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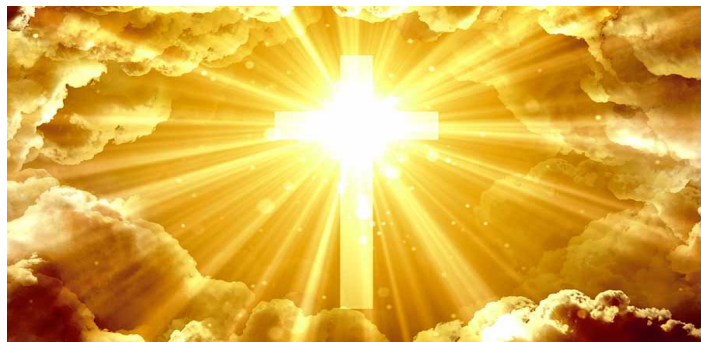
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## **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A) - 5 MARCH 2023**

### **FIRST READING**

**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**

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

*(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.*

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

### **SECOND READING**

**2 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**

**Matthew 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**

**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.'

### **POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION**

#### **FOR MARCH:**

*For victims of abuse*

*We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.*

**Listen to him.**

Matthew 17:5

### **A VOCATION VIEW**

*The Lord called Abram to go forth to a new land and begin a new nation. There is no telling what we can become by responding to the Lord's invitation to us.*

### **Dear Parish family,**

There are times in our lives when we would be grateful for the chance to get away from it all –from the bad weather to a place by the beach; out of the rat-race to a place of peace and quiet; or to not have to make certain decisions which may impact how we live our lives. Fortunately, most of us get the opportunity for a holiday of some sort each year - whether that means travelling to an exotic location or laying low in our homes – allowing us to put everything on hold and have some time to rest & recharge. But this is only for a short time – eventually we have to return to the real world!

Together with Peter, James and John, this week we are taken away to place away from it all with the Lord, where he is “transfigured”, i.e., he is revealed to us in a way in which we see him in his glory.

To Jesus’ companions, this event revealed something new about Jesus. Up until now they have struggled to come to terms with who Jesus is and what he was all about. The Transfiguration gave them an insight into who he is – his relationship with the Father, his role as the fulfilment of the law and the prophets, and the glory that is awaiting all creation. It was a wonderful place to be – no wonder they wanted to stay there! But Jesus reminds them that they need to go down the mountain and continue with their part in Jesus’ mission. There are still hard yards to be done.

In many ways, we share the privilege that the disciples were given. There are moments in life, sometimes fleeting, sometimes sustained, where all seems to fall into place – where we experience no worries or conflicts but pure joy. Perhaps it’s the day of our wedding, when a child or grandchild is born, or the successful completion of a task or project. We know that there is much work, effort and waiting that goes into these experiences, and that effort will need to continue, but we are encouraged by these moments of happiness.

This Lent, may we be sustained by our participation in the Eucharist, in our reflections on the gospels and in our prayer life, where we are brought into the joyful presence of the Lord, even if for a short time, and be strengthened in the hope of the glory that we are called to share at the end of our earthly life. **Have a blessed week!**

*Fr Ben Brooks*

### **WANTED: Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**

An important aspect of the parish’s mission is to bring the Eucharist to those who are unable to attend Sunday Mass.

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** are needed to ensure that we can reach out to those at home or in hospital.

If you feel called to participate in this life-giving ministry, you are invited to an information and discernment session at the

**Parish Pastoral Centre** on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March** at **6:00pm**. Or please contact Fr Ben on 0448 5527140 or email [benbrooks88@live.com](mailto:benbrooks88@live.com)

NB. It is a requirement that volunteers hold a current Working With Vulnerable People Card, and are willing to have a Police Check completed.

### **Making the most of Lent.....**

**JOIN A LENTEN PROGRAM GROUP** “God is on the Journey too” Lent is a time of prayer, penance, renewal of faith and refocusing on God in our life. Join one of the following groups for prayer and sharing based on the Gospels as we journey through Lent to Easter: **10.30am Mondays** or **10.30am Wednesdays downstairs in the the Pastoral Centre**.

**Lenten Program Books** Limited copies of the Parish Lent Program are available from the office @\$10 a copy for your personal lent journey.

**Virtual Lent Program** Offered by Garratt Publishing, Tuesdays in Lent. Further details can be found at <https://www.garrattpublishing.com.au/blog/post/2023-virtual-lenten-series/>

**Friday Holy Hour** Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place for one hour every Friday after the 12noon Mass at the Church of the Apostles.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** at 7.00pm in **Sacred Heart Church, Newstead** on the Fridays of Lent. Make this a focus for your Lenten prayer and renewal.

**PROJECT COMPASSION** is a way to make your Lenten efforts practical in assisting those most in need. Make sure every home has one of the boxes or a set of envelopes.

### **YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY**

**FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED** especially **Winnie Stick** (Geoffrey and Laura) who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

**FOR THE NEWLY MARRIED** Congratulations, prayers and encouragement to **Patrick Lawrence and Madeline Nolan** who celebrate their Marriage in our parish this weekend

**FOR OUR RECONCILIATION CANDIDATES** and their families. May they come to know the power of God’s mercy, forgiveness and love as they prepare for this wonderful Sacrament.

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Sr Teresa OCD, Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Fr Terry Yard, John Bennett, Noelene Bye, Nanette Gunton, Maria Holton, Myra Conway, Kathy Aldred, Teresa McMahon, Kim Izard, Danielle Evans, Louisa Buttazzoni, Lalla Smethurst, Sally Griffin (Smethurst), Pauline Heazlewood, Patsy Heath, Alex Thrower, Marie Cousins, Alida Moolenschot, Archivaldo Pechon, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Qian Zhang-Allchin, Carole Cleary, Bev Callahan, Helen Wright, Alfred Weeding, Maureen Saunders, Mary Morgan, Mary Carter, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Tony Long, Kristel Latham, Joan Keefe, Jennifer Dowell, Andrew Campbell, Bill Lewis, Vincent Burke, Eduardo Bilanes, Brian Hudson, Brian Beardwood, Jane Gillard, Joel Wilkinson, Jesse Moore, Elaine Blake, John Walsh, Clare Maddox, William Siegrist, Anne Harris, Jane Savaro, Amelia Eckert, Allison Thambugala, Ava Woolley, David Lewis, Christian Barrett, Xavier Banks, George Donovan, Max Jamieson, Jan McClean, John Bennett, and Peter Marshall.

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Henryk Gebka, Tim O’Sullivan, Jesse Youd and Barbara Hawes who have died recently, Mary Meredith, Michael Watkins, Charles Stocks, Amerio Mangone, Kennerth Timms, Nessie Viney, Leonard and Margaret Dix, Wim VanGalen, Douglas Clayton, Jeanette McGann, Janice Higgins, Tony Benneworth, Margaret Muir, Maria Bordin, we remember all victims of the COVID-19 virus and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION AND NEWS

**ONE HOUR WITH JESUS** *This Sunday, 5th March at the Carmelite Monastery.* You are welcome to join the Carmelite nuns in spending some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: 2.00pm Office of None (afternoon prayer of the Church); 2.15 - 3.00pm Silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament; 3.00pm Benediction

**MORNING MEDITATION** Due to the funeral Mas for Henry Gebka at 11am, there will be **no meditation** at the Emmanuel Centre on Tuesday 7th March. Enquiries: phone 6334 1082

**FRIDAY HOLY HOUR** Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place for one hour every Friday after the 12noon Mass at the Church of the Apostles.

**ROSARY:** is recited every Monday at 7:30pm in the comfort of your own home. Enquiries: Jan (0409 175 940) or Adrian & Liz (0407 074 693)

**THE CARMEL SHOP:** 7 Cambridge Street, West Launceston is open on Wednesdays between 11.00am - 4.00pm

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** leaving collection after Mass this weekend

Copies of the latest edition of **Australian Catholics** are available for collection in the Church and the foyer of the Pastoral Centre



### WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

Next weekend the 4 WYD pilgrims from the Parish who intend to participate in WYD in Lisbon this year will introduce themselves at Mass and outline the fund raising activities they will undertake to raise funds to help them. Please support them.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM

The next meeting of the Social Justice Team will be held at **6pm on Wednesday 8th March** at the Pastoral Centre. All interested parishioners are welcome.

### Lenten talk by Fr Michael Tate

**'Shakespeare, Jesus of Nazareth, and the Mercy of God'**

**7 pm on Wednesday 22 March, Pastoral Centre—Upstairs**  
All parishioners are welcome

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	6.00pm Vigil	Sacred Heart, Newstead
Sunday	7.30am	Carmel
9.00am	St Finn Barr's	Invermay
9.00am	St Patrick's Chapel	Prospect
10.30am	Apostles	
6.30pm	Apostles (Oct—March)	

### WEEKDAY MASSES 6th—11th March

**7.30am Monday to Friday at Carmel**

Tuesday:	11am	Newstead
	<b>Funeral Mass for Henry Gebka</b>	
Wednesday	12noon	Apostles
	5.30pm	Apostles
Thursday:	12noon	Invermay
Friday:	12noon	Apostles
Saturday:	9am	Carmel

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday:	10.00am - 11.00am	Apostles
	5.15pm - 5.45pm	Newstead

## PALM SUNDAY VIGIL PILGRIMAGE

### SATURDAY 1 APRIL 2023

2:30pm Start - St Finn Barr's Church, Invermay

5.15pm Finish - Sacred Heart Church, Newstead

Sacrament of Reconciliation available

6pm - Vigil Mass

For further information and  
Registration, scan here



Registrations close 12 noon on Wednesday 29 March, 2023

### PALM SUNDAY PILGRIMAGE—Volunteers needed

We are looking for assistant volunteers for our pilgrimage event, both walking participants and those that cannot walk due to mobility issues.

We are seeking qualified **first aid persons** (2 preferably) [these persons can walk as well if they wish], **route marshals** (2 preferably) for road crossing assistance, a **support driver** for tired or injured pilgrims (1), **catering assistants** for refreshments (3-4) [these persons can walk as well if they wish].

**Please note:** a current Police Check and Working with Vulnerable People registration will be required to comply with the Archdiocese of Hobart –Safe Communities Policy for these roles.

**Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help.**

### Volunteers required for the Choir for Easter Liturgies

If you have the ability to sing in tune and can make a commitment to attending Rehearsals please contact the Parish Office or talk to Janet Hoare (Organist) after the 10.30am Mass at Apostles.

(As there are only stairs to the choir loft, you will need to be able to get up and down the stairs without any difficulty).



# PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



*My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.*

## ANNUAL ST PATRICK'S PILGRIMAGE

Saturday 18 March – Sunday 19 March 2023

Join Archbishop Julian Porteous for Mass following a pilgrimage in celebration of the feast of St Patrick. Pilgrims will set out from St John the Evangelist Church, Richmond to St Patrick's Church, Colebrook. This popular pilgrimage is open to all young adults between the ages of 16-35 years and will conclude with Mass at St Patrick's on Sunday afternoon.

**Cost:** \$55

Register at: <https://StPatricksPilgrimage2023.eventbrite.com.au>

Alternatively, contact [youth@aohtas.org.au](mailto:youth@aohtas.org.au) if you have any questions.

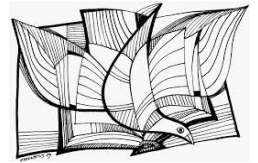
## GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

<b>Monday 6th:</b>	<b>Luke 6:36-38</b>
<b>Tuesday 7th:</b>	<b>Matthew 23:1-12</b>
<b>Wednesday 8th:</b>	<b>Matthew 20:17-28</b>
<b>Thursday 9th:</b>	<b>Luke 16:19-31</b>
<b>Friday 10th:</b>	<b>Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46</b>
<b>Saturday 11th:</b>	<b>Luke 15:1-3,11-32</b>

## NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**Exodus 17:3-7**  
**Psalms 94:1-2,6-9**  
**Romans 5:1-2,5-8**  
**John 4:5-42**



*Ponder and pray the living Word of God*



## PROJECT COMPASSION

*For All Future Generations*

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



Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. Boxes and envelopes are available in the Church.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

# Children's Corner

By using the words below, can you work out what the voice from the cloud said to the apostles?

**SON AM LISTEN TO SAYS  
BELOVED HIM IS PLEASED**

THIS \_\_ MY

-----,

AND I -----

WITH -----

----- WHAT HE -----

## LAUNCESTON PARISH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Enquires: please contact Fr Chatty 0469 661 578



**YOUTH GROUP** for young people from grades 5 to 12 - Music, Sport, Adventures, Social Work, Faith meets on the **2nd and 4th Thursdays: 6.00pm - 7.30pm**  
St Ailbe's Hall. Next meeting 9th March

**Young Adults Group: 2nd and 4th Sundays**  
12noon @ the Pastoral Centre

## DINING WITH FRIENDS

An initiative of the St Vincent de Paul Society together with the Launceston Parish.



If you are feeling lonely, would like to make new friends, or would just enjoy a **FREE** home cooked meal prepared by and shared with people who care, please come along to **Dining with Friends.**

**Next gathering: Tuesday, 7th March at 6.00pm in the Pastoral Centre.**

**Bookings are essential for catering**

Enquiries and RSVP phone 6326 5551