



## TRANSFIGURATION

Jesus takes Peter, James and James' brother John to a high mountain. There, before their eyes, Jesus is transfigured. They see his dazzling and radiant glory. They clearly see Jesus' relationship with all that had come before in the divine history of salvation in the persons of Moses and Elijah. They hear a voice that confirms Jesus' union with God, Abba...Father.

I sometimes find myself wondering: was it Jesus who changed, or was there something in the three followers of Jesus that changed?

Did Jesus show them something new and different about himself, or did his followers, for the first time, see without difficulty or obstacle the dazzling glory that was always a part of Jesus' ministry to the poor, the disadvantaged, the needy, the neglected? Was the voice that spoke of Jesus as a beloved son a new revelation, or did these three men hear for the first time a voice that had always been present and active from the very beginning of Jesus' conception?

What about us? Do we see our own God-given glory in ourselves as clearly as the three disciples saw in Jesus? Do we see how God's divine plan of salvation has brought us to where we are in life? Do we recognize the role in that same plan of divine salvation that each of us is

called to play? Do we hear the voice of a God who created us, redeemed us and inspires us to be his beloved children, his very dear daughters and sons?

The message could not be any clearer than the Word of God we hear from the book of Genesis. The same God who spoke to our ancestor Abram is the same God who speaks of us when he says: *"I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you...all the communities of the earth will find blessing in you."*

To the extent that we are a blessing in the lives of others (as distinct from a curse) then God's dazzling glory shines in us; God's will is revealed through us; God's loving voice is embodied in us...for the entire world to see. Not just on the mountaintop of life, by the way, but in the valleys and plains of everyday life.

As we journey through this season of Lent, let us ask for the grace to see not only the brilliant glory of Jesus who is always with us but also the God-given glory that shines inside of us and inside all those whose lives we touch. Let us hear not only the voice of God that speaks of Jesus as a son, but also the voice of the same God who calls us his sons and daughters in the everyday circumstances, relationships and experiences in which we find ourselves.

## THANKSGIVING ENVELOPE

YOU MAY NOW PICK-UP YOUR THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES AND QUARTERLY STATEMENT IN THE CHURCH FOYER. PLEASE ACCEPT OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION AND THANKS ON YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO ST TIMOTHY'S PARISH.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020 FOR CHILDREN IN NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AT ST TIMOTHY'S PARISH



Preparation classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation at Box Hill Parish will commence on 10 March from 7.00pm-8.00pm in the Friars Room.

Enrollees from St Timothy's Parish have until this week to submit their registration.

For more information please contact the Box Hill Parish Office on 9401 6371 or boxhill@cam.org.au

### LOST AND FOUND

A ladies black jacket was accidentally picked-up by Bishop Terry Curtin after the funeral service for Fr Rod. The owner may call Bishop Terry to arrange to collect it at 0407 865 890. Thank you.

### NEW ROSTER OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTER IS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER.

ROSTERS:	6:00PM	9:30AM
<b>EUCHARIST MINISTERS</b>		
◆ This Week	M. Italiano S. Chen	A. Benedict L. Cigana P. Kawalevski
◆ Next week	P. Naughtin Sr June	D. Hickman T. Hickman E. Mendes

### PROCLAIMERS

◆ This Week	C: H. Lobo P: P. Kelly	A. Lee Sr Betty
◆ Next week	C: R. Grealy P: P. D'Cruz	P.O. Reilly T. Yee

### COUNTERS

This Week: Mary Choy / Eileen Tam  
Next Week: Terry Drew / Patrick Kelly

### SACRAMENTS: Contact Parish office for Enquiries & Arrangement

- ◆ **Baptism:** 1st Sunday of the Month (9:30 AM Mass )
- ◆ **Reconciliation**
- ◆ **Marriage**
- ◆ **Anointing of the Sick**
- ◆ **Funerals**



### 2020 FIRST EUCHARIST, RECONCILIATION & CONFIRMATION

- ◆ For children attending St. Timothy's school, preparation for these three sacraments is through the school.
- ◆ For children not attending St. Timothy's school, enrollment is through the Parish Office every Tuesday-Thursday: 9:00AM to 3:00PM and Friday: 1:00 to 4:00PM but the sacramental preparation classes will be coordinated to Box Hill Parish Office.

## THE SEASON OF LENT

The season of lent is the most appropriate time for celebrating the Sacrament of Penance. Already on Ash Wednesday, the people of God has heard the solemn invitation, Turn away from sin and believe the good news. It is therefore fitting to have several penitential celebrations during Lent, so that all the faithful may have an opportunity to be reconciled with God and their neighbour and so be able to celebrate the paschal mystery in the Easter Triduum with renewed hearts.



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**LENTEN RECONCILIATION WITH FR TONY  
HERE AT ST TIMOTHY'S CHURCH  
28 MARCH AFTER THE 6PM MASS**

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION CORNER

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." (Genesis 12:1)

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness, and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

## VERMONT CHILDREN'S CENTRE

AT ST TIMOTHY'S SCHOOL GROUND

6 weeks to 5 years old includes 3 and 4 Year Old Kinder

**STILL ACCEPTING ENROLMENT**

A FUNDED KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM AVAILABLE.

Please call: Celine at (03) 98075208 or email info@vermontchildcare.com.au

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Anne O'Connor, James Russouw, John Burns, Rob Davey, Geordy Hanley, Mary Benson, Mary Maguire, jim Parslow, Marie Mullane, Paul Griffan, Mary Grealy, Elsie Carr, Florence Lloyd, Carmine Rodolfon Rizzuto, John Michael Collins, Inge Cammans, Gwendoline Fuller.

### MASS TIMES:

- ◆ Saturday: 6:00 PM
  - ◆ Sunday: 9:30 AM
  - ◆ Indian Mass: 7:00 PM every 4th Sunday of the month
  - ◆ Mass in Vietnamese: 5:00 PM (All Sundays)
  - ◆ Adoration 7:30 PM every 1st Friday of the month
- VIETNAMESE ENQUIRIES: A. LOC 0434 239 212 or ANDY 0422 382 109.

### WEEKDAYS:

- ◆ 2nd Tuesday of the month, 10:30am (Strathdon)
- ◆ 4th Tuesday of the month, 10:30 am (Livingstone)
- ◆ Wednesday & Thursday, 9:15 am
- ◆ 1st Wednesday of the month, 10:00 am, Anointing Mass
- ◆ Every Friday, 10:00 am



## CALL TO RAISE MINIMUM AGE OF RESPONSIBILITY

Jesuit Social Services has called on federal and state attorneys-general to raise the minimum age of legal responsibility from 10 to 14 to bring Australia into step with international human rights standards.

JSS made the call in a submission to the Council of Attorneys-General Age of Criminal Responsibility Working Group review.

“The current minimum age of legal responsibility in Australia at 10 years of age harms children, and in particular Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children,” JSS said.

“It is discriminatory, and out of step with human rights standards and medical science on child development. The United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child has called for countries to have a minimum age of legal responsibility set at 14 or higher, and recommends that children under 16 should not be deprived of their liberty.”

The key points raised in the JSS submission include: The minimum age of legal responsibility must be raised to at least 14 years; There must be no "carve outs" to this legislation, even for serious offences; Prevention, early intervention, and diversionary responses linked to culturally-safe and trauma-responsive services including education, health and community services should be prioritised and expanded; In Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, the planning, design and implementation of prevention, early intervention and diversionary responses should be community-led.

## POPE SETS UP CHILD PROTECTION TASKFORCE

Pope Francis has set up a taskforce of qualified experts and canon lawyers to help bishops' conferences and congregations of men and women religious with drawing up or revising guidelines for the protection of minors.

The Vatican will also be releasing - at an "imminent", but unspecified date - a handbook or vademecum, prepared by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, to help bishops and religious superiors clearly understand their responsibilities and the procedures for handling allegations of abuse.

The new task force, established by the Pope, is made up of about a dozen canon lawyers and safeguarding experts and will be under the authority of Archbishop Edgar Pena Parra, the "substitute secretary for general affairs," which is the third-ranking official in the Vatican Secretariat of State. The task force was operative as of February 24 and will have a two-year term.

## LAY WOMAN GETS SEAT AT COUNCIL OF PRIESTS' TABLE

A lay woman has been invited to attend meetings of the Brisbane Archdiocese's Council of Priests, in what is believed to be a first for the Church in Australia

In a move to boost women's decision-making powers, Archbishop Mark Coleridge has invited former ABC journalist Cathy Uechritz to join him, his vicar-general and 20 priests and deacons on the council.

In a statement to the Catholic Voice, Archbishop Coleridge said he was convinced women needed a bigger decision-making role in the Church. The President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference revealed he had also invited two women to join the College of Consultors, which is a smaller group of priests advising the Bishop.

## COVID-19— GUIDELINES FOR PARISHES ISSUED BY THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

Effective last weekend, the following precautionary measures were implemented across the Archdiocese of Melbourne:

- **Holy Communion:** The distribution of Holy Communion under Both Species is to cease. The chalice is not to be shared at any Masses, and is for the celebrant(s) only.
- **Ministers of Communion:** All Ministers of the Eucharist including the Clergy must sanitize their hands before and after distributing Holy Communion.
- **Rite of Peace:** There is no need to take special measures on suspending the Rite of Peace, however parishioners with coughs and sneezes, the vulnerable, or those parishioners that may feel uncomfortable about shaking hands at the Sign of Peace, may wish to exchange the Peace of Christ with a smile or a bow, and should be encouraged to do so.

The above measures are being implemented to provide a response that is proportionate to the level of risk and to reduce risk to vulnerable people. The measures are temporary and will be reviewed in 7 days.

The Victorian and Federal Government has issued guidance for the public and this remains the best source of advice. Further information and the latest advice can be obtained from the Australia Government's Department of Health.

## POPE LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT PLANET

Pope Francis has invited Catholic communities around the world to take part in a global campaign to mark the fifth anniversary of the publication of his encyclical *Laudato Si'*. Source: *Vatican News*.

“What kind of world do we want to leave to those who will come after us, to children who are growing up?” Pope Francis asks in a message released by Vatican News. “Motivated by this question”, he says, “I would like to invite you to participate in *Laudato Si' Week on the care of our common home* from 16-24 May 2020. “The cry of the earth and the cry of the poor cannot continue. Let's take care of creation, a gift of our good Creator God.”

## LOURDES SHRINE CLOSES HEALING POOLS AS VIRUS PRECAUTION

As the number of coronavirus cases in Europe continues to grow, the French Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes said pilgrims were still welcome, but the pools the sick bathe in hoping for healing would be closed temporarily. "Our first concern will always be the safety and health of the pilgrims and the shrine's working community," said a note posted on the shrine's website on Friday. "As a precaution, the pools have been closed until further notice."

Dioceses and religious communities across Europe adopted precautionary measures starting with advising people at Mass not to shake hands during the sign of peace. Many churches emptied holy water fonts and several dioceses recommended Catholics received Communion only in the hand.

## **INTRODUCTION TO MASS:**

The ultimate blessing of God is Jesus himself. As Abram was called to be the source of blessing for all others, as Peter, James and John were chosen to witness the transfiguration of Jesus, so today we too are invited to look to Jesus for inspiration during this holy season. Through Christ Jesus we are called to a new life of holiness; the Lenten readings focus on the merciful action of God in our lives for new beginnings and abundant blessings.

## **PENITENTIAL RITE:**

Lord Jesus, you have called us to be holy.

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you bring us to God's holy mountain.

Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you reveal to us your glory.

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

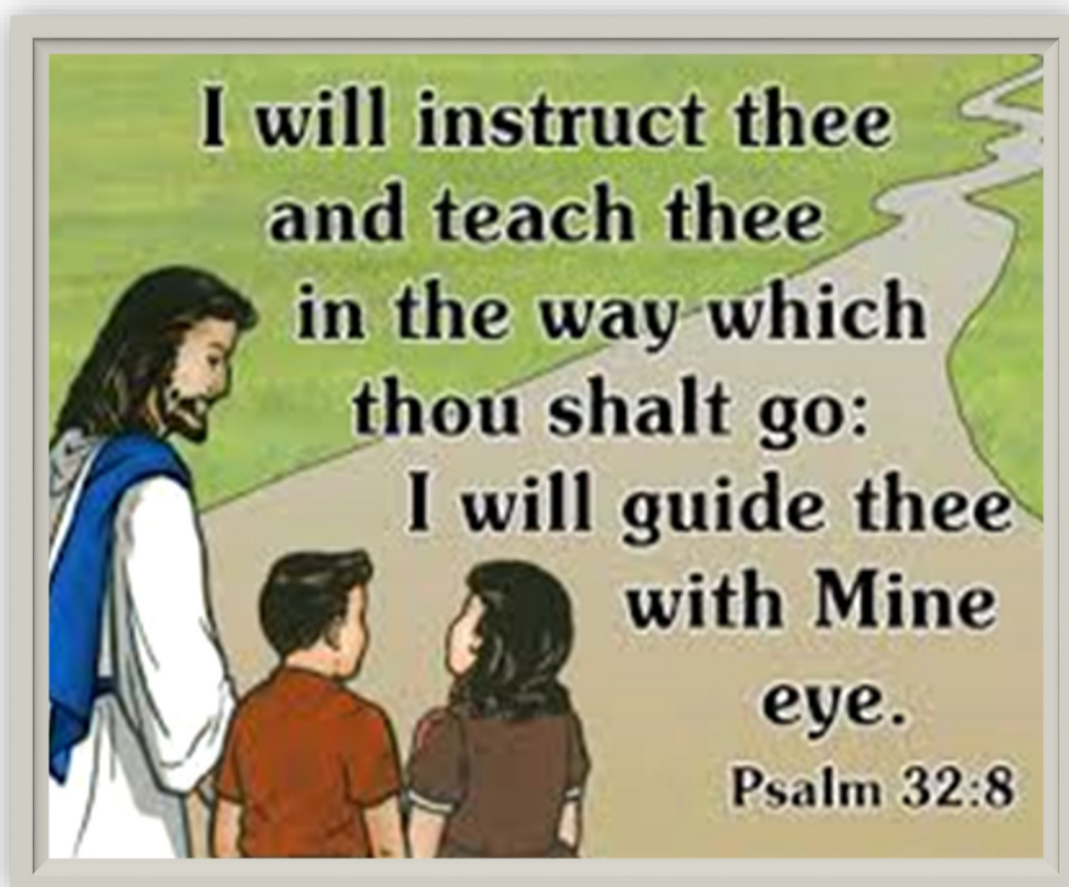
## **FIRST READING:** *Genesis 12: 1-4*

Abram leaves home receiving promises from the Lord. From now on his security will rest in God's promise to create from him 'a great nation' and 'a great name. Like Abram we are called to sit lightly to the conventional securities offered by this world, to rest, rather, in a promise and vision of 'blessedness' held out by God.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM :**

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

1. 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.)**
2. 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.)**
3. 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:** *2Tim 1: 8-10*

Following the Gospel entails some hardship. By God's grace, He has saved us.

## **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. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## **GOSPEL :** *Mt 17: 1-9*

The Transfiguration event takes place immediately after a particular sequence of events. Jesus has asked the disciples who they think He is and Peter has made his confession of faith by declaring that Jesus is the Messiah. This declaration is followed by Jesus teaching about the demands of discipleship.

## **NEXT WEEK: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

***First Reading: Exodus 17: 3-7; Second Reading: Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8***

***Gospel: John 4: 5-42***