



## 2nd Sunday of Lent, Year B



### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February

Violence Against Women

*We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.*



### Vox Populi – The Voice of the People

#### The gift of memory

By Fr Vince Casey

I have just been appointed Parish Priest at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Terrigal.

Everything is new—the church, the people, my home. Yet, in another sense, much is familiar. (click button to continue reading)

[Fr Vince Casey](#)

#### First Reading

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

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9

#### Second Reading

Rom 8:31-34

#### Gospel Acclamation

See Mt 17:5

#### Gospel

Mk 9:2-10

### Sunday Reflection

By Fr Peter de Souza

My dear Parishioners,

The first reading shows us how God saved the life of Abraham's son Isaac as a reward for Abraham's trusting Faith. Because of this Faith, the Lord renewed His promise to Abraham for the blessings of land and progeny.

The Gospel highlights Jesus' identity as God's beloved Son (revealed at His baptism and Transfiguration) and confront us with the mystery of His death on the cross. While Abraham's son Isaac was spared, God's beloved Son, Jesus, died a cruel death on the cross.

Both these journeys of Faith emphasise God's infinite love, as seen in the redemptive sacrifice of His own Son for the salvation of the world.

That is why St. Paul reminds us, of God's willingness to sacrifice His Own Son as proof of His great love for humankind. Describing Jesus' transfiguration, the Gospel shows us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory awaiting those who do God's will by putting their trusting Faith in Him.

To conclude: "the freedom of let Go" is an invitation we are all called to embrace and encounter, Peter and the others had to let go of this precious experience; For now, their task was to listen to Jesus, 'This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him'. That is our task too. We spend our lives listening to the Lord as he speaks to us in His word and in and through the circumstances of our lives; we listen to Him as a preparation for that wonderful moment when we see Him face to face in eternity and we can finally say, 'it is wonderful to be here'.

May the Lord continue to bless us on this journey of faith.

Fr Peter de Souza

### Prayer Space in the Cathedral

The Students of OLOR Primary School are reflecting on the call of Prophet Joel; "Prayer, Fasting and Alms giving", at the back of their minds are the images of the Stations of the Cross, their reflections are placed before each of you, May I request you to spend some time during the day visiting and also reflecting on their great thought. *"May the hearts of these little ones in all their innocence, helps us on your journey of faith too."*

### LENTEN PROGRAM 2021

#### JESUS CHRIST, THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA

Thursdays of Lent February 25 and March 11, 18, 25 at OLOR Cathedral at 7:00 p.m.

The Boundless Young Adults Group will be leading the Parish in prayer and reflection.

Copies of the program are available in the Church and online [here](#).

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent February 26 and March 5, 12, 26

Stations of the Cross at:

1. Queen of Peace after the 8:45 a.m. Mass
2. OLOR Cathedral at 7:00 p.m. **While the stations are on, Priests will be available for Reconciliation.**

#### First Friday Adoration - 5 March 2021

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral is from 10 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. **The hours from 7 to 8 p.m. will be dedicated to praying for Vocations, with the Stations of the Cross.** All are welcome to join with the Lord in silent meditation and reflective prayer.

#### In the Year of St Joseph - 19 March 2021

The Feast of St Joseph will be celebrated on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March at 7:00 p.m. Please join us in dedicating the year to our Families, Communities, and the Diocese.

**If a Priest is needed** in a matter of emergency, after hours or on the weekend, please call **0458 351 843**.



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Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:20 PM



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**Sacrament of Confirmation Registration**

27 February to 13 March 2021

Registration Form will be available on 27 February (Sat) at OLOR Cathedral from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

**Boundless (Young Adults Community) - 1 March 2021**

For the Year of St Joseph, Sr Mary Cresp rsj will be sharing her knowledge on St Joseph.

When : Monday 1 March 2021

Time : 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Where : Online via Zoom link

<https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/92232324221>**Caritas - Project Compassion**

"Aspire not to have more, but to be more." – St Oscar Romero

Please help yourself with the envelopes at the back of the church. For Online Donation go to [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)**8 March 2021 - International Women's Day**

This year's theme is #ChooseToChallenge.

A challenged world is an alert world and from challenge comes change. So let's all choose to challenge.

Local

event <https://www.internationalwomensday.com/Activity/15691/Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai-IWD-2021-festival>

See other events both local (Sydney) and

virtual <https://www.internationalwomensday.com/EventSearch#Result>**POSITIONS VACANT****Parish Secretary Part Time, Pymble**

For further details, see the Diocesan website:

[www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant)

Applications close: Monday, 8 March.

**Parish Secretary Full Time, Frenchs Forest**For the full position description, see the [Parish website](#).

Applications close: 9 March.

**ONLINE PARISH GIVING**

In light of the extraordinary circumstances we are experiencing due to pandemic, please know that ONLINE Parish Giving is available. To donate, please click on the button below.

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection** is used for the support of the Bishop and priests of the Diocese.**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** is used to meet Parish running costs, maintenance of Church, Presbytery, offices, other buildings and grounds. It is also used to pay for all our Ministries' expenses and staff salaries and superannuation.[Donate to our Parish](#)**MASS SCHEDULE**

from 27 January 2021 until further notice

**03 January 2021 - Public Health Orders, NSW regarding places of worship: Everyone attending the service are required to sign in using QR Code, and face masks are mandatory in the church.****Weekday Mass Schedule****OLOR Cathedral:**

Mon to Sat 7:00 a.m.

Fri 9:30 a.m. (Only during

Fridays of Lent there will be an additional Mass starting 19 Feb 2021.)

**Queen of Peace Church:**

Tue, Thu \*, Fri 8:45 a.m.

Sat 7:30 a.m.

\* Cenacle Prayer immediately follows. All are welcome.

**Korean Mass**

Tue, Thu 7:30 p.m.

Wed, Fri 10:00 a.m.

**Weekend Mass Schedule****OLOR Cathedral:**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Vigil

Sunday 9:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

**Queen of Peace Church:**

Saturday 5.30 p.m. Vigil

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

**Filipino Mass** 3:30 p.m.(Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month.)[Watch the Mass](#)**McQuoin Park Chapel Mass for Residents only**

Wednesdays &amp; Sundays at 11 a.m.

**Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation**

Available only at the Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Courtyard Saturdays from 9 to 9:30 a.m.

**Private Prayer** Our Cathedral Chapel is open for private prayer. It is necessary for everyone who enters the chapel to check in using QR Code for every visit. Failure to do so will mean we need to close the Chapel.**Our prayerful wishes** and support to our Catechist Coordinator and her team of Catechists that begin their SRE classes in the coming days. Blessings to you and the students and their families you encounter.**May I ask you to pray for** those who are sick, those who are struck with the virus, those tested positive, those in isolation, and those vaccinated for COVID-19 in your special prayers.**We remember those who died recently** – Bishop Bede Heather ● Manuel Royo Blanco ● Louis Klausner ● Paul Hutchinson ● Sr Dorothy Costigan CSB ● Arthur Fogarty**Anniversaries** – Margaret Dewar ● Darren Egelhoff ● Nancy Richards ● Noel Christensen