

2nd Sunday of Lent
March 17th 2019



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The Transfiguration

Dear Friends,

Firstly, the *Taize* evening of prayer and reflection held at St. William's Church last Friday evening was a very meaningful experience to be part of with you. Being able to join in this experience was wonderful! Many thanks to Fr. Nigel and the musicians and helpers and everyone who could attend for making this a special evening in our faith community!

If you have never before experienced a *Taize* style of prayer before, I would encourage you to come along in the future. The reflection time and prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, allowed for individual time and space and expression, enabling one to be able to sit quietly and re-focus one's attention to the gentle guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The five weeks in Lent certainly is an ideal time of invitation to enter into times of stillness and silence; where we can place ourselves before God - seeking renewal, inspiration and strength. Throughout this Lenten season, we are encouraged to take time out, to listen attentively to God's voice in our devotional prayer and in our contemplation of the Scriptures.

In the Gospel of Luke 9: 28-36 which we hear this weekend, we continue the journey still, from the vast horizons of the desert, to the mountain top where the disciples experienced the transcendence of God through Jesus. From the wilderness of doubt and temptation, what we really long for is a deeper sense of transformation in our own lives, which can bring us once again to a place of wholeness and renewal of faith.

It is the Spirit of Jesus already at work in us and in the whole world around us which motivates and drives us to see and experience for ourselves God's love and compassion in everyday events. It is the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of people, which continually prompts us to want to experience the love of God for ourselves, just as it did for Jesus at the event of his transfiguration. The Spirit's work in our lives draws us beyond an encounter with Christ to follow in his footsteps to see where God is calling us to be.

We all know the experience of climbing a mountain can be so powerful when we reach the summit and survey the scenery all around us. Just like the disciples who walked up the heights of Mt. Tabor with Jesus, we too can imagine what it is like to gain a glimpse of the wonderful and glorious life to which God invites us to experience. To attain a share in that divine life with God, we too must undergo transformation and allow ourselves to be taken to new 'heights' as it were.

Each of the Scripture readings this weekend, urge us to focus our thoughts on that dwelling place with God we call heaven. It is this vision of faith that Jesus handed onto his disciples. That is to say, that nothing was impossible for God to be able to renew or transform. It was this vision of faith that was meant to help encourage and strengthen each one of them in their own faith life.

Each one of us is capable of passing onto others the encouragement which individuals require and seek from us. Responding to God's call to love one another is our core business of Mission. Growing leaders for tomorrow who can respond to our needs will help us to grow and nourish the church Christ wants us to be - a church which is inclusive, a church which responds to the needs of others and a church which reflects God's own love and tenderness.

Fr. Damien Everitt
Associate Pastor

LITURGY TIMES

17 March - 24 March

Grovely	St William's
Monday	9.15am
Wednesday	6.00 pm <i>Adoration</i> 7.00pm Mass
Thursday	9.00am Mass <i>St. William's Parish & School Year 1 Mass</i>
Friday	7.00am Mass 7.00pm <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday:	7.00am Mass 5.00pm - 5.45pm Reconciliation
Next Weekend Masses	
Saturday:	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	6:30am, 8.00am, 9.30am, 5.30pm.
Oxford Park	St. Joseph's
Sunday	9.30am Mass
Mitchelton	Our Lady of Dolours
Monday:	8.30am Mass
Tuesday:	8.30am Mass
Friday	9:00am <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday:	12pm to 2pm <i>Adoration</i> 3.45 - 4.30pm Reconciliation
Next Weekend Masses	
Saturday:	4.30pm Mass
Sunday:	8:00am Mass
Samford	Sacred Heart
Thursday	6.00pm Mass (<i>Reconciliation upon request after Mass</i>)
Next Weekend Mass	
Sunday:	8.00am Mass

This Week's Readings 2nd Sunday of Lent Year C

Gen 15: 5-12, 17-18
Phil 3: 17-4:1
Lk 9:28-36

Next Week's Readings 3rd Sunday of Lent Year C

Ex 3:1-8, 13-15;
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12;
Lk 13:1-9

GROVELY

Family Rosary:

Rosary will be prayed in the home of Margaret and Joseph Eardley, 26 Narellan St, Arana Hills at 7pm on Tuesday.

Counters this week:

John and Marie Rooney, Damian Carter, Dermott O'Moore, Leo Brown and Tris van Twest.

Baptisms:

We joyfully announce the baptism of Aerith Daevy Arceo, Cohen Marsh, Owen Hansen and Blake Evans and welcome them into our faith community.

The St William's Liturgical Ministers' April-June Roster is now available and paper copies may be collected from the sacristy.

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to the generous parishioners who are donating toiletry items to us for distribution to those in need. We are still **in need of donations** in particular toothpaste but all items are greatly appreciated. **You will find the SVDP basket at the back of the church for all donations. Thank you.**

GROVELY CHURCH SHOP

We have been shopping and there are many new items for sale, including children's books, and items suitable for Sacramental gifts. Feel free to come in and have a browse.

St William's School Family Mass Next Sunday 24 March at 9:30am.

All are welcome.

Anointing Mass at Regis Nursing Home, Ferny Grove on Wednesday 20th March at 10:30am.

Inner Peace In Divine Love Retreat

Invitation to encounter our Creator God in our daily life.

5 Mondays in Lent
11 March to 8 April

Daley Centre 1.30 pm—3 pm
Contact Parish Office 33552667

Stations of the Cross

**St William's :
Friday 7.00pm**

MITCHELTON

Family Rosary:

This week: Lloyd & Lynette Eickenloff
Next week: Elizabeth and Stan Rose

Counters this week:

Group D- Dermott O' Moore

Counters next week:

Group E- Leo Brown

Experience the gifts of Grace and Peace this Lent at Our Lady of Dolours Church, Saturdays from 12noon - 2:00pm for silent Adoration.

O.L.D. Sacramental Program:

First Holy Communion:

Workshop 3 – Mar 16 at 3:30

Workshop 4 – Mar 23 at 3:30

Holy Communion will be celebrated on April 27 at 4:30 Mass.

SAMFORD

Baptisms:

We joyfully announce the baptism of Lauren Barrios, Olivia Rumbell and Ryan Lewis and welcome them into our faith community.



Our RCIA Candidates, families, sponsors and members of the RCIA Team attended St. Stephen's Cathedral last Sunday for the Rite of Election. Please pray for our Candidates, Ross Holman, Katrina Anderson and Kristen Clements as they continue their faith journey.

This Sunday at the 8.00 am Mass at St. William's, our candidates will join together with the community for the Presentation of the Creed. They will be asked to profess their faith in accordance with the Creed and their reception into the Church at the Easter Vigil. In our liturgy today, we will take time to say the Creed, the statement of our faith, with thought and deliberation.



Mass is broadcast over
Radio Triple YYY 87.6 FM
Sat 5.00pm & Sun 10.00am



Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased:

Yvonne Jones, Brendan Day,
Alan Pearce, Moira Hayden.

Anniversary:

Ryan O'Donnell



We pray for the Sick

We pray for:

Vincent Arthur, Rizal Barberan, Colyn Bierton, Christine Bunn, Maureen Campbell, Fr David Catterall, Kathleen Edden, Joan Farrell, Lorraine Friskie, Katie Gilmour, Kieran Hogan, Corazon Huet, Peter Kennedy, Teresita Lumampao, Lynne Marr, Linda Moffatt, Jen Nilon, Joyce Powell, Cindy Roberts, John Rhule, Carina Venning, Rudi Wagenwood, John Weier.



Adult Faith Education

In a recent homily in Rome, traditionally given to the Rome Clergy at the start of Lent, Pope Francis made a few points which we can take to heart ourselves.

He said, "Lent is a time of grace because we place God back at the Centre. Without God we can do nothing. He is the Centre."

Almost one week of Lent has gone. How are we going with what we thought we would do for Lent? Perhaps it is a bit like New Year resolutions. We can start off with the best of intentions but often we fade away. There is a long Lent journey ahead but the prize is worth it – we will have a deeper personal relationship with Jesus when we get to Easter Sunday.

During the last 6 months when the parish promoted the need for all of us to respond to the Plenary Council (now finished for the time being), mention was often made of the forthright and progressive views of Bishop Vincent Long in the Diocese of Parramatta (Sydney). He is one of the younger Bishops in Australia who is worth following because his views on what the Church needs to become are challenging and appealing.

He has a website for his Diocese – www.catholicoutlook.org. You may care to have a look at it. If you wish, you can subscribe. There is a lot of information on it - maybe you just want to check it out from time to time, particularly when he is talking about how the Church needs to change and how it might do so. Bishop Long will be one of the influences for timely change at the Bishops' Plenary deliberations.

2nd Sunday of Lent

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." (Genesis 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

Bible Quiz

For how many years did the Israelites wander in the wilderness?

Answer next Week

Last Week's answer:

What is "more difficult than a camel going through the eye of a needle"? A rich man entering the Kingdom of God (Matt 19:24)



Man: What is a million years like to you?

God: Like one second.

Man: What is a million dollars like to you?

God: Like one penny.

Man: Can I have a penny?

God: Just a second.



Social Justice Group

This week Project Compassion features 12 year old Thandolwayo from Zimbabwe, who had to walk seven kilometres a day and risk being attacked by crocodiles as she collected contaminated water for her family, prior to Caritas installing a water source in her village.

Zimbabwe is a complicated country. Since 2000 it has struggled to feed its own people due to severe droughts and the effects of a land reform programme that saw white-owned farms redistributed to landless Zimbabweans, with sharp falls in production. This followed decades of leadership under Robert Mugabe. Since his departure, there has been greater freedom in politics and the media, but the country remains cash-strapped and impoverished. With projects such as the installation of a water source in Thandolwayo's village, Caritas is bringing hope to many.

Loving God, We pray for the 663 million of our sisters and brothers around the world who do not have access to clean fresh water, that together as a global family we work hard to ensure that this basic human right is upheld in the name of compassion and social justice for all. Amen

What's on in Brisbane?

Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation in Queensland (ANTaR Qld) are screening a fundraiser of the Backtrack Boys - a powerful documentary concerning Youth Justice reform in the Armidale District. On Sunday 24 March 2019 at 5:30pm at All Hallows School, the special movie screening is to benefit their education, policy and advocacy work. To book, find their booking webpage: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=473324&>

The St William's SJG meets monthly on the third Wednesday at 4.45pm in the parish library. We very much welcome new members!

Children's Liturgy of the Word

This March, there is an opportunity to learn more about this ministry from a Brisbane specialist, Carol Danby. Carol will facilitate children's liturgy at **9:30 Mass at St Williams's on Sunday 17th March in the Daley Centre**. All children, parents and interested parties (eg grandparents, young adults, past or present teachers) across all three Parishes are welcome to come and be part of this interactive liturgy. Following Mass, Carol will stay and be part of a discussion about how we can regenerate children's liturgy in the parish. There will be opportunity to review resources, explore strategies, discuss how YOU can be involved, gather and complete necessary blue card paperwork if you don't already have one & share morning tea. We look forward to seeing you there!

COMBINED COMMUNITIES NEWS

GROVELY 18th March - 24th March

Monday	10:00am	Daley Centre	AFE Lenten Program
	1:30pm	Daley Centre	Faber Lenten Retreat
	7:00pm	Daley Centre	ST W SVDP Meeting
	7:45pm	Church	Grovely Choir
Tuesday	9:30am	Daley Centre	Playgroup
	7:00pm	Church	St W Christian Meditation
Wednesday	4:30pm	Library	Social Justice Group Meeting

SAMFORD 18th March - 24th March

Monday	6:00pm	Church	Samford Choir
Friday	9:00am	Church	John Main Meditation Prayer Group

MITCHELTON 18th March - 24th March

Monday	9:00am		OLD SVDP Meeting
Tuesday	7:00pm	Church	Treble M Choir
Sunday	6:45pm	Church	OLD Choir

The Liturgy of The Eucharist

The Liturgy of the Eucharist begins with the preparation of the gifts and of the altar. The people bring forward the bread and wine which will be blessed by the Celebrant and placed on the altar which is the place of the Eucharistic sacrifice.

The Eucharistic Prayer is the heart of The Liturgy of the Eucharist. The celebrant acts as the head of the gathering and gathers not only the bread and wine, but the substance of our lives and joins them to Christ's perfect sacrifice and offers it to God our Father. It is Thanksgiving, acclamation, invocation, a narrative and Consecration, a memorial of Christ's life, death and resurrection, oblation, intercession and glorification of God that is expressed and affirmed by the people's acclamation of "AMEN".

The Communion rite follows the Eucharistic Prayer leading us to the Eucharistic Table. The rite begins with the Lord's Prayer- The "Our Father" followed by the prayer of the celebrant that the peace of Christ will fill our hearts, our church, our communities and our world. As a sign of hope, the people extend to those around them a sign of peace. The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread as the people sing the "Lamb of God..." recalling John the Baptist proclamation about Jesus as the Lamb of God. The breaking of the bread recalls the actions of Jesus at His last supper, when He broke the bread and shared it with His disciples.

Before receiving Holy Communion we all acknowledge our unworthiness to receive so great a gift and for those who receive Holy Communion we prepare ourselves to be humble, to ask forgiveness, to be reverent, to be thankful and to prepare to be unified in the Body of Christ.

The Communion hymns unify our voices which echoes the unity the Eucharist brings. The Communion rite ends with the Prayer after Communion which asks that the benefits brought from the participating in the Eucharist will remain active in our everyday lives.

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The Catholic Leader: Keeping faith with you

- Pro-life advocates to campaign against Labor abortion policy
- The Brisbane archdiocese celebrates International Women's Day on March 8
- Political parties ramping up their pledges to combat domestic violence
- Church and state coming together in the euthanasia debate – palliative care is the true form of assisted dying
- New Catholic brand recaptures the spirit of early learning
- Brisbane parish offers 'ashes to go' to commuters at Springfield

Accommodation available

56 yo working woman wants to share a large unit in a quiet area . Only 2 streets from the Ashgrove Village shops and buses. Ideal for a quiet and clean worker or student . Own room and bathroom, off street parking . Male or female , non-smoker. Rent negotiable Contact Annie on mobile 0404 553 879.

Position Vacant – Youth Ministry Coordinator

Applications are open for a position at St Mary's, South Brisbane and Dutton Park Parishes. A person who is interested in coordinating and supporting youth programs is required for a part time position of youth ministry coordinator for 15 hours per week.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

Applications close: 29 March 2019

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 2019 MARCH

Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

Make a difference in your community with an organisation that shares your values.

Are you interested in being part of your local community? Do you have a few hours a week to spare? Do you enjoy the company of older people?

St Vincent's Care Services **Mitchelton** offers a range of volunteer opportunities for people wanting to make a direct positive impact on seniors in their community. Our volunteers are an invaluable part of life in our facilities, providing support for our staff and residents in a variety of ways.

If you are interested in joining our volunteer team, please email your interest to svcs.volunteers@svha.org.au or call Sonia Kovac 07 3435 7210