



Christ the King Church

ST MEL'S PARISH

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

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Second Sunday of Lent- C

Sunday 13 March 2022

Readings for
this week:



Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 9:28-36

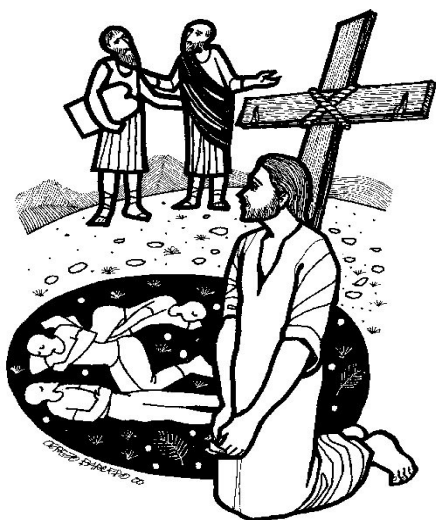
Readings for
next Sunday:



Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

1Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Luke 13:1-9



Liturgical Jottings Season of Lent II

In Lent the "Alleluia" is omitted at Mass and at the Liturgy of the Hours, even in celebrations of solemnities and feasts. A homily is recommended on weekdays, especially during the seasons of Advent, Lent and Easter.

Eucharistic Prayers Reconciliation I-II are appropriate for use during Lent when there is a theme of reconciliation. They may be used with Prefaces, which refer to conversion and penance such as the prefaces of Lent. In Lent memorials are optional and only the Collect of the memorial is used. All other texts and readings are of the Lenten day.

Australian Catholics are obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday (Ordo 2022)

Looking at the Readings

Each Lent on the second Sunday we read the account of the Lord's transfiguration, that is, Jesus appears in glory with the two great figures of the Old Testament: Moses and Elijah. This year, the gospel of Luke is proclaimed. It seems that at crucial points in the gospel where Jesus' true identity and mission are revealed, the disciples are falling asleep! The gospel of Luke is unique in suggesting that the disciples were sleepy at the Transfiguration. They managed to fight off sleep in this instance, but were fast asleep at the Mount of Olives as Jesus prayed in agony. The sleepiness of the disciples at these crucial times is indicative of limited grasp of what Jesus is on about. They are wearied by all that he asks of them, rather than energised by it. The Transfiguration is between two predictions of his passion, death, and resurrection. The apostles find it difficult to understand and to accept this, and again difficult to grasp the meaning of his appearance in glory. But in their doubts and confusion they discussed these things among themselves and continued to follow Jesus on the road to Jerusalem.

In the second reading St Paul explains to the Philippians the implication of the transfiguration and resurrection of Christ. We, too, like Jesus, Moses and Elijah will be transfigured. This possibility excites our imagination and encourages us to "remain faithful"

Lenten Quotes from the Saints

"Jesus, help me to simplify my life by learning what you want me to be – and becoming that person." St Thérèse of Lisieux

"Renounce yourself in order to follow Christ; discipline your body; do not pamper yourself, but love fasting." St Benedict of Nursia

Prayer for the Week

Awesome God, You give us a world of experiences in which to encounter your presence. Encountering your magnificence can be frightening. Give us the grace to embrace the encounters and to place our trust in you. Through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

On the Lighter Side

In the church narthex, a young boy was looking at a plaque with the names of men and women who had died in various wars. He asked the priest, "Who are these people?" He said, "Those are members of our church who died in service." The boy asked, "Which service: the 6pm or the 10am Mass?"

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St Mel's Parish Is...

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

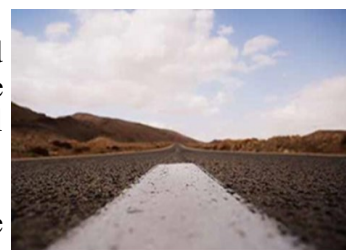
REFLECTION FROM FR PETER

The Gospel writer Luke, describes the transfiguration of Jesus as happening “while he was at prayer”. This gives emphasis on the power prayer has for Jesus and indeed through the life of every Christian disciple. Those who write on prayer usually say things like ... it brings a personal transformation to one's life. For Jesus prayer meant his close relationship with his heavenly father and where climatic events happened on mountains for Jesus.... The transfiguration and his own death on calvary along with the Beatitudes. Maybe this is what we call his “mountaintop” moment where glory would be achieved.

Talking of mountaintop moments ‘Have you experienced a mountaintop moment?’ Not necessarily about going up a mountain, more on line with a human experience of life. These are moments when an emotional connection of faith was made. Sometimes we can't be bothered to do more than go through the motions of life and faith. Lent if anything as a season is where go a little extra in not being one who goes through the motions. It's allowing ourselves to be in touch with our inner most selves we can reach a ‘mountaintop’ experience.

I read once a Rabbi who said ... ‘Just to be is a blessing. Just to live is holy’. Maybe the Rabbi is saying to be alive in faith is to see the encounter of the sacred within. The transfiguration relates to ‘non mountaintop experiences as being like music, songs and poetry as what some call having ‘soul experiences’. Earthly life takes us on pathways where a transformation can occur. It's recognizing moments of quiet and stillness which speak of our need to let this event of Jesus capture our human spirit and presence .

Reactions are often spontaneous we give to a situation capturing our awareness and thought. Peter, James and John were in their highpoint of relationship with Jesus on the mountain. To get the tents built was the reaction enabling the experience to be relational of Jesus to them.



This week of Lent might be a timely one of taking time to see where the direction of life is calling me to be at present and what can I say??

LENT 2022 PARISH SPEAKERS This season of Lent will see some of our parishioners offering themselves to share something of their life in faith, something close to their heart. THIS Thursday 17th March Mr Mick Hanlon will be our presenter.
The evening begins at 7pm you are encouraged to come along.

HOLY WEEK ... at St Mel's 2022 ... “It's not far away...!!!” To help you with your planning for Easter I offer the Liturgical prayer and Mass times for you....

PALM SUNDAY ... 10TH April ... your most welcome to bring your own, palms will still be provided. Gather outside the Church for blessing of palms. **9:30am** and **5pm** Mass.

CHRISM MASS ...Tuesday 12TH April... referred as the blessing of the oils (sick, baptism, and chrism) **11am** at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo.

PARISH RITE of RECONCILIATION... Tuesday 12TH April at **7pm** in the Church.

HOLY THURSDAY ...14TH April... Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at **7pm** with the watch until **9:30pm** which concludes with night prayer of the Church.
All ministers of the Eucharist are invited to come and renew your commitment to this ministry. During the Mass all will be invited to have their hands washed.

GOOD FRIDAY ... 15th April ... 9am Prayer of the Church, followed by the stations of the cross at **9:30am**. At **3pm** the celebration of the Lord's Passion.

HOLY SATURDAY ...16TH April ...9am Prayer of the Church with the EASTER VIGIL commencing at **7pm** with the lighting of the Easter Fire and presentation of the CANDLE outside the church.

EASTER SUNDAY ... 17TH April ... ONLY ONE MASS AT 9:30am !!! There is **NO 5PM** Mass this day !!!

TO HELP MAKE EASTER MEANINGFUL AND WHERE HOPEFULLY NO PHONE CALLS NEED BE MADE A roster sheet is on the table in the Narthex for you to avail yourselves with readings and ministry of the Eucharist. This will help enormously making the Easter ceremonies easier to organize.

Fr Peter

GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD ...Continuing Fr Frank O'Loughlin's thoughts on Renew the Liturgy – Renew the Church, A chapter titled "Numbers At Mass".

Fr Frank relates a thought along these linesThere is a change from a SOCIETY in which the Christian faith was integral with the SOCIAL, CULTURAL, and POLITICAL scenes to a society in which RELIGION is viewed as an INDIVIDUAL option and this influences people attending the celebration of the EUCHARIST.

The significance of the Eucharist will no longer be obvious and taken for granted. For others Fr Frank says will not have a sufficient sense of either believing, or belonging to make their being at the EUCHARIST a matter of importance. (more on this next week).

Fr Peter

WELCOME ... to Allegra Cleo Gallace, child of Alessandro & Olivia, who was Baptised into our Church community last Sunday.

Congratulations ... Barry Ryan who celebrated his 80th Birthday last Monday. Well done Barry and continued good wishes

ST MEL'S 2021 DEBUTANTES: This coming Friday and Saturday our Debutantes will make their much anticipated presentation accompanied by their escorts. We wish them all the best for a wonderful celebration.

Friday 18th March - Debutantes - Holly Kirby, Santina Rossignuolo, Jorgi Alpher, Joeli Anderson, Abby Rabl, Charlie Maloney, Elsie Boyer, Mia Jeffery, Taylin Wells, Tonymia Turner. Escorts - Patrick Thompson, Kian Roche, Jamahl Clarke, Aidan Libro, Kade Alpher, Dylan Cirillo, Lachlan Rumbiolo, Christian Georgiou, Liam Rachele, Max Clohesy.

Saturday 19th March - Debutantes - Bridget Anderson, Jemma Cuzens, Elly Jeffery, Lainey Short, Bianca Sgammotta, Georgia Delahey, Sabina Natalizio, Breanna Makin, Ashleigh Pimlott, Isabella Formica. Escorts - Ollie Guthrie, Hamish Dobson, Joe Hammond, Thomas Phillips, Austin Garcia, Archer Ford, Anthony Rachele, Campbell Steigenberger, Lachlan Sommers, Josh Lattore.

Any interested people can come to the St Mel's Parish Hall at 6pm to see the Debs prior to them going to the ball, and they will perform a couple of dances.



SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB at the Terminus Hotel, Shepparton on **MONDAY 21st March 7: 30 – 9pm** (meals from 6pm optional). The Plenary Council's First Assembly was in October. Our Sandhurst



Plenary Members, Ruth Lawlor and Fr Joe Taylor along with Assembly Facilitator, David Walker will share **What was a highlight? What was a challenge? What's next?** and we're asking you **What outcomes do you want from the Plenary Council? What will indicate success or progress?**

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Lent and the Gospel Would you like to meet on Tuesdays from 10:30 -11:30, to reflect upon the Gospel for the following Sunday, during the weeks of Lent ?

To be led by Lorraine Walker and Sr Pam using Fr Michael Elligate's "Restoring freshness in the time of Lent".
RSVP Lorraine 0409027752

St Mel's Parish FOOTY TIPPING competition for 2022 AFL season....

All you do is : Predict the final 8 at the end of the Home and Away Season... With your entry ,,include \$5 - write your name clearly on front of the envelope along with your phone number (privacy respected)
The entry with most teams in the final eight WINS !!!!! 'Shouldn't be that difficult???'

However, should there be multiple entries of teams making up the final eight , teams in correct position on the ladder will be determined the winner(s). **THIS IS THE FINAL WEEK BEFORE THE SEASON STARTS ON WEDNESDAY 16TH MARCH.**

Fr Peter

CARITAS UKRAINE: Project Compassion, which began last week, is the 'bread and butter' campaign for Caritas Australia enabling it to support its many programs working with the most vulnerable like those portrayed in this year's Project Compassion Stories as well as funds to respond to emergencies. At the same time, it is important for us to acknowledge the shocking crisis unfolding in Ukraine. Caritas has now opened a separate Caritas Ukraine Appeal. If you wish to help Caritas Ukraine directly, you can go to Ukraine Latest (caritas.org.au) or call 1800 024 413 or post to PO Box 130 Numurkah 3636.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 20th MARCH 2022

First Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm - The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

The Gospel of the Lord

Weekday Masses this coming week 14th March to 20th March 2022

Monday 14th March - No Mass

Tuesday 15th March - NO MASS

Wednesday 16th March- 9.15am

Thursday 17th March - NO MASS

Friday 18th March - 9.15am

Saturday 19th March - 9:00am (St Joseph)

Sunday 20th March - 9.30am & 5.00pm

READERS/COMMENTATOR/SPECIAL MINISTER Sunday 20th March 2022

9.30am - Denis Muto (Commentator) Trish Mathisen (L1)
Mick Hanlon (L2)

9.30am- Special Ministers: Sev Cortese & Jacqui Avarad

5.00pm - Paul Bertoli (Commentator) Helen May (Lector)

5.00pm - Special Ministers : Erin Tanner & Cathy Cannateli

Recently Deceased: Fr Owen Doyle, John Lorimer, Maria Condello

Anniversaries: Joseph Knez (One Months Mind)