

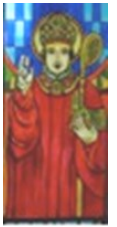


St Finbar's Catholic Parish

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The Transfiguration of the Lord - Year A

6th August - 2023

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(Tues & Thurs, 9.00 am—3.30pm)

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Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 9.30am

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 9:30am, 5:30pm Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am

Baptisms & other sacraments:
please call the office to organise.



Transfigured Bodysouls

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.'

Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus.

Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ?

We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'.

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Let us pray



Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Bonnie Bray, Landon Rigoni,
Samuel Carson, Caterina Bertacchi,
Andrew Michael Flannery,
Charlotte McLeish

Recent death

Joe Losurdo

Anniversary:

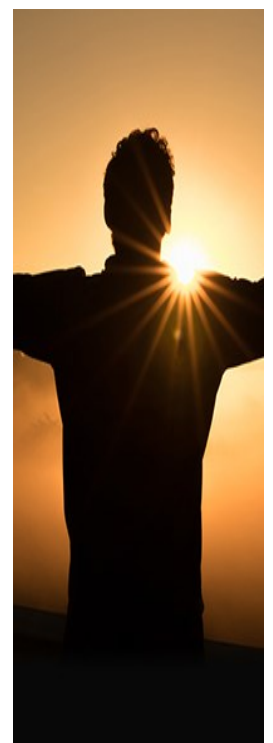
Christoforo De Losa
Lena La Dozetta
John McInerney
Pat Henry



Have you thought?

Transfigured / Transformed

Jesus' transfiguration was a physical transformation that was able to be witnessed by his disciples. In our lives when have many transforming moments but they are rarely as physically obvious to others as Jesus' transfiguration. Sometimes we fail to recognise a transformative event until well after the fact – sometimes years later. It might be nice if our clothes began to shine white whenever something significant and transformative was happening to us! It might help us to pay attention to the important and life-changing moments of our lives instead of letting them slip by!



AUGUST—Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

7th St Cajetan

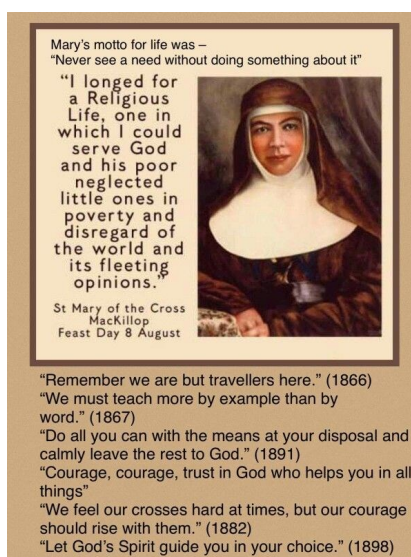
8th St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

9th St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

10th St Laurence

11th St Clare of Assisi

12th St Jane Frances de Chantal



Seniors Luncheon

Tuesday, 8th August, 12pm

Hotel Newbay—329 New St, Brighton

ALL WELCOME

RSVP

Joan Hamilton 9592 2498, 0432 449 122

Mary Holmes 0419 592 045

19 th Sun of Ord - Year A	5.30pm	9.00am	11.00am
13.8.23			
Lector	Anna Conti	John Little	Michael Heffernan
Minister	Volunteer	Mary Callea	Jenny Reiche
Audio Visual Operator	Carmel Cristiano	volunteer	Teresa Myer



‘Learn from Mary’: Cardinal-Patriarch of Lisbon at WYD Opening Mass

On Tuesday 1 August 2023, the 16th international World Youth Day officially began in Lisbon, Portugal, with nearly 400,000 young Catholics from around the world gathering to celebrate their faith. In his homily for the Opening Mass, Cardinal Manuel Clemente, Patriarch of Lisbon, said he truly felt a ‘haste in the air’, an air in which ‘the Divine Spirit himself circulates, with the readiness that only God has and communicates.’

The Opening Mass was celebrated in the Colina do Encontro (Eduardo VII Park), and the Cardinal welcomed pilgrims from around the world, saying, ‘I desire for you all to feel “at home” in this common home where we will live World Youth Day. Welcome!’

Reflecting on the gospel passage of Mary’s visitation to Elizabeth—the theme of this year’s World Youth Day—Cardinal Clemente said, ‘From near or far, you all set out. It is very important to set out. This is how we should face our own lives, as a journey to be travelled, making each day a new segment.’

A particular challenge people face today is life lived on and through a screen, he went on, and Mary’s ‘going out’ offers an antidote to this.

‘Virtual reality keeps us seated in front of things that easily use us when we think we use them. Quite to the contrary, reality consists in going out to encounter others and the world as it is,’ he said.

He encouraged pilgrims to see in Mary the model of Christian life.

Mary carried in her womb the blessed fruit that was Jesus. Christians also carry him, spiritually and actually, because they receive him in the Word, the sacrament and in charity, where he offers himself ... We walk with him to bring him to others.

‘Let us learn from Mary to greet each and every person. Let us intensely put it to practice this World Youth Day. The new world begins in the newness of every encounter and in the sincerity of the greeting we exchange, so that we may be people among people, in a mutual and constant visitation!’

Tuesday afternoon also featured a special ‘Australian gathering’ for pilgrims from across the Great South Land. During this gathering, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli officially invited them to Melbourne in 2025 for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF), the largest gathering of young Catholics in Australia.

He also reflected on what a momentous occasion World Youth Day is, calling it ‘an opportunity to go deeper with Christ, to be empowered to be disciples in the world today, ready to go back and follow him in all the circumstances of our daily lives.’

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