



## Readings for this week:

Genesis 22:1-2,9-13, 15-18  
Romans 8:31-34  
Mark 9:2-10



Exodus 20:1-17  
Readings for 1 Corinthians 1:22-25  
next week John 2:13-35



## Liturgical Jottings

### Lent 3 – Its History

The development of the season of Lent is connected and dependent on the celebration of Easter. The Good Friday fast was extended to 40 days both as preparation for Easter and in imitation of Christ's forty days in the wilderness. The earliest evidence of this comes from the 5<sup>th</sup> century in Rome. Though the extent of Lent varies from three to six weeks in East, West, Alexandria and Jerusalem the present practice of six week came in a few centuries later. Pope Urban II ordered the imposition of Ashes of the heads of the faithful universally in 1091. Lent was seen as a preparation period for adult baptisms in some parts of the Christian world and in other parts as a penitential season for all the faithful. The double focus of baptism and penance in the Lenten season was emphasised with the reform of Vatican II (Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy 1963) and the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults (1972).

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## Looking at the Readings

The account of the Transfiguration of the Lord appears in the three synoptic Gospels, Matthew, Mark and Luke. The three accounts conclude with Jesus' command (implicit in Luke) to Peter, James and John to tell no one about it. It would be very difficult to explain what happened and even more difficult to explain its meaning for them and for others at the time. It was easier to keep it secret. Only in Mark's account we read the line: "though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean." The transfiguration and appearance of Moses and Elijah was a graced and opportune moment in their journey to Jerusalem and the conflicts they would endure.

The second reading, like last week's alludes to the first reading As Abraham is asked to sacrifice his son, Isaac, God the Father offered his Son up to death to benefit us all. St Paul's letter to the Romans develops the paschal mystery for his readers. We come to learn God's actions of offering Christ as Gift, choosing and forgiving his loved ones and sharing his Son glorious resurrection with believers. God does not want the death of anyone, Isaac, Jesus or the sinner. He is all for us!

## Poem of the Day

On what incandescent summits  
will you hear the Beloved  
speaking to you through the cloud?  
Let him prepare you for his sufferings!  
Follow Jesus transfigured:  
tomorrow he will be crucified  
to ratify the Covenant,  
*Didier Rimaud. "Les arbres dans la mer"*


## Prayer over the People

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord,  
with a blessing that endures for ever,  
and keep them faithful to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son,  
so that they may always desire and at last attain  
that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body,  
to the amazement of his Apostles. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
*(Roman Missal, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent)*

## On the Lighter Side

In Lent I usually give up listening to my car radio and commute to work in "silence." Inevitably, I end up hearing noises from under the bonnet that lead to some needed repairs. I find that the silence does the same for my soul ... I become more aware of what's rattling around inside of me so that I can bring it to the Lord for healing.



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Arcangelina Carrafa
	Our sick and their carers	Ellie Kleindienst, Jillian Taylor

## Two Week Mass Timetable Week commencing 19 February

### Weekday Mass

Mon 26 February	No Mass
Tue 27 February	No Mass
Wed 28 February	9:15 am Mass
Thur 29 February	No Mass
Fri 1 March	9:15 Mass & Stations of the Cross

### Weekend Mass

Sat 2 March	6:00 pm Mass
Sun 3 March	10:30 am Mass

### Weekday Mass

Mon 4 March	No Mass
Tue 5 March	No Mass
Wed 6 March	9:15 Mass
Thur 7 March	No Mass
Fri 8 March	9:15 am Mass & Stations of the Cross

### Weekend Mass

Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> March	No Mass
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> March	10:30 am Fr Uday's Installation Mass

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 6 April 5 pm

## Plate Collection and Envelops

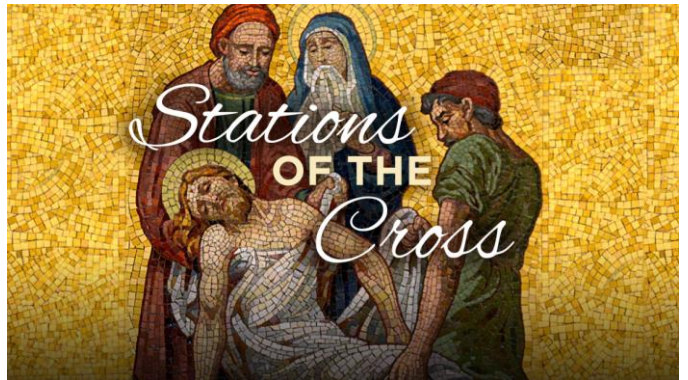
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## Working Bee – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

In preparation for Fr Uday's Installation Mass and the luncheon afterwards. We will be having a working bee to clean St Mary's Hall and the grounds so that it looks nice a neat for the Bishops visit.

We will do this immediately after Mass so if you can bring a change of clothes and some gardening, cleaning equipment that would be great.



Every Friday during Lent immediately after Mass we will be doing Stations of the Cross.

## Rosters

### Saturday 2 March– 6:00 PM

Commentator: – Carol Coulston  
Reader: – Mary Vraca  
Gospel Procession: - Peter Crombie  
Gifts: – J Caifa & D Hamilton  
Special Minister: – Not Required

### Sunday 3 March– 10:30AM

School Led Mass

### Sunday 1 March– 10:30 PM

Commentator: – Debbie WORM  
Reader: – Rob Miller  
Gospel Procession: - Domelina Phelan  
Gifts: – De Lai Family  
Special Minister: – Debbie Turvey

### Acknowledgement to Country

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of year. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation Australians in truth, justice, and reconciliation.

## Lunch for Fr Uday – 10 March 2024

If you are planning on attending the Lunch for Fr Uday after his Installation Mass on Sunday 10 March, could you please complete fill in the form in the Narthex and please let us know what dish you can bring to share.

## Reflection Questions for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

<https://young-catholics.com/>

**Faith in Testing Times:** Reflect on a moment in your life when your faith was tested. How did you respond? Can you see any parallels between your experience and Abraham's willingness to trust God, even when asked to make a significant sacrifice?

**Listening to God's Voice:** "Here I am" signifies a readiness to listen and respond to God. How can you cultivate a posture of openness and readiness to God's call in your daily life? Are there practices or changes you can make to better hear and respond to God's voice?

**Understanding Sacrifice:** The concept of sacrifice in these readings is profound and multifaceted, from Abraham's near-sacrifice of Isaac to the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus. How does the notion of sacrifice manifest in your spiritual life? In what ways are you called to make sacrifices, and how do these sacrifices contribute to your growth in faith?

**The Transfiguration and Transformation:** The Transfiguration of Jesus is a moment of divine revelation and affirmation. How does this event challenge you to transform your understanding of suffering, glory, and the purpose of your life in Christ? How can you more fully embrace the journey from suffering to glory in your own life?

**Moses, Elijah, and Fulfillment in Christ:** Moses and Elijah's presence during the Transfiguration underscores Jesus as the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. How does this fulfillment impact your reading of the Old Testament? How can you more deeply integrate the teachings of Jesus into your understanding of God's plan as revealed throughout Scripture?

**Obedience and Sonship:** Both Isaac and Jesus demonstrate obedience to their father's will. How does this model of obedience challenge or inspire your relationship with God? In what ways are you called to demonstrate your sonship or daughtership in God through obedience?

**The Journey of Lent:** As Lent is a season of reflection, penance, and preparation, how do these themes and questions guide you in your Lenten journey? What specific steps can you take to align your life more closely with the lessons of faith, sacrifice, and divine revelation highlighted in these readings?

## Leaflets for Lent

The Sandhurst Diocese Lent 2024 leaflets invite reflection on excerpts from Pope Francis' 'Our Father: Reflections on the Lord's Prayer', in this the Worldwide Year of Prayer'. The leaflets are for individuals or small groups: Copies are in the Narthex or go to Sandhurst website.



Ronita is 22. She lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines.

Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's local partners in the Philippines.

Through the FCJ, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child. After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter future for her whole family. "I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself," she said. "I feel hopeful for the future... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you."

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## Seasons for Growth – A change, loss and grief program for adults:

A program run by CatholicCare Bendigo designed to help anyone who has experienced significant change such as loss, death, family breakdown, or other change which has had an impact on their wellbeing. Seasons for Growth is led by trained facilitators.

Through this program, you can learn to:

- understand and normalise emotions associated with change, loss and grief
- explore new approaches to dealing with change, loss and grief
- build decision making and problem solving skills
- grow a supportive network of peers
- integrate your learnings into your relationships with family and friends

4 x 2-hour sessions Friday 1st March - Friday 22 March 2024 10:30am - 12:30pm CatholicCare Victoria, Bendigo Office. Cost: \$15, workbook included

TO REGISTER, PLEASE CONTACT:

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