

**SECOND READING:** **Philippians 3:17 - 4:1**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

**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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(NO ALLELUIA IN LENT)*

**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.**

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**GOSPEL:** **Luke 9:28-36**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

**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.**

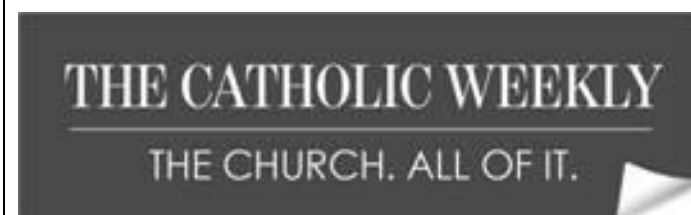


**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

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

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

**Ex 3: 1-8, 13-15; 1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9.**



- A Battle for the Soul of Humanity: Rallying behind Ukraine
  - Diocese of Lismore launches Flood Appeal
  - Jack Berne's inspiring campaign for farmers
- A modern St Paul: Fr Jacques Philippe comes to Sydney
  - Movie review: *Help*
  - Book review: Les Murray's Last Word



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**MASS TIMES:**

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6:00 pm.  
 SUNDAY: 8:00 am and 10.00 am.  
 MONDAY: No Mass.  
 TUESDAY through to SATURDAY: 9.00 am Mass.  
 FRIDAY: 9.00 am Mass.  
 Exposition & Benediction every Friday after Mass.  
 RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.  
 Baptism: Every Sunday at 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.  
 Marriage: By appointment.  
 Anointing of the sick: Please give names to Father Roberto Castillo.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (Year C)  
12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**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**

**A reading from the book of Genesis**

**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**

**RESPONSE: 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? **Response.**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' **Response.**

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. **Response.**

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! **Response**

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**12 / 13 MARCH 2022 – 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	D D'MELLO	G MOODLEY
Reader	B CLARK	P TREACY	C LAYOUN
Offertory	DABBAH FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	STEPHEN & ANNABELLE BOGER GABRIELLA & CHARLIE GRIFFITH
Projection	T MORFUNI	NIL	TO BE ADVISED
Altar Servers	GRP 2: ZAC O'DONOGHUE & NOAH EL-AZZI	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 6: ADAM CALLAGHAN
Welcomers	A CHAN & P ONG		GIAN LUCA LOICANO, SIENNA & OLIVIA DAHER
Counters	GROUP 3: D JAYAMANNE E CONTERNO	M GLEESON	
Altar Flowers	N HAHN – no flowers during Lent	<b>MARCH ATAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA</b>	

**19 / 20 MARCH 2022 – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	T DABBAH	D ELLIS	J KWONG
Reader	L SAMONTE	S JAYAMANNE	H VAZ
Offertory	DABBAH FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	A PLEADIN	NIL	NO MUSIC
Altar Servers	GROUP 3: SOPHIA BERNLEITNER & AMARA LOIACONO	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 7: VINCENT & ALYSSA WIDJAYA
Welcomers	A CHAN & P ONG		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 4: R WHITE G WHITE C DIAS		
Altar Flowers	ANNE-MARIE NAGANATHAN– no flowers during Lent	<b>MARCH ATAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA</b>	

**PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:**

**Request for Mass and Prayers.**

We pray for those who have recently died especially Stephen Aldworth. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries at this time especially Helen Batshon, Mavis Burge and Marie Santa Maria.



**Project Compassion – Don't forget your almsgiving this weekend!**

Project Compassion boxes OR a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia are available from the front foyer. This Lenten season help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

**Biru 30**, lives in a rural village in Jharkand State in India's east. He lost mobility in one of his legs, after contracting polio as a child, which makes it difficult for him to walk. With your generous support, Biru was able to access an entrepreneurship and livelihoods development program, run by Caritas Australia's partner, Caritas India. He gained the skills, support and encouragement he needed to establish his own bicycle repair business.



Now, Biru is able to provide a good life for his family – and an essential service to his community. He has discovered a sense of pride, confidence and hope which has inspired others living with a disability and paved the way **For All Future Generations**.

**Lenten programme.**

Our sessions continue on **THURSDAY the 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm** in the Church and will run throughout Lent. You are welcome to come!

**RITE OF COMMITMENT FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION**

*Priest:* Are you ready to present your child for the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

**Parents: Yes, I wish to present my child for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I realise my responsibility for my child's faith development and I promise to support my child in the preparation for this Sacrament of God's forgiveness and love.**

*Priest:* My sisters and brothers, will you support by love and prayer, these families who are preparing for this Sacrament?

*Congregation:* **We will prayerfully support them in this time of preparation and encourage them by our love, faith and example to know and follow Jesus, our loving Lord.**

*Priest:* May the Holy Spirit guide you in the time of preparation for this Sacrament and help you to grow in God's love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

**Sacrament of First Reconciliation: Reconciliation at St Therese.**

This weekend we welcome the children from the local schools who are going to start the programme of First Reconciliation. We also welcome their parents and families.

The **FIRST** session of the programme is this **Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm** in the Church.

**Sacrament of First Reconciliation: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April from 4pm to 7pm in the Church.**

**Family Mass this weekend at 10am.**

This weekend will be our **FIRST FAMILY MASS** for the year.

Throughout the coming year we will celebrate **ELEVEN** Family Masses. These Masses will encourage joint participation from both the school and our parish.

**Facebook.**

Please note that our parish does not have a Facebook account.



**Stations of the Cross.**

Stations will continue on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> March and will run throughout Lent every Friday evening at 7.30pm.



**Lenten Quote From Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI**

“Lent reminds us, therefore, that Christian life is a never-ending combat in which the “weapons” of prayer, fasting and penance are used. Fighting against evil, against every form of selfishness and hate, and dying to oneself to live in God is the ascetic journey that every disciple of Jesus is called to make with humility and patience, with generosity and perseverance.” – 2006



**Prayer for World Peace.**

O Lord God, we pray for peace and love in all the nations, among all the people that all war and hatred will end.

We pray for those who suffer from war, injustice & intolerance, for the children, your people, the poor and neglected ones.

We pray for peace in our life, lands, nations, families and in our hearts. Lord, give us world peace.

We ask your mercy in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

**Days of Penance! Repent from your evils and believe this Good News.**

1. Rules for Lent follow in (a), (b), &(c).
2. Abstinence from meat and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On all other Fridays of the year the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

- (a) Prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making that Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.
- (b) Self-denial – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country.
- (c) Helping other – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

**All who have completed their 18<sup>th</sup> year and have not yet begun their 60<sup>th</sup> year are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14<sup>th</sup> year are bound to abstain.**

