



St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

2023

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING *Genesis 12:1-4*

A reading from the book of Genesis
The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22*

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

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.**

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.*

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*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy
God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

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.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
His face shone 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.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

The Gospel for this 2nd Sunday of Lent is the account of the Transfiguration of Jesus. In Lent, as we are disciplining our fleshly bodies, we are not rejecting our humanity but rather purifying it, seeking to remove the obstacles that stop us from sharing in the glory of divine light.

The Transfiguration reveals the divine nature, the divine glory, of Christ which is always there in him. Christ is one person having a human nature and a divine nature, but his divine nature was not always visible or apparent to those who saw him. But we might also say that Jesus, at the Transfiguration, shows in his human body the radiant beauty of human nature in its original state, created in the image and likeness of God, untainted by the Fall and sin. The Transfiguration of Christ gave the three apostles a glimpse of the paradise that was lost by sin and which we seek to regain in Christ: human nature redeemed, restored and transfigured by the grace of Christ.

That's very much what our Lent is about: We are all called to share in Christ's glory - having first of all shared in his effort, his struggle, his life of humility and suffering. By the end of Lent, we hope to have removed from our lives many of the flaws that prevent that radiant light of Christ shining in and shining out from us.

Fr Don Richardson, *Dean*.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

March 2023

		Second Sunday of Lent The Transfiguration of Jesus	4 <i>Saturday</i>	5 <i>Sunday</i> Second Sunday of Lent 2pm Sunday Public Tour 7pm Embrace Young Adults 	6 <i>Monday</i>	7 <i>Tuesday</i>
8 <i>Wednesday</i> Today's 5.30pm Mass Concelebration for Sydney Catholic Schools 6:30pm RCIA	9 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	10 <i>Friday</i> 12:15pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS	11 <i>Saturday</i>	12 <i>Sunday</i> Third Sunday of Lent Today's 10.30am Solemn Mass Concelebration for Catholic Institute of Sydney 2pm Sunday Public Tour	13 <i>Monday</i>	14 <i>Tuesday</i>
15 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	16 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	17 <i>Friday</i>  ST PATRICK'S DAY 10.30am Mass 12:15pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS	18 <i>Saturday</i>	19 <i>Sunday</i> Fourth Sunday of Lent 2pm Sunday Public Tour 7pm Embrace Young Adults 	20 <i>Monday</i>  ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	21 <i>Tuesday</i>
22 <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	23 <i>Thursday</i> 6:30pm CITY COMPASS 	24 <i>Friday</i> 12:15pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS	25 <i>Saturday</i> The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD 	26 <i>Sunday</i> Fifth Sunday of Lent Today's 10.30am Solemn Mass Day of the Unborn Child 12pm Angelus and Procession 1.30pm Benediction 2pm Sunday Public Tour	27 <i>Monday</i>	28 <i>Tuesday</i>

Weekly Mass Schedule

MASS

Monday to Friday: 6:45am, 1:10pm, 5:30pm

Saturday: 9:00am, 12:00 noon

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am, 10:30am (Solemn Choral Mass), 6:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Monday to Friday: 12noon to 1:00pm and 4:30pm to 5:25pm

Saturday: 11.00am to 12noon and 4:30pm to 5:30pm

EVENING VESPERS

Monday to Friday: 5:00pm

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 5:00pm

(Choral Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)

CATHEDRAL NOTICES



STATIONS OF THE CROSS at ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY

"You are welcome to join us for Stations of the Cross, a special devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's suffering and death for our sake".

Fr Don Richardson

DATE: FRIDAYS
24 FEBRUARY, 3 MARCH, 10 MARCH, 17 MARCH, 24 MARCH
& 31 MARCH
TIME: 12.15PM

NSW Election Candidates Forum Thursday 9 March

On behalf of churches in Sydney, **St Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney** is hosting a Candidates Forum for the electorate of Sydney.

Come and hear from the major candidates on issues that you care about. There will be a limited number of set questions (e.g. religious freedom and SRE) and time for questions from the floor. The attendance of Mr Alex Greenwich MP has already been confirmed.

If you do not live in the Sydney electorate, you can find events for many other electorates at freedomforfaith.org.au/nsw

Date: Thursday 9 March, 2023
Time: 7:00-8:30pm

St Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney
Cnr of George and Bathurst Sts, Sydney

The forum will also be livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@StAndrewsCathedralSydney>

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A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance.

The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



EASTER

AT

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

*"I invite you to join us as we
commemorate the saving
Passion, Death and Resurrection
of Jesus Christ, celebrated in the
sacred Liturgies of Holy Week".*

Fr Don Richardson,
DEAN OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

PALM SUNDAY / 2 APRIL, 2023

7.00am: Mass
9.00am: Mass
10.30am: Procession & Solemn Mass
5.00pm: Solemn Vespers and Benediction
6.00pm: Mass

MAUNDY THURSDAY / 6 APRIL, 2023

10.30am: Chrism Mass
6.30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper
9.00pm: Compline The Office of Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY / 7 APRIL, 2023

10.00am: Stations of the Cross
3.00pm: Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

HOLY SATURDAY / 8 APRIL, 2023

10.00am: Tenebrae The Office of Readings
6.30pm: Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY / 9 APRIL, 2023

7.00am: Mass
9.00am: Mass
10.30am: Solemn Mass
5.00pm: Solemn Vespers and Benediction
6.00pm: Mass