



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B
SUNDAY, 25 FEB 2018

Each year on the Second Sunday of Lent, the Church puts before us the Transfiguration of Jesus.

To say that life is a journey, is a powerful metaphor. But often it is not that simple.

There will be times in our lives when we go forward armed only with our courage and faith.

To have faith is to not have all the answers. It is to have bearings.

We draw inspiration from those who have gone before us in faith.

Even for Jesus, life was a journey of faith.



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1. Identity and Community
2. Worship and Prayer.
3. Formation and Education
4. Mission and Outreach.
5. Leadership and Structure.

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WEEKEND LITURGY TIMES:

THIS WEEKEND: 24 / 25 February

Saturday 24th- 6pm

Liturgy— Cooranbong

Sunday 25th- 9.30 am

Mass— Morisset

NEXT WEEKEND: 3 / 4 March

Saturday 3rd- 6pm

Liturgy— Cooranbong

Sunday 4th- 9.30 am

Mass— Morisset

WEEKDAY LITURGY TIMES THIS WEEK

MORISSET:

Tuesday 9.30am

Liturgy of the Word

Thursday 9.30am

Liturgy of the Word

CONFESSIONS: Before Mass or on request

PLT ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Our Parish will be hosting the World Day of Prayer on Friday 2nd March at 10am.
- Parent's Information Night for Confirmation will be held this Wednesday 28th Feb at 7pm in the Callinan Centre.
- Volunteer Inductions to be held at 10.30am on Tuesday 27th Feb and at 10am on Saturday 10th March in the Callinan Centre.

YOUTH MASS

The next Youth Mass will be held on Sunday 18th March at 9.30am. Practice will be held on Friday 16th March at 6pm in Morisset Church. For more information please call Emily Palmer on 0413 448 196. All Youth, Children and Families are welcome to participate.

YOUTH GROUP

The next Youth Group get together will be held on Sunday 18th March in the Callinan Centre from 5pm to 8pm. All young people 12yrs+ are invited to come along. Please bring along a plate of food to share and a gold coin donation. For more information please contact Emily Palmer on mob:0413 448 196 or email: svj.youth@mn.catholic.org.

SJV SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

"Jesus calls us to build a just society. This includes working together to eradicate poverty and ensure all benefit from a society's common wealth. Get the facts about economic exclusion. While many live in comparative comfort, three million Australians (including over 730,000 children) live in poverty." From ACBSJS Ten Steps.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.

On the first Friday in March each year, people in over 170 countries, join in a service prepared by of a different country, to celebrate both unity in Christ and our diversity in culture. St John Vianney will be the host of the local World Day of Prayer for 2018 on Friday 2nd March at 10am in Morisset Church, followed by a light lunch in the Callinan Centre.

PARISH AUTUMN EVENT

A Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday 8th April 2018 at Martinsville Oval, from 11am. Fun for all the family with a "Spotto" competition, Tennis, French Cricket, Bowls (Boule) and Put Put Golf. Tea and Coffee will be provided, bring your picnic lunch.

LENTEN GROUPS

We will have 2 Lenten groups running this Lent and the second sessions start this week beginning 26th Feb 2018.

Mondays at 10am in the Callinan Centre.

Tuesdays at 1pm Venue to be confirmed.

If you are interested in joining our Lenten groups please contact the Parish Office or Daphne on P 0402 318 074.

SJV 100 CLUB DRAW WINNERS

Congratulations to our winners drawn last week.

1st Prize Ticket 21 Stuart Burtoff

2nd Prize Ticket 59 Joseph Lowe

SISTERS OF FAITH DINNER

will be held on Tuesday 06 March at 6:00 PM at Victor Peters Suite, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle.

Our theme this year is Sisters of faith joining together in Peace. This is an opportunity for all women of faith to join together.

RSVP to Brooke Robinson by 1 March. E: brooke.robinson@mn.catholic.org.au or P: 4979 1111. A love offering towards the dinner will be appreciated.



Rattanak in Cambodia contracted polio as a child and also became deaf. The Deaf Development Program, supported by Caritas Australia, helped him become a barber and he is now supporting himself, his wife and baby.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help deaf youth in Cambodia to build a just future, and live in communities that uphold everyone's dignity.

A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

ECUMENICAL CONVERSATIONS DIALOGUE

Will be held on Tuesday 27 February at 6:00 PM at Jesmond Park Uniting Church, 15 Robert St Jesmond.

This is an opportunity to gather as an ecumenical community to explore what we can learn from each other about the Ministry of Lay People.

RSVP Brooke Robinson P 4979 1111.

GRIEF TO GRACE – HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABUSE

Is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held 8-13 April 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griefftoGrace.org.au or P 0407 704 539. For more information visit www.griefftoGrace.org

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASSES

The Diocese Catholic Schools Week Mass will be held on Tuesday 06 March at 11:00 AM at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle.

Our parish school St John Vianney Primary Catholic Schools Week Mass will be held on Thursday 8th March at 9.30am in Morisset Church. Which will be followed by open classrooms.

BISHOP'S AWARD YOUTH SERVICE

Will be held on Friday 09 March at 6:00 PM at St John's Chapel, Maitland.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY MASS

Will be held on Sunday 11 March at 9:30 AM at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle.

A REUNION OF ST JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL, MEREWETHER

Is being held on the Saturday of the long weekend in June (9 June) at a Newcastle venue. It will be a daytime event. Details are being finalised and further information regarding the reunion will be announced in coming weeks. To learn more please P T'ese Butler 0411 252 094 or E tese.butler@hotmail.com, or P Margie Harris on 0438 286 513 or E margaret.harris@newcastle.edu.au.

VOLUNTEERING IN OUR PARISH

Please watch this space for upcoming volunteer opportunities.

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FIRST READING

Gen 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

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.'

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

Rom 8:31-34

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Mt 17:5

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

Mk 9:2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like the parish to pray for a family member or friend who may be sick, recently deceased or you would like remembered. Please complete the cards at the back of the church and their names will be placed in the bulletin. **Please note all prayer requests require permission from a family member or the person along with their contact details this is due to Australian privacy laws.**

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