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AS A COMMUNITY WE SERVE GOD



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C

Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 2

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.

First Reading:

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading:

Philippians 3:17-4:1

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: Luke 9:28-36

Communion Antiphon:

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Congratulations To

Greyson Evans, Sam Bradshaw, Nathaniel Dao and Charlotte Flaherty whom we welcome to our Catholic community this weekend. Through his Baptism we pray they will love and serve the Lord always.

Please be aware that all relevant Archdiocese Policy, Protocols and guidelines for safeguarding children, are public documents and are available on the Sydney Archdiocese website.

Reflection

We continue our Lenten journey this week, deepening our faith as we ponder Abraham's example and enter into the revelation contained in the Transfiguration of Jesus.

The First Reading tells us of the Covenant God made with Abram. Abram had no son, but he put his faith in God and trusted that his descendants would dwell in the land given to him.

The Psalm is a confident prayer that the Lord will lead the psalmist, whose prayer will be heard and answered. He has no fear, but seeks the Lord and hopes in him. It is also a prayer for Christ as he turns his face to Jerusalem.

The passage from St Paul in the Second Reading links all these themes: of homeland, of being glorified in Christ, and of trusting in him and remaining faithful.

On this Second Sunday, we always have an account of the Transfiguration in the Gospel. The disciples had a physical journey and a time of prayer before encountering this mystery. Seeing Jesus transfigured, in the presence of Moses and Elijah, and hearing the voice from heaven, all struck them forcibly, even if they only understood in hindsight.

Perhaps this week we can ponder the possibility, by the power of Christ, of transformation in our own lives this Lent.

REFLECTION

As I begin my prayer, I slowly become more aware of being in God's presence. I take my time to relax into this presence, and ask his Spirit to be with me as I contemplate the Gospel story. Having read the text attentively a couple of times, I can perhaps picture the scene and imagine being present there.

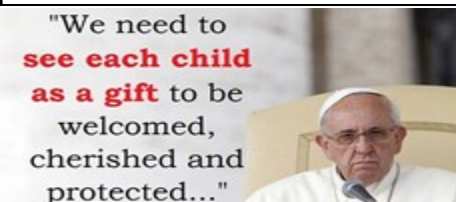
Do I look at Jesus praying, and see the transformation in him taking place? How do I respond to this? Despite Jesus's glory, Moses and Elijah speak of his forthcoming Passion.

Do I sense a contradiction, or can I already foresee the joy of Easter at this time? Or perhaps, like the disciples, I find it all too difficult and do not wish to contemplate what lies ahead? I speak to the Lord about how I feel.

When the shadow of the cloud comes down, am I fearful of the darkness and the unknown ...? Or can I still feel the presence of God and be content to wait? How do I live this out when a 'shadow' descends in my own life?

The Father speaks. Jesus is the Chosen One, his Son. Maybe I can just sit with these words, allowing them to strengthen my love and my faith, slowly transforming me and so enabling me to listen. I end my prayer slowly with a 'Glory be ...'

Prepared by St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham



Big Thank you, from Social Justice Group and people of HatoUdo, Timor Leste. With your support we have raised sufficient funds for the local village community to purchase sufficient materials to complete stage 1 of the bakery building.



First reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 ::::

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. **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!

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1 ::::

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.

St Aloysius Social Justice Group :

HatoUdo, Timor Leste, Education Scholarships. This weekend the SJG will have FAIRTRADE chocolates on sale to support our High School Education Scholarships for young people in HatoUdo. All funds raised assist 3rd world farmers and scholarship recipients. Please support this worthwhile cause.

Please join our Lenten Groups, you are warmly invited to attend in the back chapel ::::Monday evenings at 6.30pm, The Social Justice Ministry presents The Lenten Program based on Pope Francis' "Laudato Si", The Grace of Place. Tuesday evenings at 6pm, Vicki Roland presents the Gospels of Lent and the story of the conversion of St Augustine.

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36 ::::*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. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sacramental Program Dates 2019 ::::

Families with children making the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion are asked to make note of the following important dates.

Reconciliation 2019.

REGISTER THIS SUNDAY 17th March at 5.15pm or First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Commitment Mass this Sunday 17th March 6pm

Session One: March 26th 6.30pm

Session Two: April 2nd 6.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation 9th April

First Eucharist 2019

Session One 4th June 6.30pm

Session Two: 11th June 6.30pm

Retreat Day 19th June 9.00am to 3.15pm

Sacrament of First Eucharist Sunday 23rd June / Feast of Corpus Christi

Mosaic Morning :::: Save the date

Please save the date Saturday 13th April at 10.30am in Thornton Hall for another mosaic session. We have had many people that attended our last session ask can we do it again? So here we go.....a new project to start, new skills to learn, and new friends to meet.



Calendar for the

Monday:	Parish Office closed. St Vincent de Paul Day Conference: 10.00am at the Chapel. Lenten Group: 6.30pm at the Chapel.
Tuesday:	Legion of Mary: 4.00pm at the Chapel. Lenten Group: 6.00pm at the Chapel.
Wednesday:	Care and Concern coffee: 10.00am at Monro Park. St Aloysius Playgroup: 10.00am at Thornton Hall. Rosary Guild: 12.30pm at the Chapel.
Thursday:	Social Justice meeting at 5:30 in Chapel. Visitors welcome.
Friday:	Stations of the Cross: 12.00pm.
Saturday:	Voting in Thornton Hall - no parking in the school playground.

St Joseph, Husband of Mary, Feast Day Tuesday 19th March 2019 (Solemnity) :::::

Patron Saint of unborn children, fathers, workers, travellers, immigrants, and a happy death. Everything we know about the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus comes from Scripture and that has seemed too little for those who made up legends about him. We know he was a carpenter, a working man, for the sceptical Nazarenes ask about Jesus, "Is this not the carpenter's son?" (Matthew 13:55). He wasn't rich for when he took Jesus to the Temple to be circumcised and Mary to be purified he offered the sacrifice of two turtledoves or a pair of pigeons, allowed only for those who could not afford a lamb (Luke 2:24). Joseph concerned himself with obedience to the Lord and his messengers—and with the protection of his family. To Joseph, family was family, regardless of how it was formed. He shows us the important role that all parents—biological, adoptive, foster, or spiritual—can play in the lives of all children, including those that may consider less than worthy due to the circumstances of their conception or their socioeconomic status. Saint Joseph, patron of the universal Church, watch over the Church as carefully as you watched over Jesus, help protect it and guide it as you did with your adopted son. Amen

St Patricks Day 17th March 2019....Happy St Patricks Day :::::

One of the most memorable prayers associated with St Patrick is the one known as St Patrick's Breastplate. It's a beautiful prayer to walk with, particularly during Lent:

Christ, be with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ where I lie, Christ where I sit, Christ where I arise, Christ in the heart of every person who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of every person who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

5 THINGS YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT St. Patrick

- 1 He wasn't Irish: Patrick was captured by Irish pirates and brought to Ireland from England in the early 5th Century.
- 2 Experienced a (mystical) vision of the Irish asking him to teach them about Christ.
- 3 Having become a Bishop, he was sent back to Ireland. He preached first to the members of the royal family, and soon his audiences grew. He used the druid rituals as evangelizing tools.
- 4 He used a Shamrock to explain the Trinity because the Irish had a love for nature.
- 5 Instituted what is known as the Croagh Patrick Hike, where he prayed that Ireland would always keep her Christian Faith. To this day, young and old hikers follow that famous route in pilgrimage.

Election Day Saturday 23rd March :::::

Just a reminder that the Electoral Office will be using Thornton Hall for voting on Saturday 23rd March. Which means we will not have access to the carpark all day. This will affect our parishioners who are attending the 5pm Vigil Mass. Please leave a little earlier to find a park, as parking may be difficult.

Election Day Sausage Sizzle: The Pastoral Council thought it would be a great opportunity to run a sausage sizzle on election day. We are in need to repair and maintain quite a few items in the church. Especially the tabernacle, it badly needs to be repaired and repolished, also the lid of the Baptismal Font has corroded badly. As well as community building event we thought that any money raised could go towards the repair and maintenance of these important church items. It will take us a while to raise enough money for the repairs but all little amounts will help. Also if you are handy on the BBQ, could you give up an hour or so of your time next Saturday from 9.30am until 1.30pm and cook a few snags?? Many hands make light work!!! Call Kim at the Parish Office 85220300

Our Lady and Sacred Heart Statues :::::

You would have noticed our statues of Our Lady and The Sacred Heart have returned home. A very generous anonymous parishioner donated the money to have the statues repaired and repainted. They look beautiful, thank you for your kind generosity. I am sure Our Lady and The Sacred Heart are smiling down upon you.

Ministerial Duties Next Weekend 23rd and 24th March

Masses Cronulla	Vigil Mass Saturday 5.00pm	8.00 am Sunday	10.00 am Sunday	6.00 pm Sunday	Bundeena Sunday 9.00am	Nursing Home
Acolyte						Carolyn E.
Communion Ministers	M. Remedios M. Boyd K. Eaton B. Salmon	L & A Tesoriero I. O'Neill M. Hennessy C. Coady	K. Vitenov F. O'Driscoll M. Sakowicz B. Slamon	G. Stratton L. Overton P. Morris R. Driscoll		
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Prayer of the Faithful	A. Stempniak	M. Downes	S. Schembri	V. Ohis	J. Hills	
Children's Liturgy					Church Work Lorraine	
Cleaning (Saturday)	R. Butterfield Adam					
Parish Counting Groups	This Week Group 3 J. & A. Palumbo, K. & C. Scarra		Next Week Group 5 J. & M. Bainbridge, J. Lynch			

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Mass and other Liturgical Schedules**Sunday:**

St Aloysius Church, Cronulla Vigil Mass: Saturday 5.00pm. Sunday Masses: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm
Our Lady of the Way Church, Bundeena: Sunday Mass 1st Sunday of the month

Weekdays: This week:

St Aloysius Church, Cronulla: Monday: **(No Mass)**
Mass Tuesday to Friday: 7.00am **and** 9.30am
Mass Saturday: 8.00am

Sacrament of Penance (Confession) **St Aloysius Church, Cronulla:** Sat 4.00pm (or on request)
Our Lady of the Way Church, Bundeena: Before Sunday Mass.

Baptisms: By appointment. **Morning Prayer:** Before Weekday 7.00am Masses. **Rosary:** After the weekday Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction: To be advised.

Anointing of the Sick in Mass: To be advised.

Anointing of the sick as required in the home or church. Please contact the Parish Centre.



We pray for **Sr Bernadette Franks(RSM)** ,**Mary Constance**,**Dominic Mandile**, **Fr Graham Kings**, **Beryl Huntingdon** and **Rita Johnson** who died recently. We pray for **Michael Cilia & Lucy Caruana/Cilia** whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Let us also remember our relatives and friends who have departed this life, especially **Sylvia Dimarco**,**Mick McMahon**,
Grace & Giuseppe Casaceli, **Jozef Kovac**, **Barbara Wells**, **Brian Small**, **Harold Newcombe**, **Joseph Anthony Casaceli**,
Helen Forbes, **Mary Mullins** and her sisters **Monica and Julia**, **Jean & Jim Quinn**, **Paul & Jean Givney**, **Allan & Laurel Howarth** and **Megan Howarth**.

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'It is in giving that we receive'

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