

MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

Mary Immaculate, Manly and
St John the Baptist, Freshwater

2nd Sunday of Lent – 17th March 2019

Diocese of Broken Bay

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50 Whistler St, Manly NSW 2095

Mary Immaculate Church

6 Raglan St, Manly NSW 2095

St John the Baptist Church

cnr Johnson & Oliver St,
Freshwater NSW 2096

Weekend Masses:

Manly: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am, 6:00pm

Freshwater: Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday 9am

Weekday Masses:

Manly: Tuesday – Friday 9:15am

Freshwater: Tuesday – Friday 9:15am

Liturgy of the Word and

Holy Communion

Manly: Monday 9:15am

Freshwater: Monday 9:15am

Baptisms: by appointment only

Manly 4th Sunday of the month

Freshwater 2nd Sunday of month

Reconciliation:

Manly Sat 10am – 11am

Freshwater Sat 4:30pm

WEEKEND MASS COLLECTIONS

Thank You for your financial support of our Priests and Parish Community.

The 1st Collection is for the financial support of our priests.

The 2nd Collection is for the maintenance & running costs of our Parish Community.

My Dear Friends,

We live in stressful and disturbing times when the wound of abuse within our community receives new and unrelenting attention. I share your confusion, your sadness, and your despair. It is a moment in which we are invited to bring our gaze back to Jesus, the One who keeps calling us with invitation and possibility, the One whom we follow, the One who holds us together even in the fragmentation we feel. To this end, you might find the following prayer of particular help.

Fr David Ranson

Diocesan Administrator

13 March 2019

Hymn of Healing

We call the Spirit, source of life, descend from heaven, show Your might.

Surround us, Lord, and fill our hearts. The seed of faith in us to start

A way beyond these painful days, to heal these victims, Lord we pray.
Enflame our lives with fires of love, with healing mercies from above.

Renew the Church now wracked by sin, with Holy Justice let us win
the Hearts of faithful led astray. In strife, confusion, make Your way.

Dispel the darkness, enter in. Make clean our hearts, forgive our sin.
Make us Your sacrifice of love. The hope of victims, Christ Your Son.

Fly to me now, O heavenly Dove. Bring down your healing, from
above.

Make room to greet the Heavenly Guest. Make straight my path to
righteousness.

Cast out the sickness of my soul. Break forth the dawn that makes me
whole

A strength within that never dies, Your Blessed Spirit in me rise.

Until the day I live with You, make quick my steps in wisdom true
My every work, my every act, Lord, You alone can guide me back.
Give thanks to God for healing hands, for strength and weakness.
Here I stand.

My life in joyful witness bring. To Christ I bow, my prayers I sing.

Be now forever laid to rest, my fears, my anxious cares be blessed.
No more in sorrow's land to dwell, my spirit saved, the world to tell.

Stephen Trund, 2002

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Manly Freshwater Parish promotes **SAFEGUARDING** which involves the implementation of proactive, common sense and practical ideas that ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults in our community.

Parish Pastoral Council: Vuna Tuifua (Chair); Laurie de Ambrosio; Joanne Druery; Richard Heasman; Michael Larkin; Robert Marshall; Ian Press; Silvia Zambrano; Freya Zemek

St Mary's Primary School 9977 2225
Principal: Paul McGuire

St John the Baptist Primary School 9939 6699
Principal: Judy Slattery

St Paul's Catholic College 9977 5111
Principal: Chris Browne

Stella Maris College 9977 5144
Principal: Elizabeth Carnegie

DATES TO REMEMBER...

- **LENTEN PROGRAMS – SEE BULLETIN NOTICE**
- **SJB Yr 1 Class Mass** Tues 19th Mar @ 9:15am
- **RCIA** Tue 19th March @ 7pm

SUNDAY MORNING TEAS

FRESHWATER: following the Sunday 9am Mass on the 2nd & 3rd weekends.

MANLY: following the Sunday 8:30am Mass each weekend, with the Filipino Family Group hosting a morning tea on the 2nd Sunday following the 10:30am Mass and the Tongan Community hosting a morning tea on the 3rd Sunday following the 10:30am Mass.



There is **NO** parking in the fenced in area next to the Church from 10:30am – 3:30pm weekdays. The Churchyard parking along Raglan St is only for visitors to the Parish Centre or the Church.

Please be aware that the Churchyard is also used by the School and the safety of the students is our priority.

PLEASE NOTE PARKING IS ONLY PERMITTED IN THE MARKED BAYS – NO STACK PARKING!!!!

March

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Mon 18/3 – St Patrick's Jer 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49; Lk 10:1-12
Tue 19/3 – St Joseph, husband of Mary
2 Sam 7:4-5,12-14,16; Rom 4:13,16-18,22; Mt 1:16,18-21,24
Wed 20/3 – 2nd week of Lent Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
Thurs 21/3 – 2nd week of Lent Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
Fri 22/3 – 2nd week of Lent Gen 37:3-4,12-13,17-28; Mt 21:33-43,45-46
Sat 23/3 – 2nd week of Lent Micah 7:14-15,18-20; Lk 15:1-3,11-32
Sun 24/3 – 3rd Sun of Lent Ex 3:1-8,13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12; Lk 13:1-9

LET US PRAY FOR

17th March 2019

Recently Deceased: Emma Shuttleworth; Lyn McGirr; Maria Calvi; Adelene de'Silva

Anniversary: Tony Rogers; Peter Eugene McEvoy; Lilno; Irene Silos; Nora Te; Diana Music; Mark Herringe; Ellen Lawler

Prayers for the sick in our parish: Sofia Musso (child); Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane, Jonathan Keil, Robina Dwyer, Betty Borg; Ann Irvin; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Majella McLoughlin; Anita Lo Casio; Stephen Taylor; Debbie Vernon; Desmond Connors; Norman Cummins; Lauren Hannahan

Mass Intention Publications: All Mass Intentions may be left at the Parish Office or on the collection plates on the weekend. Names for Mass Intentions for Recently Deceased, Anniversaries and for those who are sick (permission of the person is required) will be included in the weekly bulletin. All other Mass Intentions (including yearly offerings) will be given directly to the Priests who will offer the Masses.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is held at Manly Church on Wednesdays from 2pm with Divine Mercy Hour held from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. To assist us on Wednesdays and present before the Blessed Sacrament, a Guard of Honour Roster has been placed on the notice board. We invite you to place your name in a time slot which suits you.

Visiting sick at home - If you, or if you know of anyone who is unable to attend Mass because they are unwell and would like a home visit please contact the parish office 9977 5822 to organise for Communion or Anointing

WELCOME!

Please say hello and introduce yourself to the person sitting next to you.

You never know, you might have something in common!



If you are a new parishioner to Manly Freshwater Parish, we invite you to complete a Parish census form. This will assist us in updating our records to include you and your family in our parish community activities. The census form can be found on the back wall of the Church or at the side door entrance and may be left in the collection plate.



St Mary's Church at Manly is fitted with an audio loop for hearing impaired.

Please **TURN OFF** your mobile phones during all Church services; that includes sending/receiving text messages



The St Vincent de Paul Clothing bags available for you in the Piety Store and you can return your clean clothing donations either to the Piety Store or the Church Foyer. There will also be SVDP Clothing Appeals from time to time.

Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March: EVANGELISATION – RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHT OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

During Lent...

Tuesday evenings at Manly at 7.15 for 7.30pm – “Rejoice and Be Glad” – small group discussion program looking at Pope Francis Apostolic Exhortation Gaudete et Exsultate.

Discerning the Way of Jesus – Lectio Divina Program prepared by the Diocese of Broken Bay will be held on...

- **Wednesday mornings** at Manly at 10am
- **Thursday evenings** at Manly at 7pm
- **Thursday Mornings** at Freshwater at 10am

Booklets will be available for those who wish to run a group or for personal use at home.

Please register at the Parish Office on 9977 5822 manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au

Stations of the Cross – Fridays at 7pm at Manly

The Light is On for You – Reconciliation will be held on Friday evenings from 7pm to 8pm at Manly

PROJECT COMPASSION

This year's Project Compassion showcases the many ways we work around the world with our local partners to offer hope to people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

As Pope Francis said, "The future does have a name... and its name is hope."


Through your generosity during Project Compassion this year, you are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities.

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed **"Give Lent 100%"**.



Tati lives in the remote forest of Indonesia with her husband and children. Earning an income working in a local rubber plantation, her Dayak culture has relied on the rainforest for generations. However, due to land clearing, many indigenous people are losing their land and livelihoods. Through eco-tourism training supported by Caritas Australia, Tati can now afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment Tati aspires to a future free from poverty for her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty, and give them hope to protect our common home

 **Lives change when we all give 100%.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Freshwater Sunday Morning Tea's



A BIG WONDERFUL THANK YOU to the following families for their continual support of the St John the Baptist Sunday Morning Teas...the Raymond, Storey, Dent, Feledy & Markwart families.

WHERE'S OUR MORNING TEA PLEASE?

Our regular morning teas are an important part of our St John's Community. Unfortunately these have been cut back to the 2nd & 3rd Sunday each month. For morning teas to continue every Sunday we need your help on the following weekends – 1st, 4th & 5th Sundays each month.

Please contact the parish office 9977 5822 if you are able to assist. Everything is supplied and Francis will show you how it's run.

Parish 2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be held at St Mary's Church, Manly on Tuesday 9th April at 7pm



Easter Vigil Assistance

There is good news and the not so good.

The good news is that we have wonderful reasons to celebrate at the Ester Vigil including welcoming 7 new members to the Church.

The not so good news is that our usual post Easter Vigil Party is in need of more willing hands to make it happen.

All the food and drinks will be supplied but we need willing minds, hearts and hands to extend our welcoming hospitality.

Please contact the Parish office NOW on 9977 5822 if you can assist.

WYD Mass and Gathering last Sunday

Last Sunday the Pilgrims who attended WYD in Panama came together with Fr Paul and Fr Bogdan Skupien from The Lakes Parish along with 5 Seminarians from our Diocese and celebrated Mass which was followed by a delicious supper.





Parish Rite of Enrolment for Reconciliation

Could the young people who are present and are preparing to make the sacrament of Reconciliation to come forward with one of their parents

Priest:

We welcome you as you prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The program you are using is "A Family-Centred Parish Program"

Parents, are you willing to support these young people in their preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

Response: We are.

Priest:

Children, you are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, are you willing to open your minds, hearts and souls to the love and forgiveness of Jesus.

Response: We are.

Priest:

The community of St Mary's/St John the Baptist are you willing to support in prayer these young people and their parents and sponsors on this their journey of Faith?

Response: We are.

Priest: God of love bless your children who are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Bless these Children's Bibles which they will use in their classes; open their ears and hearts to cherish your word and help them to walk in your ways.

We ask you this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



RECONCILIATION

This year we have 120 children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare for their Sacraments.



FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

Piety Store Manly

This week we celebrate the Feast of St Joseph (19th March).

The Piety Store has a selection of books and plaques of St Joseph. Come in a take a look.



We are currently seeking more Catechists and Helpers for our CCD Classes in 2019

If you would like to know more about what is involved, please contact

Laurie: 9949 7750 (Manly) or Toni: 9905 2894 (Freshwater)



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Anyone interested in this form of silent prayer is most welcome to attend. We meet each Monday at 6pm in the Parish Centre. Enq: Hazel Cottee 0402 052 088 "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46: vs 10)

Craft Group meets each week on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12noon in the Parish Center. We invite you to come along for a cuppa and a chat in a friendly relaxed environment. Bring along your knitting or other craft if you wish. Visitors to the area are more than welcome.



Lectio Divina Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Listen to what he says. Lectio Divina group meets in the Parish Centre on Wednesday mornings at 10am. All Welcome



Welcome to Children's Liturgy



Children's Liturgy is held each weekend at Manly during the 8.30am Mass and at Freshwater during the 9am Mass



The Parish Playgroup is held on Monday morning in the Parish Hall at Manly from 8.30am to 10.30am.

Fitness Sessions Manly Saturday Mornings at 9am & Wednesday Mornings at 8am Strength, Tone and Balance Training for over 50's both female and male. The trainer is Paul Pervan who is a fully qualified Cert 4 Fitness Professional. Specialist in training Older Adults, fully insured with First Aid Certificate. Come along and Try!



Pope Francis @Pontifex Mar 10

I ask everyone to remember in prayer both myself and my collaborators in the Roman Curia, who this evening will be beginning the week of Spiritual Exercises.

St Mary's School News...

The students participated in the National Day of Action Against Anti-Bullying and Violence on Friday. Our theme for the day was, *We use our Bucket Filling Super Powers to Defeat Bullying*. Our Year 6 Pastoral Care leaders did a fantastic job at leading our students through a fun day of activities that included making a Pop-stick Superhero, participating in a webinar (Year 4-6 students) and taking part in a simple ceremony that highlighted our school's solidarity against Bullying and Violence. We even had a visit from the superheroes, *Super Positive, Super Honest, Super Service, Super Kind and Super Inclusive*, who taught us how to use these attributes to stand up to bullying and violence.

This past week Year 3 participated in their class mass on Thursday and Year 4 visited Wesley Heights and celebrated mass with the residents and Fr Paul. It is a pleasure to watch our students interact with the residents and see the joy our visits bring to their day. *Monique Johnston (REC)*

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- *Fast from hurting words and say kind words*
- *Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude*
- *Fast from anger and be filled with patience*
- *Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope*
- *Fast from worries and have trust in God*
- *Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity*
- *Fast from pressures and be prayerful*
- *Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy*
- *Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others*
- *Fast from grudges and be reconciled*
- *Fast from words and be silent so you can listen*

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Christian Meditation: Mon 6pm – 6:45pm in the Parish Centre
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am in the Parish Centre
- Divine Will Prayer Group: Mon 11:00am in the Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Manly Wed 2pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7:00pm – 8:30pm
- Holy Hour: Freshwater Tues after morning Mass
- Lectio Divina: Wed 10am in the Parish Centre
- Parish Playgroup: Manly on Mon 9am – 10:30am
- Piety Store: Open 15mins before & after Mass
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
Freshwater: Sat 4:30pm
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary: Manly: Mon – Fri at 9.45am
Freshwater: Tues – Fri before 9.15am Mass

PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Anointing Mass at Manly and Freshwater
1st Friday of each month at 9:15am Mass
- Baptisms: By appointment enquires to Parish Office
- Crazy Whist Morning: last Tues of each month at 10:00am
- Eco-operate: 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater Conferences
2nd Mon each month at 5:30pm

TAP TO DONATE TO HELP WITH REPAIRS OF OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH

If you would like to make a donation to assist with our ongoing **Church Repairs** you can do so by a direct deposit into the Parish Account using the following ...



Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank **Account#** 13958001
BSB # 062 784 (Please include the following reference – BM/your surname)

If you would like to use one of our tap units at **Manly** there is a unit in the front foyer of the Church and at the side exit into the Carpark. **We thank you for your generosity & commitment to our parish**



We are on the doorstep of the Lenten season a time of self-examination; where we are asked to make time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These three pillars of Lent help us refocus on the relationship we have with Jesus as we journey toward Easter; as we deepen our commitment to Jesus, which we were originally committed to at our Baptism. Lent and Easter are intricately linked to our baptism; it is the one time in the Church calendar that is devoted to renewing our baptismal vows. Throughout the 40 days of Lent we put into action the sacred pillars, in preparation of the resurrection of our baptismal vows at Easter.

Prayer directs us to Jesus and making time in the day to pray and read scripture is important. Our Lenten resource *Discerning the Way of Jesus* (see below) uses the *lectio divina* method of engaging with scripture and hearing what the Lord is saying to *you*. Making him a part of your whole day is imperative. We do this by acknowledging and praising his goodness in things we encounter throughout the day; asking for assistance in situations; and asking for forgiveness when we do not act in a way that is a witness to Him (Thess 5:16-18). Living out our day in a way that is a testament to Christ is a powerful prayer which can transform not only ourselves but those around us whom we encounter.

In the Old Testament and during Jesus' time it was known that prayer was accompanied by **fasting**; one is connected to the other. Fasting is said to be the 'prayer of the body' which when paired with actual prayer makes it all-powerful. Abstaining gives us the ability to empty ourselves and shed all things which are crowding us; allowing us to make a space for God and fill it with all that is good bringing us closer to Him. The well-known practice of abstaining from meat is accompanied by other modern suggestions of fasting, of which some ideas can found below.

Almsgiving is both prayer and fasting combined; we are told that "Those who give alms will enjoy a full life" (Tobit 12:9). Almsgiving is prayer as it is giving in the name of God; and fasting because it is self-sacrifice for another. The giving by a person is transformative for the person giving as well as the one receiving. Almsgiving is most likely the most neglected pillar though Jesus clearly states it as necessary; regarding almsgiving he does not say 'if' but 'when' (Matt 6:2-3). Caritas' Project Compassion Appeal runs through Lent and raises much needed funds for communities around the world (see below)

This Lenten season let us prepare well to fully recommit ourselves to God using the tools given to us; transform our lives through the relationship we grow in with God and transform those around us as they witness our promises lived out!

God bless, Tania Rimac & Pina Bernard

Manly and Freshwater Roster 23rd - 24th March 2019

Ministry	Manly 6pm Vigil	Manly 8.30am	Manly 10.30am	Manly 6pm	Freshwater 5pm Vigil	Freshwater 9am
Acolytes	Freya Zemek	Louise Wareham	Ron Gravalin	Ivica Covic	Lou Maruca	Mick O'Farrell
Servers			Bernie Lawler	Ivana Covic		
Readers	John Stapleton Bill Tango	Jan Van Den Broek	Carmel Lawler Rita Bruzzese	Family Mass	Amanda Whitfield	Toni Walsh Josh Wright
Ministers of Communion	John & Merle Zemek John Bigeni	Trish McGregor Robina Dwyer Tiere Morgan	Anne Keating	Val Buono Ali Hassanein Shaun & Liana Hearn	Amanda Whitfield	Toni Walsh
Music	Bianca Zatz	Parish Choir	Kath Papallo Gina Marshall	Family Mass	CD's	Pat Brown
AV Screens	Avis Fontaine	Rory Lynsky	Robert Marshall	Family Mass	Bill Kelly	Margie Gruca
Warden	John Zemek	Dom Ferragina	Peter Bartolotta	Family Mass		
Piety Shop	Louise Wareham	Jan Dorsen	Anne Gaughan	Lynette & Eliza Duffy		
Flowers/ Altar Society	Liz de Ambrosis				Isabella & Phillip d'Souza	
Morning Tea		Lynn Parkes				Markwart family
Children's Lit		Fiona C				Leanne Ippolito

THANK YOU to Office Supplies of Australia for printing the Parish Weekly Bulletin at no cost while our parish photocopier has had some issues. It's so nice to see it in color.

OUTSIDE OF PARISH

2019 Bishop Manning Lecture

The Catholic Community in the 21st Century

Date: Thursday 21 March 2019 Time: 6-8:30pm

: Kirribilli Club 11 Harbourview Crescent Lavender Bay.

Cost: Free Registrations essential:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/bishop-manning-lecture-with-fr-anthony-percy-tickets-55952117289>



Palms Australia – You are called to Mission

Come to the Palms Info Session: Thursday 21 March @ 5:30pm, Aquinas Academy 141 Harrington Street THE ROCKS, SYDNEY

Personal Reflection for the week from our Discerning the Way of Jesus – Lenten Program

Can I identify times that I am focusing on external things rather than making time for Jesus?

How can I be more aware of moments that I can give to Jesus to develop a closer and more trusting relationship with him and allow myself to be simply loved by Him?

Front Page Reflection

Today the readings will reveal to us the covenant relationship that exists between us and our God. We will be reminded how God will guide us through this journey of covenant relationship. The Transfiguration describes, in a dramatic way, how loved Jesus was by God and how this experience was seen and known by his disciples.

We hear people say they have not, or cannot, experience the presence of God, and therefore deny that God exists. These readings show us that if you want to encounter God then you have to experience love. This is not an optional extra for the Christian life.

Something big always happens when Jesus goes to a mountain – beatitudes, this scene, the ascension. Traditionally it is a mountain where humans encounter God's Glory. So, this is a very important scene. For him and for his disciples.

Jesus wanted to show his disciples who he is and his mission in the world. Jesus knew he was loved by his Father, this love made him radiant. He knew the voice of God was right, claiming him as his son. This was for them, that they would listen to him. The first moment of the Christian disciple's life is to listen to God in prayer, His Word (scripture) and through the Sacraments and the world in which we live.

Pope Francis said that "we are called to carry the fruits of the experience we have with God to our troubled brothers and sisters, sharing with them the treasures of grace received. To those who are sick, bereaved, worried, homeless and in trouble". Jesus was revealing to the disciples, God's plan in the transfiguration – the passion and death of Jesus was to come, making the transfiguration a foretaste of the resurrection. In the midst of confusion amongst the disciples the glory of heaven was being revealed to them on the mountain this day, all part of God's loving plan. Jesus allowed his disciples to see his glory so as not to lose heart in the events ahead. He then called his disciples to move ahead and climb down the mountain back into the action of real life to show their real lasting love as followers of God. *Celebrating the Word-Father Tim Uniack, C.R. 2019*



Happy St Patricks Day

Second Sunday of Lent – YEAR C

First Reading

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? R.

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' R.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. R.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! R.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of

something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 9:35

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!

Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

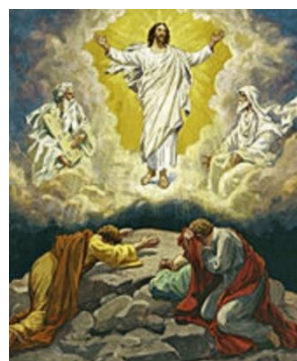
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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