

MOUNTAIN TOP EXPERIENCE

In just a few weeks' time we will hear the shocking accounts of Jesus' arrest, his torture, his passion and his death on a cross. But today, early in our Lenten journey, we recall one of the moments in his life when his divine identity is revealed to his closest disciples.

There, up a high mountain, before Peter, James and John, Jesus was transfigured. His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. Moses and Elijah also appeared, conversing with Jesus.

What an amazing sight for those three disciples: Jesus in his dazzling glory. It is a moment of sheer ecstasy. No wonder they wanted to stay in that moment forever. Peter exclaims: "Lord, it is good that we are here." Wanting to stay there, he suggests building three tents, one each for Jesus, Moses and Elijah.

But a voice from heaven speaks, as at Jesus' baptism at the start of his public ministry: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

It is a gentle but firm correction for Peter! There was to be no staying there; rather there is a mission to accomplish. Listen to him! Jesus, his identity as Son of God now so clearly revealed to them, is destined to suffer and die. How Peter struggled to listen and to hear that the Messiah would suffer.

The Church always recounts this story of the transfiguration on the second Sunday of Lent. This year we hear Matthew's account. As for the disciples, the transfiguration reminds us of who Jesus really is. He is the Son of God, truly and fully divine. He is God with us. We are to remember this when he is tortured and crucified, all for our sake and for our salvation.

We too will have the occasional mountain-top experiences in our lives, those precious moments when we are our very best selves and life is blissful. However, just as surely, suffering and hardship will also come our way, as it did for Jesus. But the message that resounds through the gospels, and especially in the Easter liturgies, is that God works in and through suffering. Suffering is no aberration or obstacle on our journey to the fullness of life and to the glory that is promised to us. So it was for Jesus. His resurrection is not just as a moment of triumph "after" his suffering and quite separate from it, but a mystery born in and of his suffering. So too for us.

So let us live each day in faith, hope and love, with courage and trust that God does not desert us, but is truly and steadfastly with us, through hard times and good. As The Letter to Timothy reminds us today: "Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God."



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5th March, 2023

2nd Sunday of Lent

Year A
Violet

Today's Readings

Genesis 12:1-4
2 Timothy 1:8-10
Matthew 17:1-9

12th March, 2023

3rd Sunday of Lent

Year A
Violet

Next Sunday's Readings

Exodus 17:3-7
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42

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Sunday Bulletin

Parish Liturgies	
Weekend Mass	Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass, Sunday 7.30am, Sunday 9.30am
Weekday Mass	Monday 8.00am Communion Service (Mass on Solemnity only) Tuesday 6.00pm Mass - (1st Tuesday Mass of Anointing) Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 8.00am Mass Friday 9.00am Mass
Reconciliation	Saturday 5.00pm - 5.45pm or by appointment
Buckley Caring Centre	10.00am Mass - Second Thursday of the Month
Juniper Aged Care	11.00am Mass - Third Friday of the Month
Rosary	After weekday Masses
Exposition	Tuesday 5.00pm - 6.00pm with Benediction, Sunday 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Charismatic Prayer	Thursday 7.15pm - 9.00pm.
Baptism	Sunday at 11.00am, or by arrangement
Marriage	By appointment - Minimum SIX MONTHS notice for preparation etc


Praying For You




Recently Deceased
Robert Woodford

Death Anniversary
Peter Fisher, James Murphy

Our Sick
Ammini Jose, John Breag,
Conrad Briggs, Joel Celine,
Dennis Ford, Letecia Niembra,
Wendy Kraft, Cecilia Lee, Dolly,
Elvira Panici-Allen, Annabelle McNess,
Richard Bisnath, Wendy Price,
Fran Wiffen, Ding Madrigal,
Zee Pereira, Metilde Warui,
Con Farano, Rene Priest,
Mary Hazel Calupig, Margaret Evans,
Erika Magness, Mavis Hall
Ian Ballantyne, Kaye Ballantyne





Triumph

Lenten Program 2023

Daily reflections for Lent and Easter.

"I pray that you will experience through these reflections the grace of the Paschal Mystery through which God has revealed to all of us the great love that God has for each one of us, and how we, through Jesus, are called to be his body in the world."

Most Rev Brian G Mascord DD, Bishop of Wollongong

Limited available in the foyer.

Feast Days this Week		
Mar 6	Mon	St Kyneburgha
7	Tue	St Perpetua, St Felicity
8	Wed	St John of God, St Senan, St Duthac, St Felix
9	Thu	St Frances of Rome
10	Fri	St John Ogilvie
11	Sat	St Aengus

Parish Meetings	
Acolyte Meeting	Tuesday 7th March, 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.

Rosters for 4/5 March, 2023						
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Rosa Ford Theresa Spicer	Lynette Lieveaux Carina Limgenco	Faye Mitchell	Martin Loh	Tracy van Ingen Miriam Villan	Angel Donina, Jacob Malou Kyle Marquis, Clinton Matthews Jacob Raymond, Dashiell Van Ingen
Sunday 7.30am	Inoka Ratnasekera Sandra Reid	Franklin D'Cruz	Geoff Mills	Larry Cavallo	Rod McAtee Chloe Pereira-Smith	Aydriel Ratnasekera, Scott Tido Richardson Saw, Rosemary Saw
Sunday 9.30am	Anne Brink Ciara Jacob	Florence Ayeni	Hanna Allen	Nigel Hayward	Geraldine Pereira Peta Phillips	Able Biju, Carl Borlongan, Leslie Dcruz, Juan Carlos Borlongan Florian Christstar, Emily Crestani
Tellers this week: Chloe Pereira-Smith, Prisca Pereira, Robert Szlezak				Tellers next week: Geoff & Jenny Mills, Cheryl Martin		

Rosters for 11/12 March, 2023						
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Sandra Wren Mercy Burton	Vilma Lyra	Ayden Ratnasekera	Volunteer	Sandra Wren Remi Biju	Angel Villan, Carl Agus Maria Donina, Xyris Madrigal Abigail Raganas, Seren Adams
Sunday 7.30am	Dion Robson Shania Tido	Jenny Mills	Sean Mullins	Geoff Mills	Inoka Ratnasekera Volunteer	Shania Tido, Callie Abogado Michael Almen, Tom Antu
Sunday 9.30am	Kerry Keys Bec Malagui-Hicks	Kaye Cox	Leslie Dcruz	Dan Hewitt	Silvana Sciorilli Robert Szlezak	Angel Garavillas, Gabino Htoo Sanjay Jojo, Elaine Labrador Noel Justin, Keanu Malagui-Hicks

Parish Sacramental Program Enrolments

Our thoughts and prayers are with our young people enrolling this Saturday 6pm and Sunday 9.30am Mass this weekend to receive the Sacrament of First Penance, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Let us support these children and their families at this special time in their faith journey through witness and prayer.

Take Time: Stop for a Cuppa!

After Saturday 6pm and 7.30am Masses only this weekend, and the first Sunday of every month. Enjoy the company of other parishioners.

Take a moment to get to know someone new!

Thank you to all who have helped out with this roster.

Please join us in the Parish Centre after Sunday 9.30am Mass for Deacon Errol's farewell morning tea.



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Thank You

Thank you Deacon Errol for your wonderful contribution to the Parish over the last year, you will be missed. May God bless your ministry in Armadale.



Project Compassion Sunday 4th & 5th March



Teresa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. Through the Baabayn Young Mums and Bubs Group, Teresa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.**



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.** You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available in the foyer, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

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Calling all Choristers

Practice for Easter services starts Monday 6th March from 7.00pm. Please join us in the Church via Corfield Street entrance. Everyone is welcome to join us. We really encourage new members to come along and join our happy crew. Thank you to all of our stalwart regulars who so generously give their time and effort to provide music for all of our services. For more information, please contact Brenda Parsons on 0414 098 705.



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Flowers for Easter

Once again we seek your generous support for our appeal to enhance the church for our Easter celebrations. There is a box in the foyer for your offering.



Stations of the Cross

7.00pm

Every Friday during Lent



Funeral Notice



The Funeral Mass for (Cynthia) Una Fischer will be held at St Jude's Langford Tuesday 14th March at 10am. Cremation is at West Chapel, Fremantle at 12.15pm.



Parish Safeguarding Officers

The Perth Catholic Archdiocese is committed to the safety and security of all children and young people. If you have any safety concerns about a person in the parish or about a child protection or child safety issue, you can discuss it with the Parish Safeguarding Officers. Phone 0432 398 973 or email safeguarding@gosnellsparish.org.au



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Golden Age Club



The next Club Day will be in the Parish Centre Tuesday, 7th March from 9.00am. BYO lunch. Bingo from 12.15pm. For all parishioners 50 years and over to enjoy card games, carpet bowls, fellowship. New members are always welcome.

Attendance Fee \$2.00. More information from Rose Heald 0418 948 245.

Youth Night

Thank you to all who attend our last Youth event. Our next event is on 11th of March. Please register your attendance via the sign-up sheet or by text. See you soon!

Young Adults

Join us in the hall on Saturday 18th of March for our Young Adults dinner. Register your attendance via the sign-up sheet or by text!



Catholic Faith Renewal

CFR welcomes you to a mid-week Lenten evening retreat with Fr Greg Donovan "UNPACKING LENT—Where to from here?" St John & Paul's Church Parish Hall, Pinetree Gully Road, Willetton. Tuesday 21st March - Thursday 23rd March 7pm - 9pm daily. Cost: \$30ea includes light refreshments. Space is limited so please register early. To register or for more information please contact with WhatsApp: Name and phone number to Charles: 0413 755 799, Pat: 0413 689 039 or email: Catholicfaithrenewal@gmail.com

St Brigid's College 2024 Scholarships

Applications are invited from students entering Years 7 and 10 in 2024 to sit the St Brigid's College Scholarship Examinations. For further information and to download an Application Form, please visit the College website: <https://sbcl.wa.edu.au/enrol/scholarships/>. Applications close at 4pm on Friday, 10th March 2023. The Examination date is Saturday, 25th March 2023. Please return the completed Application Form to the Principal's Assistant via email to Guerinoni.pauline@stbrigids.wa.edu.au

Greeters are needed

New rosters are being drawn up soon. New volunteers are especially invited to join this ministry and add their names to the list in the foyer. All those on the current roster are asked to recommit by also adding their name to the list.

Caritas Australia Turkey-Syria Earthquake Disaster

A 7.8 magnitude earthquake has unleashed devastation on Turkey and Syria, leaving thousands of people dead with this number expected to rise dramatically. After 12 years of war, Syria is at breaking point and desperately needs assistance.



We must act NOW and help those affected by this catastrophe. Your generous donation means our partners in Turkey and Syria can respond swiftly to support the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy.

Visit: www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.

Safeguarding Induction for All Church Workers

We invite ALL church workers to attend a safeguarding induction. The session will cover the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, the importance of Safeguarding in the parish and the role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Please visit www.safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au, phone 9221 7762 or email safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au to register for an online session.

Available dates and times are on the bulletin board.



On The Bulletin Board

Employment opportunities from the Archdiocese of Perth.
Mary Mackillop today "Breakfast in the Garden", 11th March.
Marian Pilgrimage through Portugal, Spain, France Croatia/Hercegovina.
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