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**28 February 2021 – Second Sunday of Lent**

**Parish Mass Times:**  
Monday to Friday: 9am  
Saturday: 9am, 6pm (vigil)  
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 6pm  
Public Holidays: 9am  
Rock Mass: Once a term

**Baptism: Fourth Sunday of each month by appointment**  
**Wedding: Contact Parish Office at least 6 months prior notice**  
**Morning Prayer: Monday - Friday: 8:30am**  
**Anointing of Sick: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 9am or by request**  
**Eucharistic Adoration: Saturday 9:30 – 10am concluding with Benediction**  
**Reconciliation: Saturday 9:30am**  
**Rosary: Immediately after weekday Mass and Saturday (8:35am)**



**Every Friday  
(during term time)**  
Lectio Divina facilitated  
by Fr Greg  
10am Parish Hall

**First Friday  
of Every Month**  
Exposition / Adoration at 7pm  
followed by Mass at 7:30pm

**Second Thursday  
of Every Month**  
Anointing of the Sick —9am

**February 2021**

**Sunday 28 February**  
Parish Choir  
9:00am—11:00am

**Friday 5 March**  
**7pm Mass followed by**  
**7:30pm Stations of the Cross**

**Sunday 7 March**  
Children's Choir  
9:00am—11:00am



***And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white. (Gospel)***

Dear Parishioners,

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 experience 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!*

May God bless you.  
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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## ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A JOYFUL AND SOUL ENRICHING EXPERIENCE?

**We need you!**

With COVID19, the students in state schools are missing out on being taught our faith. We need 7 new catechists / SRE teachers to bring the Good News of Jesus to our young people in the State Schools. **You do not need to be a teacher or have any experience at all.**

All lessons (on PowerPoint), resources and training provided. You will need approx. an hour and a bit per week (that includes class time and lesson prep). It is very simple and easy. **We need to fill classes now as some of our older catechists are unable to return because of health reasons.**

**You will receive more than you put in. The reason a catechist starts on this journey is never the same reason they stay.**

If you would like to serve God and in a way that will bring joy to your heart and those of our young people, please contact Jen Perrott URGENTLY in the parish office on (02) 9144 6998 or by email ([catechists@corpuschristi.com.au](mailto:catechists@corpuschristi.com.au)) Below are the classes with vacant timeslots.



St Ives Public Schools Students 2021				
Classes That Need to Be Filled				
Year	SINPS Tuesday's	SIPS Wednesday's	TNPS Wednesday's	SIPPS Wednesday's
Kindy	<b>Vanessa White</b> 1:50-2:20pm	<b>Jean Lee</b> 9:10-9:45am	10:15-10:55 am	<b>Ruth Cassidy</b> 11:30-12:10pm
1	<b>Celine Kok</b> 1:50-2:20pm	<b>Sue-Anne Sherwood</b> 9:10-9:45am	10:15-10:55 am	<b>Cypriana Liem</b> 11:30-12:10pm
2	<b>Betty Ang</b> 1:50-2:20pm			
3	2:20-2:50pm	<b>Kathy Lee</b> 9:45-10:20 am	<b>Dora Chan</b> 10:15-10:55 am	<b>Cheryl Doyle</b> 11:30-12:10pm
4	2:20-2:50pm			
5	1pm - 1.30pm			
6	<b>Cel Tria</b> 1pm - 1.30pm	<b>Teresa Leong</b> 9:45-10:20 am	10:15 -10:55 am	<b>Teresa Leong</b> 11:30-12:10pm



## SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

### JobSeeker Decision

The Federal Government has announced that when the coronavirus supplement ends on the 31st March 2021, there will only be a \$25 a week increase to the JobSeeker payment. The small increase has been widely condemned by non-government organisations, business leaders and unions.

Claire Victory, President of The National Council of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia stated *"Twenty-five dollars a week is an inadequate response to the poverty experienced by the people forced survive on unemployment benefits. It's an affront to human dignity."*

The National Council has repeated the call for the establishment of a Social Security Expert Group to provide advice on payment levels to keep people out of poverty. *"Such a move would take the politics out of the decision-making process and would come closer to delivering in line with expectations for the common good of our community. All pensions and income support payments must now be brought into line until such an expert group is established. This would require an increase to Newstart of around \$370 a fortnight, not the \$50 announced,"* Ms Victory explained

For further information go to: [https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/News/National\\_Media\\_Releases/National\\_Media\\_Releases\\_2021/](https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/News/National_Media_Releases/National_Media_Releases_2021/)



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Michelle Chai who was presented at the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens at the Waitara Cathedral last Sunday. Michelle was supported by her family, Fr Greg Chee, our RCIA team and some of our Parishioners.

### Our Deepest Sympathy - Jean McAleer

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayerful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Jean. Jean's funeral was held at Corpus Christi on Friday 26 February 2021. May Jean experience the fullness of Christ's peace.

## Prayer Zone



**Anniversary:** Elizabeth Buay;  
Mdm Helen N.G.

### Please pray for the ill:

Kevin Ruberu; Anne Jardane; Naomi Upton;  
Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Denise Carmody;  
Steve Swain; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh;  
Rebecca Anderson; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres;  
Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Lewis Crinitti; Thi  
Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Carmel  
Hurrell, Mary Sanzone, Fergus O'Brien,  
Michelle Soumier, Jane Donnelly, Lisa Doherty,  
Gina Jaksetic, Gracie Spencer, Brendan Stone

***If you know of anyone who can no longer attend mass due to illness; or if you have noticed one of our parishioners is no longer attending mass, could you please let the office know.***

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Margret is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands that suffered long-term water shortages and damage from Tropical Cyclone Harold. With Caritas Australia's support, Margret's school installed water tanks, repaired cyclone damage and implemented COVID-19 prevention measures, and is now planning to boost food security.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

**MT CARMEL RETREAT PROGRAM:**

**Weekend Retreats—Cost: \$300 per person**  
**Embracing Three Dimensional Thinking: The Length and the Breadth, the Height and Depth**

March 12-14 Presenter: John Charadia and Artist Tutor Team.  
*Through creating symbolically, abstractly and scripturally in art, participants will explore contemplative thinking that invites us to grow in awareness of the depths, and breadths of God’s Presence in our lives.*

**Day Retreat—Cost: \$30 per person (BYO Lunch)**  
**Lazarus Come Out**

March 6 Presenter: Lorraine Murphy, OCDS  
*A Day of Recollection on the raising of Lazarus in John 11.*

The retreats are held at the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville NSW 2566. For information of any of the retreats, please call 8795 3400 or email: [bookings@mtcarmel.com.au](mailto:bookings@mtcarmel.com.au)  
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**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.

## The Word

### Sunday 28 February 2021: Second Sunday of Lent

#### First Reading

From the book of Genesis Gen 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

*The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.*

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called.' Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The Word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9

*(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

1. I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.' O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. *(R.)*
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. *(R.)*
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. *(R.)*

#### Second Reading

From the first letter of St Paul to the Romans Rom 8:31-34

*God did not spare his own Son.*

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The Word of the Lord.

#### 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!

#### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Mark Mk 9:2-10

*This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said '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 to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord.