

SECOND READING: 2 PETER 1:16-19

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

We heard this voice from out of heaven.

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 17:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
His face was shining like the sun.

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

1 Kg 19: 9, 11-13;

Rom 9: 1-5;

Mt 14: 22-33.




Safeguarding our community: If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney please call the appropriate authorities OR The Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office on 02 9390 5812 OR **Speak with our Parish Safeguarding Support Officer Helen Vaz OR Parish Priest, both of whom will be able to provide support and guidance.**

Mobile phones at Mass.

To maintain a spirit of reverence and solemnity, please turn off and refrain from using all mobile telephones and other electronic devices during Mass.

Catholic Young Adults in Sydney



Every Tuesday

St Michael's Church
69 Clarendon Rd,
Stanmore

5.30pm Adoration and confession
6.30pm Mass
7pm Talk

Followed by dinner and drinks at the pub

THE Catholic Weekly

- God is calling: Vocations Guide 2023
- Universities & Colleges Open Days 2023
- Phones banned in Sydney Catholic Schools
- Archbishop Fisher confirms two pilgrims at Nazareth
- Pilgrims engaged, renew vows, at WYD
- Dallas McNerney: Sinead O'Connor remembered



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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL:	6:00 pm.
SUNDAY:	8:00 am and 10.00 am.
MONDAY:	9.30am Communion Service.
TUESDAY through to SATURDAY:	9.00 am Mass.
FRIDAY:	9.00 am Mass.
	Exposition & Benediction from 9.40am – 10.15am every Friday after Mass.
RECONCILIATION:	Friday during Exposition and 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 Simon Apablaza.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

5th / 6th August 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

In resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

FIRST READING: DANIEL 7:9-10. 13-14

A reading from the book of Daniel
His raiment was as white as snow.

As I watched:
Thrones were set in place
and one of great age took his seat.
His robe was white as snow,
the hair of his head as pure as wool.
His throne was a blaze of flames,
its wheels were a burning fire.
A stream of fire poured out,
issuing from his presence.
A thousand thousand waited on him,
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.
A court was held and the books were opened.
I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and languages

became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9

RESPONSE: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
let all the coastlands be glad.
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;
his throne, justice and right.

Response.

The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.
The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see he glory.

Response.

For you indeed are the Lord
most high above all the earth
exalted far above all spirits.

Response.

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5 / 6 AUGUST 2023 – THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD			
	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	R MORFUNI	D D'MELLO	J KWONG
READER	V PERERA	E WHEELER	R DEARING / FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS
OFFERTORY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY		MRS MATHIE & STELLA CALLAGHAN
PROJECTION	AMJAD SHEEKA		P TREACY
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 1: JAMES D'MELLO & AIDEN SHEEKA		GRP 5: JAMES DEARING & ADAM CALLAGHAN
WELCOMERS	S CHAMISA		ISLA AND / OR ORLANO LEE
COUNTERS	GROUP 7: P TREACY S DIMICHIEL M PEARCE		
ALTAR FLOWERS	KAYSHINEE PERERA / TINA CHAMISA	AUGUST ALTAR LINEN: PENNY ONG	

12 / 13 AUGUST 2023 – NINETEENTH SUNDAY ON ORDINARY TIME			
	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	T DABBAH	A STANTON	M MORELLI
READER	B CLARK	P TREACY	VOLUNTEER
OFFERTORY	DABBAH FAMILY		VOLUNTEER FAMILY NEEDED
PROJECTION	TONI MORFUNI		B WIDJAYA
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 2: ZAC O'DONOGHUE, CHRISTIAN HILL & EL-AZZI FAMILY		GRP 6: SIENNA BUIST, OLIVIA JOMA, ANNA MIRABILE, GENEVIEVE MCPHIE
WELCOMERS	A CHAN & P ONG		VOLUNTEER NEEDED
COUNTERS	GROUP 8: F KURNIAWAN A NAGANATHAN D TAN		
ALTAR FLOWERS: N HAHN	AUGUST ALTAR LINEN: PENNY ONG		

APOSTLES CREED.

I believe God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into Hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

Amen.

GLORIA.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Mass intentions Request for Mass and Prayers.
 We pray for those who have recently died especially:
Kitty Marren (funeral is next week at St Agatha's, Caste Hill.)
 Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries especially:
Berna Buchanan.
 Please pray for the Souls of:
Maria del Refugio and Lee Wong.



Confirmation at St Therese.

- Candidate & Parent attend Presentation Mass:** At All Masses THIS weekend of the 5th and 6th August.
- Parent & Candidate Sessions of Instruction:** Will be held on WEDNESDAY'S the 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th August and 6th October in St Therese Church commencing at 7pm.
- CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL** on Saturday 9th September at 4pm in the Church.
- CONFIRMATION** will be on Sunday the 10th September at 11.30am.

So please add all these important dates to your diaries.



Attention All Catechists!
 A reminder to our catechists that our next MEETING will be after class on Tuesday the 8th August at 10.30am.



Family Mass and Cuppa THIS weekend.
 St Therese School families from Stage 1 & 3 will be supporting the rostered volunteers with some of the Mass ministries at the 10am Mass.
 Following this Mass, we will host our usual "CUPPA".
 Everyone is very welcome to stay back for a coffee with parish friends.



Reconciliation.
 All parishioners will have an extra opportunity to attend Reconciliation as Fr Simon is making it available after Mass on Friday mornings during Exposition.

UPDATE - Parish Council Meeting.
 Discussion at the meeting included:

- Father Simon has been welcomed to St Therese.
- Additional readers required for Sunday Masses.
- Plans underway for 75th Anniversary of the parish.
- Request for musicians at all 10am Masses.
- Volunteers to welcome parishioners with Bulletin.

Planned Giving Envelopes and your tax receipts.

- Most people who donate to the Planned Giving via their Credit Cards have already received their tax receipts via email.
- Donations to the Planned Giving through the envelopes: your new envelopes and tax receipts for 2023 / 2024 are in the front foyer clearly marked with your name. **Please take care not to take someone else's envelopes.**
- Donations to Charitable Works and Catholic Mission only: your receipts have been posted to you this week.
- For all those parishioners, who **opted not to claim a tax refund**, you will receive a letter and that advises you how much you have donated over the past financial year.

Please know that your generous donations make a great difference for our community and we are truly and sincerely grateful.



PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES & COMMITMENT PRAYER

FATHER: Today we welcome the children of the Parish who are preparing to be fully initiated into the Church, through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

(Confirmation candidates please stand on the stairs at the altar)

FATHER: God has called you to be his children. When you were a baby, your parents brought you to church to be baptised, and supported you in your preparation of First Eucharist. Now you are going to prepare to live more fully as a Christian; you are called to be fully initiated into this great Catholic church and to be a perfect and holy people. Are you willing to listen well and to participate in all the activities at home or school in preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation?

CHILDREN: Yes, I am
FATHER: Are you willing to learn more and participate fully in the Mass each Sunday by listening to readings, through prayer and celebrating with God's family?

CHILDREN: Yes, I am.
(Congregation)

FATHER: My brothers and sisters, will you support through love and prayer, these families who are preparing for the Sacrament?

CONGREGATION: Yes we will.