (free), going to Deacon Rosan's Ordination at OLR Waitara Cathedral on Wednesday 19 March at 7:30pm please ring the office by Tuesday to book. We will depart from the Church carpark at 5pm, returning approximately 10pm. You will need your own transport to and from our Church.

The parish celebration with invited guests and parishioners, will be Fr Rosan's First Mass of Thanksgiving, on Thursday 20 March at 11am, followed by a light lunch in the Parish Centre. (Food brought in on this occasion must have **no** capsicum or paprika due to Bishop's allergies.) **Please RSVP to the parish office on 4332 2216 if you will be attending the luncheon.**

The third celebration will follow the 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 22 March, with supper to follow in the Parish Centre. All are welcome and are asked to bring a plate, which may be left in the parish centre prior to Mass. We look forward to this great event and pray for Deacon Rosan at this time.

Rite of Election

On Sunday two of our Catechumens, Blair and Cody Creevey, attended the Rite of Election at Waitara Cathedral where Bishop Anthony declared them to now be members of the Elect who will be initiated into the sacred mysteries at the Easter Vigil.



Please Note

Journey Through the Gospels with Bishop David Walker

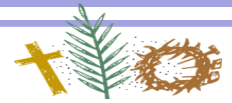
Bishop David has spent a lifetime reflecting on the Gospels, studying Scripture, and exploring how they guide Christian discipleship. Now, he invites you to join him in a series of enriching discussion on the Gospels: Weekly Gospel Video Access – FREE; Live Online Discussions Every Saturday (4–5pm); Ask Questions, Share Reflections, Seek Clarification; Connect with Like-Minded Catholics; Ideal for anyone seeking to deepen their understanding of Scripture. Go to: <https://lectiodivina.com.au/?p=27610>

Mothers Day Lunch

Join us Sunday 4 May for lunch at Toukley Golf Club from 12pm onwards, for a two course meal with bread roll and nibbles and DJ entertainment. Cost \$40 per person by 23 April. Proudly supporting Our Lady of Mary Feast (FESTA). Book with Charlie 0404 194 020, or Tony and Rita 0448 742 591



Please support the shops in the Carnival Hall building 40-48 The Entrance Road. These shops support our Parish.



Lenten Reflections Mornings
Deacon Paul is holding Lenten Reflection Mornings on Wednesdays in the Reynolds Room after 9am Mass.



Please join in prayer with others around the world for the Holy Souls in Purgatory! Tuesdays after 9am Mass in the Church. Enq: 0438 320 927.



Cards for Deacon Rosan
Please sign Congratulations Cards for Deacon Rosan's Ordination. They are on Church tables.

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Mass & Devotions

Sunday Masses Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am (11am at Reynolds Court) Maronite Mass 5pm.

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

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Gn 15:5-12, 17-18

Ph 3:17-4:1

Lk 9:28-36

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: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

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: Ray Parsons, Connie La Basso, Robbie Lamont, Angel Cabral, Fr Joe Martins.

Funerals: The funeral of Robbie Lamont will be held on Friday 21 March at 10am at OLSS Terrigal. The funeral of Ray Parsons will be held here on Tuesday 25 March at 11am.

Anniversaries: George Robinson, Nora O'Sullivan, Greg Cooper.

Remembrances: Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Mario Cauchi, Virginia Tejano Villareal, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Sick: Kathryn Walker (Fr Bill's sister), Pauline Fowler, Helen Freeman, Antonio Palagianio, Pam Elliott, Angel Cabral, Neville Allen, Rosalyn Evans, Charmaine Goodwin, Glenda Way, Jacob McCarroll, Beau Davis, Max Leete, Frano Stitic, Anne Clancy, John McClement, Anne & Trish Knoke, Paul Smith, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Kelly Will.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Scarlett & Wesley Patch, Bronte & Ella Moloney, Olivia & William Rakulan, Ellie & Lucas Kabeck.

Pearly Gates Revisited



Welcome to OLR Sacred Gifts

OLR Sacred Gifts is open on Saturdays before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass and Sundays before and after the 9:30am Mass. You'll find us in the foyer of the Church. Enquiries: 4332 2216.