

Second Sunday of Lent

8th March 2020



Readings for
this week:

Genesis 12:1-4
2 Timothy 1:8-10
Matthew 17:1-9



Readings for
next Sunday:

Exodus 17:3-7
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42



Liturgical Jottings Blessings I

In the first reading today the word “bless” is mentioned five times: God blesses Abram; Abram’s name will be a blessing, God will bless those who bless Abram and the people will bless themselves. All in four short verses!

What are Blessings? In a word, God bestows his blessing by communicating or declaring his own goodness; his ministers bless God by praising him and thanking him and by offering him their reverent worship and service. Whoever blesses others in God’s name invokes the divine help upon individuals or upon an assembled people. (Book of Blessing General Introduction #6c)

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Looking at the Readings

The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is celebrated on 6 August. Yet each year we read the account of the transfiguration on the second Sunday of Lent. What is its connection to Lent? In the Preface for this Sunday we hear: “after Christ had told the disciples of his coming death ... he manifested his glory to show, even by the testimony of the Law and the Prophets, that the Passion leads to the glory of the resurrection.” This preface is substantially different to the Preface for the Feast which focuses on the glory of Christ and the church.

The Lenten preface focuses on our journey to Easter with the prediction of Christ’s passion and death that leads to his resurrection and glory. Like Peter, James and John, we need encouragement and glimpses of what is to come to both live out our Lent and endure the sufferings and sorrows of life. Moreover, the light of the transfigured Christ remains as our guide through Lent and his words to Peter and to us: “Be not afraid!” raises us up when we are down.

The Transfiguration as a Mystery of Light

In 2002 St Pope John Paul II introduced the “Luminous Mysteries” to the Rosary, increasing the 15 decades to 20. The Mysteries of Light are based on the life of Christ in the Gospels. The fourth decade is the Transfiguration of the Lord.

Quote for the Week

“Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God’s ear to yourself.” *St. Peter Chrysologus*

Pope Francis’ Lenten Message 2020


Christian joy flows from listening to, and accepting, the Good News of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Whoever believes this message rejects the lie that our life is ours to do with as we will. Rather, life is born of the love of God our Father, from his desire to grant us life in abundance (cf. *Jn* 10:10). If we listen instead to the tempting voice of the “father of lies” (*Jn* 8:44), we risk sinking into the abyss of absurdity, and experiencing hell here on earth, as all too many tragic events in the personal and collective human experience sadly bear witness. (#1)

On the Lighter Side

Which of God’s servants was the Bible’s most flagrant lawbreaker?

Moses, because he broke all 10 commandments at once.”



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Rosario Sorbello, Margaret Therese McGill
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	
	Our sick and their carers	Cecilia Bannan, Sean Raymond

Date	Commentator	Reader	Gospel Procession	Presentation of the Gifts	Special Ministers	Counter
Saturday 14 th March 6.00 pm	Carol Coulston	Gwen Ranson	Anne Hutchison	D Corrigan P Moroney	J Webster L McGrath T Miller	Denise Woodman & Trish Warnett
Sunday 15 th March 9.30 am	Mary Gale	Sacha Finlayson	Robert Miller	P & L Kerrins	D Worm S Cowan L Cowan	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK		
Monday	9 Mar	
Tuesday	10 Mar	5:30 pm Mass
Wednesday	11 Mar	9:15 am Anointing Mass
Thursday	12 Mar	9:15 am Mass
Friday	13 Mar	9:15 am Mass
Saturday	14 Mar	6:00 pm Mass
Sunday	15 Mar	9:30 am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	14 Mar	11:30 am
Rosary	15 minutes Before Weekday Mass	

DIARY DATES		
Mon	9 Mar	<i>Labour Day Public Holiday</i>
Tues	10 Mar	2.00 pm Italian Rosary 5.15pm Benediction
Wed	11 Mar	
Thur	12 Mar	
Fri	13 Mar	
Sat	14 Mar	
Sun	15 Mar	3 rd Sunday of Lent Installation Mass
Mon	16 Mar	
Tues	17 Mar	7:00pm St Vincent de Paul meeting
Wed	18 Mar	5:30pm Finance Committee meeting
Thur	19 Mar	
Fri	20 Mar	5:30pm School Fete
Sat	21 Mar	
Sun	22 Mar	4 th Sunday of Lent

CORONAVIRUS - LITURGICAL IMPLICATIONS

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has provided advice on the liturgical implications in light of the coronavirus.

Copies of the full advice from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference are available in the Narthex, but some of the main recommendations are:

- Holy Water will be temporarily removed from stoups at the doors of churches to reduce the possibility of transmission of the virus.
- When exchanging the Sign of Peace, individuals should avoid shaking hands but say "Peace be with you" and offer a smile, wave, nod or bow.
- Holy Communion from the Chalice will cease to be distributed until further notice.
- The coronavirus is easily spread through saliva, therefore the Body of Christ will only be administered in the hand because of the high risk of transmission if people continue to receive on the tongue.

HOW DO WE UNDERSTAND THE WORD OF GOD IN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION?

What does my Catholic Faith say about how to interpret the Bible? Fr Brian Boyle will lead us through examples from the Bible to give us skills for understanding and interpreting the Word of God. Event: No Cost. Lunch: Provided. Bible: Bring yours if you have one. Bible texts will be provided. Fr Brian Boyle is a priest of the Sandhurst Diocese and author of the popular 'A Friendly Guide to the Prophets'.

- **Bendigo** - Saturday 21st March 2020 10:00 am - 2:30 pm Bishop de Campo Hall, CEO Buildings, 1 20 Hargreaves Street. RSVP Chancery Ph: 03 5441 2544 E: adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au
- **Wangaratta** - Saturday 25th July 2020 10:00 am - 2:30 pm St Brigid's Centre, St Patrick's Parish/CEO, 1a Ford Street. RSVP St Patrick's Wangaratta Ph: 03 5722 1970
E: wangaratta@sandhurst.catholic.org.au OR Chancery Ph: 03 5441 2544
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Twenty-seven-year-old Phany, lives in a village in western Cambodia. Struggling to earn a living as a farmer, she was forced to leave her daughter behind in the village, to take up construction work in the city. Phany joined the Upholding Community Dignity Together program, where she learnt new farming techniques, such as a drip irrigation system, which enabled her to get a better yield from her vegetable crops and to conserve water in her drought-stricken region. Phany's community also took part in training in health, nutrition, hygiene and disaster preparedness, arming them with better strategies to cope with environmental changes.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help mothers like Phany continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

THE PILGRIMAGE OF ST THERESE AND

her parents Ss Louis and Zelig Martin – Australia 2020

The relics of St Therese, one of the most popular saints of modern times, and her parents are touring Australia first time in 18 years and will be stopping in Tatura. Everyone is invited to come and meditate.

The Relics will be at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Tatura from 1:30 pm Thursday 2 April until 2:30 pm Friday 3 April.

Program:

Thursday 2nd April

1:30 pm	Arrival of the Relics
2:00 pm	Veneration
5:30 pm	Rosary
6:00 pm	Holy Mass & Benediction
7:00 pm	Veneration
8:00 pm	Church closes

Friday 3rd April

8:00 am	Church opens – Veneration
9:00 am	Rosary
9:15 am	Mass
10:00 am	Veneration
11:30 am	Italian Rosary
12:00 pm	Veneration
2:30 pm	Relics leave

St Therese of Lisieux is the patron saint of mission. Known affectionately as the 'Little Flower', she lived a humble life of prayer and was gifted with a great closeness to God.

St Therese's love for God was very simple and she called it her 'little way.' She teaches us that God is everywhere – in every situation and person – and in the ordinary details of life.
(Catholic Mission)



INSTALLATION MASS

Please remember that next **Sunday (15th March)** is a very important day for our Parish, as Bishop Shane will be here for an installation Mass for Fr John Paul.

Following Mass the Bishop will join us for a Cuppa in the Mercy Centre.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Adoration (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament) will be on **Tuesday, 10th March**, commencing at 5:15 pm and will be followed by our daily Mass.

What is Adoration?

At the beginning of the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Fr John Paul will remove the sacred host from the tabernacle and place it in the monstrance on the altar for adoration by the faithful. It nourishes social love and gives us opportunities for adoration and thanksgiving, for reparation and supplication.

SACRED HEART PARISH SCHOOL FETE

Friday 20th March 2020

5.00 – 8.00 pm

This fantastic event brings together our school community, Parish and wider Tatura community for a fun filled evening!

We are looking for volunteers to help support our Parish School Fete, which is our biggest fundraiser for the year. It is really important that we get as many helpers as possible and without the volunteers, we cannot run this important event.

Following is the link to access the Fete roster and sign up to help on a stall or activity - <https://signup.com/go/QZQVVua>

If you would prefer not to sign up online please contact Maria Spedding on 0418129528 and you can be added manually.

This is a reminder also Sacred Heart School requires all volunteers to apply for and pass a WWCC. This will apply to all volunteers working with children at our annual Fete.

There is no cost for volunteers applying for a WWCC. Please find below the link to apply for a WWCC:

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/individuals/applicants/how-to-apply#Complete online application>

Come and enjoy a great night helping out alongside fellow parents and families. Many hands make light work! Everyone welcome!



ALONG THE TRACK – “House for Sale”

“The house I grew up in is for sale. Not the first house which was next door. That has long gone. Some of my older brothers and sisters were born in the front room of the old one and I lived there until I went to boarding school at age eleven. The one my father built in the late sixties when farming was very profitable is now up for grabs. I lived there off and on over the next fourteen years. I went back to that house a couple of years ago and the current owners were kind enough to show me through. It wasn't the home I remember – it had been changed, renovated, redecorated and somehow, it looked much smaller than I remembered. But something was missing. It wasn't home any more. I wonder why. What makes home ‘home’? ...”

This is the first paragraph of Jim Quillinan's Along the Track article. For the full article online visit - http://www2.ceosale.catholic.edu.au/Along_the_Track_s.aspx

Copies of the Along the Track are in the Narthex.

SANDHURST YOUTH MINISTRY, INVITES THE YOUTH ...

During Lent 2020 Sandhurst Youth Ministry is going to be reflecting on the writing of St Therese of Lisieux.

With St Therese's relics, and those of her parents, Sts Louis and Zelig Martin, visiting our Diocese at the beginning of April, we couldn't think of a better way to journey through Lent.

We extend the invitation to all young people (15-30 year olds) to join us on Instagram and Facebook as we reflect on these three remarkable Saints and journey towards Easter.

LENT 2020 LEAFLETS

Lent Leaflets for reflection and prayer featuring short readings and quotes from spiritual writers, are free from the Sandhurst Diocese. Printed sets are available in the Narthex, or they can be downloaded or read online at:

www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/1622-lent-resources-for-2020-news