

## FIRST READING

**A reading from the book of Genesis  
12:1-4**

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you. 'So Abram went as the Lord told him.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

## SECOND READING

**A reading from the Second Letter of  
St Paul to Timothy 1:8-10**

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

## 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 READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew 17:1-9**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



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## **Second Sunday of Lent - Year A**

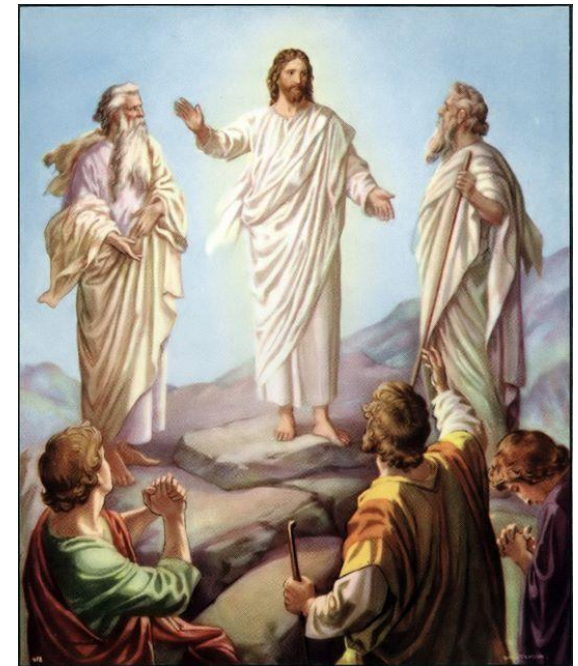
**7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2020**

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### ***Focus of the Readings...***

*In the later part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus warns his disciples that he must journey to Jerusalem to suffer and die and to rise again. He begins his journey towards his fate, but that journey is interrupted by this wondrous moment where he is revealed as the glorious Messiah, the beloved Son of God. In the language of this text, there are echoes of the Jewish expectation of the Messiah coming in glory at the end of time. Through the appearance of Moses and Elijah in this scene, Matthew links Jesus intimately with Jewish expectation.*

*The law, represented by Moses, established a covenant with the chosen people, and it was the role of the prophets, represented by Elijah, to constantly remind the people of their covenant obligations. Both the law and the prophets looked forward to God's final intervention in human history, and here, Jesus is presented as that intervention. The disciples want to capture this moment and freeze it in time by building shrines, but Jesus is adamant that the journey must continue to its final outcome, which will confirm God's action in human history. It is not until Christ has been raised that the truth of this vision will be known.*



**Second Sunday of Lent - Year A**  
**7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2020**

**PRAYING FOR**

Robert Kerr, Peter Prunte, John Mc Cabe,  
*and all those who have died recently.*



**We also remember the anniversaries of:**  
Gerald Lannan, Edmund Noone, Rebecca Jansz,  
Adam Wanless, Rocco Catalano, Martin Piccolo,  
Angela Catalano and Daniel McGannon.

**PURIFIERS:** 8<sup>th</sup> March: Lisa Harris  
15<sup>th</sup> March: Leonie Ryan

**ADDITIONAL DIRECTIVES**

**REGARDING CORONAVIRUS:** Following growing concerns the **Holy Water** will be temporarily removed from stoups at the door of the church to reduce the possibility of transmission of the virus. When exchanging the **Sign of Peace**, individuals are advised to avoid shaking hands, but encouraged to say 'Peace be with you' and offer a smile or nod. Holy Communion will be administered **in the hand** only because of the high risk of transmission to others.

**OLA SOCIAL GOLF:** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
Twilight Golf & Dinner. More players needed,  
and non-golfers also welcome for dinner.  
See entry sheet on table in foyer. 3.30pm start.  
Enquiries via the parish office on 9583 6161

**OLA SCHOOL REUNION 1956 -1963:** Join  
past students and friends at the Royal Oak Hotel  
on Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> March. 12.30pm start.  
Contact Sr Margaret Pelly via the parish office  
on 9583 6161.

**COUNSELLING SERVICE:** Counselling is  
provided by AnneMaree Eddy, Psychologist.  
Please contact the parish office for appointments  
on 9583 6161.

**ANOINTING MASS AND PURIFIER  
ROSTERS:** Thank you to all who have  
volunteered for these ministries. Your new  
rosters are in the foyer for you to collect.

**PARISH PRIEST:**  
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**PARISH OFFICE:** 9583 6161  
Monday to Friday 9 am – 3.30 pm  
Secretary: Lisa Harris  
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**PARISH SCHOOL:**  
**Our Lady of the Assumption** 9584 9488  
Principal: Mr Richard Jacques


**MASS TIMES:**  
**Saturday** 6:30 pm  
**Sunday** 9:00 am, 11:00 am  
Tuesday 6.00 pm  
Wednesday 9.15am  
Thursday, Friday 9.15 am  
Saturday 9.00 am


**COMMUNION SERVICE:**  
Monday 9.15 am

**RECONCILIATION:**  
Saturdays: 9.30am & 6pm

**BAPTISMS:**  
Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month.  
6 weeks' notice required.  
Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism  
and Application Form available on our parish  
website.

**WEDDINGS:**  
By appointment, 6 months' notice required.  
Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays).  
Contact the Parish Office 9583 6161

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY:** This  
Sunday the world acknowledges International  
Women's Day and we are delighted to  
welcome two amazing women to speak to us at  
each Mass. At our 6.30pm Mass we'll welcome  
 Mary Cameron. Mary who has  
worked for the past 30 years as an  
accredited Pastoral Associate in the  
Archdiocese of Melbourne, and is  
currently working with Australian  
Catholic Religious Against the Trafficking of  
Humans (ACRATH).

At our 9am and 11am Masses we'll welcome Sr  
 Patricia Fox NDS, the Australian  
Sister of Our Lady of Sion who was  
ordered to leave the Philippines  
because of her work standing in  
solidarity with the poor and marginalised. Sr Pat  
is also now working with ACRATH. The Social  
Justice group invites you to share a special  
morning tea after each of the two morning  
Masses with music from Christine Hargreaves.  
The IWD raffle funds will be donated to the  
Children's Resource Centre. They are a group  
who work with children traumatised by  
violence or calamities. They have been  
working with, among others, children from  
families whose parent or siblings have been  
killed in the "drug war" in the  
Philippines. Currently they also have a  
social/Psycho program for children displaced  
by the eruption of Taal.

**MERCY PILGRIMAGE INCLUDING  
OBERAMMERGAU:** Explore the iconic  
pilgrimage sites of Eastern Europe in this 16  
day pilgrimage led by Fr Patrick Jackson  
departing 8<sup>th</sup> August 2020. This pilgrimage  
features Warsaw, Krakow, Prague, Munich,  
and Oberammergau. Witness the famous  
Passion Play 2020 which takes place once-a-  
decade, for an all-inclusive price of \$7900 plus  
tips. The fare includes return economy airfares,  
Local transfers in deluxe coaches. Stay in  
premium hotels, all breakfast and dinners  
included. For enquiries, T: 8839 6615 or email:  
info@magiholidays.com.au

**FETE NEWS:** We now have potting mix, and  
pots for you to collect for our stall. If you are  
making jam, we have many empty jars for you  
to take home, and fill with your sweet treats.

**REACH BEYOND: BECOME SIMPLY  
RICH:** All trades and professions are being  
requested by communities abroad seeking to build  
the capacity of their organisations and the skills of  
their people. They're not asking for money or  
gifts that contribute to degrading dependence.  
Your assistance will help to develop self-reliance  
and sustainable solutions to poverty. Palms  
Australia will provide you with thorough  
preparation and support. You will be rewarded  
with riches greater than you might imagine.  
Look at [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au) or talk to Roger on:  
0422 472 567, or email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE:**  
Thank you to our outgoing president, Tony  
French. Your commitment to the Cheltenham  
Conference was truly amazing, and your  
dedication to assisting those in need exemplary.  
We congratulate Bert Driessen on becoming the  
new President, and wish him well in endeavours.

**WHEN IRISH EYES ARE SMILING!**  
Inviting parishioners to join Maria Forde on the  
2020 Maria Forde Celtic Tour of Ireland  
(September 19<sup>th</sup> – October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020). Enjoy 2  
glorious weeks traversing the spectacular Irish  
countryside north, south, east, and west;  
experience the hospitality of the Irish people  
whilst learning about their history and story.  
Enjoy live Celtic music, cuisine and learn about  
their unique Celtic spirituality. Travel in comfort  
by coach and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of a  
small tour with Irish Australian Singer Maria  
Forde For info contact Debbie at Emerald Travel  
on 96902123 or [debbie@emeraldtravel.com.au](mailto:debbie@emeraldtravel.com.au) or  
tour director Maria Forde on 0411158593, Visit  
[www.mariaforde.com](http://www.mariaforde.com) to download your copy of  
the 2020 Ireland Tour itinerary.

Jesus: Table for 26 please.  
Waiter: But there are only 13 of you?  
Jesus: Yes, but we are all going to sit on the  
same side.

