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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



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*

R. 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. **R.**

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

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

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.

WORD FROM THE DEAN



Dear Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors,

This year we have the joy of celebrating the Feast of the Transfiguration, August 6th, on a Sunday, and it takes the place of the “18th Sunday in Ordinary Time”. In fact every year on the Second Sunday of Lent the gospel passage of the Transfiguration of the Lord is read at Mass, but unless you are able to attend a weekday Mass in most years you miss celebrating this inspiring and inviting event in the life of Christ.

I find it a mystery of great encouragement. Although at the time only Peter John and James were to witness the transfiguration on the mountain, and they only came to understand it better after the Lord’s death and resurrection, through their witness we too catch a glimpse of the true glory of Jesus, and we too hear the words of God the Father: “This is my Son, the Beloved; Listen to him.”

As we turn to the Lord today, and worship him, we can make our own these words from the Byzantine liturgy:

***On the Mountain You were Transfigured, O Christ God,
And Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they could see it;
So that when they would behold You crucified,
They would understand that Your suffering was voluntary,
And would proclaim to the world,
That You are truly the Radiance of the Father!***











- *Kontakion of the Transfiguration*

Knowing this truth sustains us in our efforts to live out of Christian faith even when we find it difficult. Whatever sacrifices we have to make, whatever we have to let go of or to embrace for the sake of doing the Father’s will, they are worth it for the glory that awaits us when we will stay with the Lord forever.

Fr Don Richardson, Dean.

UPCOMING LITURGIES AND EVENTS

August 2023

 <p>TRANSFIGURATION of the Lord</p>			<p>5 <i>Saturday</i></p>	<p>6 <i>Sunday</i></p>  <p>THE TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD</p> <p>VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK</p> <p>2pm Sunday Public Tour</p>	<p>7 <i>Monday</i></p>	<p>8 <i>Tuesday</i></p> <p>St MARY OF THE CROSS</p>
 <p>C W F CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL: 5-6 AUGUST 2023</p>						
<p>9 <i>Wednesday</i></p> <p>6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)</p>	<p>10 <i>Thursday</i></p> <p><i>St Lawrence</i></p> <p>6:30pm CITY COMPASS</p> 	<p>11 <i>Friday</i></p> <p><i>St Clare</i></p>	<p>12 <i>Saturday</i></p>	<p>13 <i>Sunday</i></p> <p>2pm Sunday Public Tour</p> <p>7pm Embrace Young Adults</p> 	<p>14 <i>Monday</i></p> <p><i>St Maximilian Mary Kolbe</i></p>	<p>15 <i>Tuesday</i></p>  <p>The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</p>
<p>16 <i>Wednesday</i></p> <p>6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)</p>	<p>17 <i>Thursday</i></p> <p>6:30pm CITY COMPASS</p> 	<p>18 <i>Friday</i></p>	<p>19 <i>Saturday</i></p>	<p>20 <i>Sunday</i></p> <p>2pm Sunday Public Tour</p> <p>7pm Embrace Young Adults</p> 	<p>21 <i>Monday</i></p> <p><i>St Pius X</i></p>	<p>22 <i>Tuesday</i></p> <p>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p>
<p>23 <i>Wednesday</i></p> <p>6:30pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)</p>	<p>24 <i>Thursday</i></p> <p><i>St Bartholomew</i></p> <p>6:30pm CITY COMPASS</p> 	<p>25 <i>Friday</i></p>	<p>26 <i>Saturday</i></p>	<p>27 <i>Sunday</i></p> <p>SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY</p> <p>2pm Sunday Public Tour</p> <p>7pm Embrace Young Adults</p> 	<p>28 <i>Monday</i></p> <p><i>St Augustine</i></p>	<p>29 <i>Tuesday</i></p> <p><i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i></p>

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



Donate to the Charitable Works Fund August 2023 Appeal 5th & 6th August 2023 is our parish appeal.

Help keep alive vital ministries of the Church in service to those who need it most. In hospitals, churches, schools, communities and families, your donation is making our world a loving, caring and compassionate place.

Give generously. Your tax-deductible gift changes lives. Thank you!

Donate at www.ourfaithourworks/give-to-cwf
Or complete the parish envelope.

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THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 9th September 2023, 6.30 p.m.

Br Hoffman Hall, St Mary's Cathedral

Tickets from \$15, tables of up to 8 people

All welcome

The Friends' famous Trivia Night returns! This year we are raising money for our new Cathedral videos project. This is a trivia night like no other, with questions for everyone, especially those who say they don't like quizzes! Come and meet members of the parish community in a friendly and relaxed environment: bring a team of up to eight people, or join a team on the night. BYO supper.

Read more and book online
www.cathedralfriends.org.au

Raising Fathers Events 2023

Join us for the RAISING FATHER'S Evening as we unpack practical advice and share powerful, impactful, informative and instructional stories for fathering in today's world. This is a partnership with Robert Falzon and MenAlive.

DATES:

Tuesday, 29 August - Marist College Eastwood
44 Hillview Rd, Eastwood

Wednesday, 30 August - Patrician Brothers' College:
268 The Horsley Drive, Fairfield

Thursday, 31 August - St Patrick's College: Francis St,
Strathfield

To attend one of the evenings, please register at link below

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1092812?qr=true>

Overshadowed: Filled with the Power of the Holy Spirit, 18-20 August 2023

Join the MGL Sisters in a weekend retreat exploring what happens we say yes to the Holy Spirit. Experience the life-changing power of deepening in God's love, surrendering to Jesus and living under the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Venue: Carmel House,
345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville NSW

Booking: <http://www.trybooking.com/CFBQX>
(by 11 August)

Contact: Katherine
mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com



Looking to join a group and have the opportunity to meet other like-minded young adults?

then St Mary's Cathedral "EMBRACE" invites you to join them!

Meeting every Sunday after the 6pm Mass at St Mary's Cathedral House, (next to St Mary's Cathedral), young people between the ages of 18-35 gather to discuss and enjoy activities and youth projects designed to support spiritual development and encourage active practice of the faith. The group is run by our very own Fr Emmanuel Lubega.

This week's topic of interest for discussion will be Life in the spirit and spiritual Beings (Angels).

All welcome.

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen. 2 Peter 3:18



INNER HEALING GROWTH RETREAT
with Fr Roni George VC & Fr Jubly Varghese VC

18th-20th August 2023
Starts on Friday 5.30pm & ends on Sunday 4.00pm

For more info & bookings please contact:
02 43721598 or email: dcreetreatreg@gmail.com

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Meditation Day at St Benedict's Monastery, 20th August 2023

Invitation to St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, on Sunday - 20th August, for our Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day.

Timetable: Arrival from 10 am to register for a 10:30 am start, presentations, introduction to meditation, periods of meditation, Mass, information exchange, and conclusion around 3 pm.

Enquiries:

Ann Lomas, atlomas@bigpond.com / 9653 2637



Billings Webinar for Natural Fertility Awareness Week

This year, 2023, marks the 70th anniversary of the commencement of Dr John Billings' research in finding a natural, reliable method of Fertility Awareness for couples. During Natural Fertility Awareness Week, in August, a special, free webinar in recognition of Dr John Billings' work, entitled "Understanding Couple Fertility: the Male Perspective" will be held on **Monday 21st August 2023 at 7.30pm AEST**. As well as highlighting the male perspective in using the Billings Ovulation Method®, couples will reflect on how it has helped them in understanding their joint fertility, as well as benefiting their relationships and family life.

Please follow the link to register for the Webinar on Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/understanding-couple-fertility-the-male-perspective-webinar-tickets-678382479257?aff=oddtcreator>



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.