



Christ the King Church

ST MEL'S PARISH

"BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD..."

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Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Sunday 6 August 2023

Readings for this week:

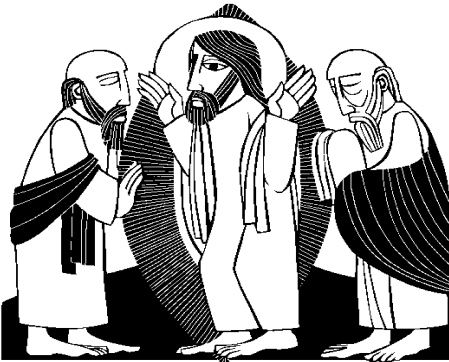


Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
2 Peter 1:16-19
Matthew 17:1-9

Readings for next Sunday:



1 Kings 19:9,11-13
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33



Liturgical Jottings Feasts of the Lord

In the General Liturgical Calendar there are several specific and inclusive feasts of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Christmas season include the Nativity of Christ, Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, The Baptism of the Lord, Epiphany of the Lord, and the Holy Name of Jesus. Easter season includes the Resurrection of Our Lord, the Ascension and followed by Trinity, Holy Body and Blood of Our Lord and the Sacred Heart of Jesus – all moveable feasts.

During the year there are the feasts of the Presentation of the Lord, 2 February; the Transfiguration of the Lord, 6 August; the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 14 September; and the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, 9 November. These feasts take precedence over Sundays in Ordinary Time, hence the feast day this Sunday. The church celebrates the solemnities of Annunciation of the Lord, 25 March and Our Lord Jesus Christ the King, on the last Sunday of the liturgical year.

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Looking at the Readings

"I gazed into the visions of the night" is a very popular saying of Daniel we find in the first reading which gives a prophecy of the glory of the Son of Man. This passage describes his vision of the one who is to come as the Messiah. An almost identical description is repeated in John's vision of the risen and glorified Christ in Apocalypse 1:12-16.

Jesus instructed Peter, James and John to keep secret what they saw and heard. They were only allowed to tell others about it after he had risen from the dead. St Peter now reveals this encounter in today's second reading, reminiscent of Jesus words: "what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops, Matt 10:27. They have shared that experience with many others and so this wonderful event is contained in the Gospels according to Matthew, Mark and Luke.

The Transfiguration of the Lord gave the apostles a glimpse of Jesus' power and glory and gives the reader insights into his nature: divine and human for after wonderful event Jesus touched the three and brought them quickly back to earth. We too must raise our eyes upward and our feet firmly on the ground.

Personnel Links

The five persons who were with Jesus on the mountain have important links in salvation history. Moses and Elijah had theophanies of the Lord God on other mountains. Moses on Mt Sinai where he received the Law and Elijah on Mt Horeb where he encountered the Lord in the gentle breeze / in the sheer silence. Peter, James and John saw his glory on the mountain and were the three apostles who witnessed his agony in the garden of Gethsemane before Jesus' death on the cross.

Quote for the Day

Since each of us possesses God in his heart and is being transformed into his divine image, we also should cry out with joy: 'It is good for us to be here'. *Sermon from Bishop Anastasius of Sinai*

Prayer for the Week

O Ancient One and creator of all, you showed your power and your will in the glory of your Son, Jesus Christ. May he lead us through the darkness to the dawning of joy that we may always know and do what is loving and good.

On the Lighter Side

What do you call an amazing day up a mountain?
A 'peak' experience. Never forget how beautiful the mountains are. You don't want to take them for granite.



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"A welcoming and caring community that helps all people grow stronger in our Catholic Faith."

[REFLECTION FROM FR PETER](#)

Over the course of time this story has become familiar as Jesus takes Peter James and John on a 'kind of expedition' to a mountaintop experience. In our day people who ascend mountains usually do for some kind of expedition. It may be a personal challenge as evidenced some time ago of a man recently overcoming enormous change from a car accident through extensive rehabilitation and is about to get to base camp on Mt Everest.

Stories like this are transfigurational! People going beyond. For Jesus and his disciples this was to be a crowning experience where upon their descent back to earth they are commissioned to do as he seeks of them doing Being open to mission! In October this year a world wide synod will be taking place in Rome where upon Pope Francis will give his vision for a SYNODAL CHURCH being the wisdom we seek in what can only be described as a TRANSFIGURATIONAL opportunity for us being in our Catholic faith communities.

We at St. Mel's will be undertaking a STEWARDSHIP program to hopefully bring a revitalizing opportunity for us to see why it's important to be involved with (planned giving) an older understanding! Stewardship seems more holistic in expressing our commitment to Church and Parish. There will be more about this when I return from holidays at the end of the month.

We each try and see our Parish in a new light. As Peter, James and John saw with Jesus in their life and all they are to be. Jesus enabled them to be in a glorified atmosphere of hope. Giving them a truth of his identity and for their listening to the voice of the Spirit.

GATHER FOR A LIGHT MORNING TEA Please feel free to stay after 9:30am Mass TODAY for a hot drink, biscuit and chat with our Parishioners. These gatherings will take place on the first Sunday of each month. Thank you to our Parish Pastoral Mission Council committee members who coordinate these mornings.



A REMINDER - THE PARISH OFFICE HOURS HAVE CHANGED During the months of August and September, the Parish office will be closed on Fridays. Please have any notices / anniversaries for the bulletin into the office by 2pm Wednesdays. For urgent matters, please phone 0400 150 188.

ST MEL'S PARISH DEBUTANTE COMMITTEE Invites all interested Debutantes and their Parent/Guardian to an information session Wednesday August 9th at the Shepparton football/netball club rooms (Harold Street) at 6pm. Please use this link: <https://qrcc.me/ryhtbj3y4or> to access the expression of interest form, this will also be available on the night. It is highly recommended to attend as expectations and costs will be explained and any questions discussed. Thank you - St Mel's Parish Debutante Ball Committee 2024.



ST MELS PARISH PASTORAL MISSION COUNCIL The next meeting for the PPMC will be held on Wednesday, August 9th at 7pm in the Parish House Gathering Room.

GREATER SHEPPARTON WINTER NIGHT SHELTER (GSWNS)

"I am the Vine, you are the branches." (John 15:1)

Thanks to your prayer and your support, we are able to offer a safe space, hot, nourishing meals, some clothing and company, for which those experiencing homelessness are most grateful. We remember those who are not able to join us. If you can help, please contact Maree McKenna on 0409 956 464.



LOCAL MEN'S GROUP The next few gatherings will be held at 7:30am in the St Brendan's MPJC, behind the Church, on Saturdays, August 5, August 19 and September 2. All are welcome.

St Mel's Parish would like to acknowledge the elders past and present of the Yorta Yorta Nation, and pay our respects to the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our parish and church is situated.

WELCOME FR PAUL SIREH TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

THANK YOU FOR BEING WITH US DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST WHILE

FR PETER TAKES LEAVE

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NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK (6-13 August 2023)

The seed bed of vocation is the family. Our church ministers come from our families, in our parish communities, in our schools. In this Vocation Awareness Week, we remind ourselves that all of us in virtue of our baptism share one calling, that is, to respond to the call to holiness. We continue to pray that those preparing to commit themselves to the sacrament of matrimony may be resolved that their life in marriage is a way to holiness. We also continue to pray for those who are discerning to serve the church in the ordained ministry and consecrated lives, that their discernment will lead them to a free decision and a sense of joy.

CARRYING FORWARD THE PLENARY COUNCIL ONLINE WORKSHOPS Dr Chris

Cotter and Leslie Cooper will be facilitating two online workshops focusing on the findings from the Plenary Council and the ways we can implement actions to support the commitments agreed to at the Council. These online sessions will start and end in prayer and invite participants to read and reflect on the decrees and share and listen to thoughts and ideas -- a process consistent with that used at the Plenary Council.

Choose either an evening session on Tuesday 8 August 7.00 – 8.30 p.m., or

a morning session on Wednesday 9 August 9.00 – 10.30 a.m.

This event is free to all. You must register to receive Zoom login details.

To register go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/CJKVC>



COMBINED PRAYER SERVICE The Second Vatican Council emphasised the importance of Catholics spending time in prayer and dialogue with other Christians.

On Wednesday, August 16, at 7.30pm a combined prayer service will be held in St Brendan's Catholic Church.

The night will include a Liturgy of the Word service, music and fellowship with refreshments afterwards.

We need your support for this occasion please as we extend hospitality to our brothers and sisters of other Christian Churches. Ministers of other Christian Churches in Shepparton will be attending with their parishioners.

Please mark this date in your diary. God bless, Fr Joe and Fr Jackson.

MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION Saturday, 28 August 2023, 10 am – 3.30 pm (in-person)

When we are present to the 'now', centredness and relaxation become a natural part of life, and we know how to act from a heart of love. Facilitated by Paola Cheng who is a Spiritual Director, mental health social worker and meditation teacher, this is a day of prayer in the practice of Mindfulness and Meditation. We invite you to bring an open mind and heart to journey with others and within oneself. Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/mindfulness-meditation/>? or email info@heartoflife.melbourne. Cost: \$60 (BYO Lunch)

RETREAT IN EVERYDAY LIFE – MOMENTS OF GRACE Over five weeks, beginning

Monday, 31 July and concluding 28 August (at Heart of Life, Malvern, or via Zoom) Flexible timing.

The Retreat in Everyday Life involves a commitment to daily prayer and weekly spiritual accompaniment for an hour per week over five weeks with this year's theme 'Moments of Grace'. This is an ideal opportunity for a Parish or spiritual community to retreat together, as well as for individuals who would like to experience an opportunity to recognise God's presence in their everyday lives in a more intentional way. Register your interest <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/retreat-in-everyday-life-moments-of-grace/> or info@heartoflife.melbourne

and we will be in touch to have a conversation. Cost: Donation

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY AUGUST 13th 2023

First Reading A reading from the first book of the Kings

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm - Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The Word of the Lord



ST MEL'S PARISH PRAYER

God our Father, Bless our Parish so that we may love you more.

Encircle our Families with your loving care.

Help parents to be good examples to their children and our youth to grow in strength as good Christians.

To the sick, grant health. To the aged, bring serenity, and to those in sorrow, joy.

May we grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become deeper in our daily living. Amen.



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Weekday Masses this coming week **August 7th to August 13th 2023**

Monday August 7th to Friday August 11th

No weekday Masses - Fr Peter on annual leave

Welcome Fr Paul Sireh

Saturday August 12th - 9am

Sunday August 13th - 9:30am & 5pm

READERS/COMMENTATOR/SPECIAL MINISTER **Sunday, August 13th 2023**

9:30am - Sev Cortese (Commentator) Zoe Hamilton (L1)

Melissa Hamilton (L2)

9:30am - Special Ministers: Sev Cortese & Sarah Maloney

5:00pm - **Volunteer** (Commentator) Sr Pam Barlow (Lector)

5:00pm - Special Ministers: Maureen Matthews & Cathy Cannatelli

Anniversaries: Giuseppina & Alessandro Cavallaro, Emilio Andreola