

A reading from the Book of Genesis (12:1-4)

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who curses you I will curse; and by you all the families of the earth shall bless themselves." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R./**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R./**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord, the Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R./**

A reading from the second Letter of St Paul to Timothy(1:8-10)

Do not be ashamed of testifying to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but take your share of suffering for the gospel in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not in virtue of our works but in virtue of his own purpose and the grace which he gave us in Christ Jesus ages ago, and now has manifested through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." (Mt 17:5) **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew (17:1-9)

After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here: if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is raised from the dead." **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Entrance Hymn

GOD WE PRAISE YOU

God, we praise You!
God, we bless You!
God, we name You sovereign Lord!
Mighty King whom angels worship,
Father, by Your church adored:
All creation shows Your glory,
Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne,
Singing "Holy, holy, holy,
Lord of hosts, and God alone!"

True apostles, faithful prophets,
Saints who set their world ablaze,
Martyrs, once unknown, unheeded,
Join one growing song of praise,
while Your church on earth confesses
One majestic Trinity:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
God, our hope eternally.

Jesus Christ, the king of glory,
Everlasting Son Virgin Mother,
Hard the lonely path You trod:
By Your cross is sin defeated,
Hell confronted face to face,
Heaven opened to believers,
Sinners justified by grace.

Offertory Hymn

TAKE AND RECEIVE

Take and receive,
O Lord, my liberty.
Take all my will,
my mind, my memory,
All things I hold and
all I own, are Thine
Thine was the gift,
to thee, I all resign.

Do Thou direct,
and govern all
and sway,
Do what Thou wilt
command, and I obey.
Only Thy grace,
Thy love on me bestow.
These make me rich,
all else will I forgo.



Communion Hymn

BE NOT AFRAID

You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words I
n foreign lands and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

**Be not afraid
I go before you always.
Come follow me,
and I will give you rest.**

If you pass through raging waters
in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.

Blessed are your poor,
for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked men insult and hate you
all because of me,
blessed, blessed are you!

Final Hymn

BE THOU MY VISION

Be Thou my Vision,
O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me,
save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought,
by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping,
Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom,
and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee
and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father,
I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling,
and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle Shield,
Sword for the fight;
Be Thou my Dignity,
Thou my Delight;
Thou my soul's Shelter,
Thou my high Tower:
Raise Thou me heavenward,
O Power of my power



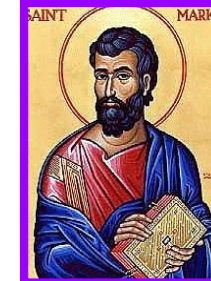
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*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.*

FROM TRANSFIGURATION TO

TRANSFORMATION: The transfiguration opened the eyes of the disciples to a different vision of Jesus. They were used to the human Jesus of Nazareth, the great teacher in whom they had so many expectations. In the mystery of the transfiguration they saw the divine side of their master. For us as well, the transfiguration opens the eyes of faith to affirm our belief in the true God and true man who came to show us the light of eternal life.

To understand better the gift of the transfiguration we have to read the context in which such an event occurred. After all the demands of discipleship listed in the sermon of the mount and the sharing about the passion Jesus had to endure, the disciples were confused and disappointed. They could not understand that their master had to die and that to follow Him were so radical. We cannot judge them because many times it happens to us. We may not understand the motivations of those who love us especially when there are sacrifices involved. The expectations on Jesus were so high that they could not understand he was leaving them. It is in the midst of these feelings of sadness and confusion that Jesus invites some of his disciples to the mountain. After the experience of transfiguration there was a transformation in the disciples' hearts. They recovered their trust and experienced a great joy. That is why Peter said: "Lord, it is good that we are here".

Today, the Gospel urges us to climb the mountain of the transfiguration to have a different encounter with our Lord. We are called to contemplate Him in the spirit of the Resurrection. Many times we also get discouraged, disappointed, tired, and confused. The temptation to fall into indifference and to become fatalistic is always persecuting us. The transfiguration allows us to restore our trust and to strengthen our courage to continue our journey. Today's liturgy presents two great examples of people who were transformed out of a personal encounter with the Lord: Abraham in the first reading and Paul in the second reading. Let us pray that like them we may trust in the Lord's will and that like St. Peter we may say: "Lord, it is good that we are here" with the willingness to remain in communion with Him on our journey of transformation towards the celebration of Easter.



DALLA TRASFIGURAZIONE ALLA TRASFORMAZIONE:

Cosa significò la trasfigurazione per i tre discepoli che assistettero ad essa? Finora essi avevano conosciuto Gesù nella sua apparenza esterna, un uomo non diverso dagli altri, di cui conoscevano la provenienza, le abitudini, il timbro di voce... Ora conoscono un altro Gesù, il vero Gesù, quello che non si riesce a vedere con gli occhi di tutti i giorni, alla luce normale del sole, ma è frutto di una rivelazione improvvisa, di un cambiamento, di un dono. Perché le cose cambino anche per noi, come per quei tre discepoli sul Tabor, bisogna che succeda nella nostra vita una trasfigurazione che ci fa vedere con gli occhi della fede.

Per capire la Trasfigurazione, è importante leggere ciò che è successo prima, per collocarla nel suo giusto contesto storico. Gesù e la sua comunità

stanno vivendo un momento difficile, perché Gesù ormai a capito che ha davanti la Passione, e comincia a parlarne apertamente con i dodici. Il risultato è disastroso. Lo stato d'animo di Pietro e compagni non è il migliore. E' comprensibile che i discepoli non riescano a capire che Gesù fa questa scelta per il loro e nostro bene. Succede tante volte anche oggi, per piccole cose, che si litiga perché non si capisce le buone intenzioni dell'altro. Figuriamoci se la persona sulla quale mi appoggio mi dice che se ne deve andare o morire. Per provare a porre rimedio a questa situazione di disagio, Gesù invita Pietro e compagni, ad andare a pregare sul monte. Lì si manifesta il dono di Dio che viene a confermare Gesù nella sua maturazione, e a rilanciare la fiducia dei discepoli in Gesù. Ancora non capiscono il discorso della Passione, ma si fidano e si rimettono in cammino verso la Risurrezione. Infatti Pietro esclama: "È bello stare qui".

Gesù oggi c'invita a fermarci e a pregare, affinché egli possa aiutarci a contemplare e accogliere il dono di Dio. Anche noi tante volte perdiamo la fede, ci manca la fiducia e ci sentiamo giù di morale. La trasfigurazione ci permette vedere la luce e ritrovare la fiducia. Abbiamo due grandi esempi: Abramo nella prima lettura e San Paolo nella seconda. Chiediamo che anche noi possiamo dire: "E' bello per noi restare qui..." perché la trasfigurazione infonde gioia, fiducia, letizia, sicurezza e serenità nel nostro cammino verso la nostra trasformazione nella luce della pasqua.

Palm Sunday Prayer Service

Sunday 13 April 2014, 1pm – 1:30pm

Join us for a prayer service in solidarity with refugees led by Bishop Vincent Long.

Where: St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne.

Palm Sunday March: Walk for Justice for Refugees Sunday 13 April, 2pm

Join us as we gather in solidarity to seek justice for refugees. This Palm Sunday event is supported by a large range of organisations, including Catholic Religious Australia, Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and the Victorian Council of Churches.

Where: The State Library, 328 Swanston St, Melbourne, Victoria.

Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
Saturday/Sabato 15th March 2014 2nd Sunday of Lent Year "A"	"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."		6.00pm 7.00pm Spanish Mass	Baptism Celebrations for Kristina AGUILAR Congratulations! 
Sunday/Domenica 16th March 2014 2nd Sunday of Lent Year "A"	"Questi è il Figlio mio, l'amato: in lui ho posto il mio compiacimento. Ascoltatelo". 	8.30am PRO-POPULO	9.45am Mary DE SOUZA 11.00am Nino SANSONETTI Intenzioni particolari per Maria MAZZARELLA 3.00pm Thanksgiving Mass for our Philipino Chaplains Farewell to Fr. Loi Viovicente Welcome to Fr. Joselito Asis	Baptism Celebrations for Allegra Maya LICATA Emilia Luisa SALERA Congratulations! 
Monday/Lunedì ST. PATRICK, bishop 17th March 2014 Jer 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49 Lk 10: 1-12	Responsorial Psalm Go out all the world, and tell the Good News.	8.00am Lily Rose PILMORE Birthday Intentions	9.15am In Honour to St. Patrick 7.00pm Norma VESCOVI	
Tuesday/Martedì 2nd week of Lent 18th March 2014 Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23: 1-152	Responsorial Psalm To the upright I will show the saving power of God.	8.00am Juliana BREEN Birthday Intentions	9.15am 11.00am Messa Funebre per Salvatore DI NATALE	Le nostre sentite condoglianze alla famiglia di Salvatore Di Natale. Preghiamo il Signore di dare lui il riposo eterno e pace e conforto ai suoi cari.
Wednesday/Mercoledì S. Giuseppe/San Joseph 19th March 2014 2 Sam 7:4-5,12-14,16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16,18-21, 24	Responsorial Psalm Tu sei fedele, Signore, alle tue promesse. The son of David will live for ever.	8.00am Mary Ellen LAMONT Birthday Intentions	9.15am Giuseppa CALDERONE Giovanni, Cesare, Maria, Claudia. Domenico e Teresa ZOTTI	Dopo la Santa Messa del mattino, segue il Gruppo di Preghiera Carismatico. Tutti benvenuti.
Thursday/Giovedì 2nd week of Lent 20th March 2014 Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31	Responsorial Psalm Happy are they who hope in the Lord.	8.00am Andrew LAMONT Birthday Intentions	9.15am	
Friday/Venerdì 2nd week of Lent 21st March 2014 Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21: 33-43, 45-36	Responsorial Psalm Ricordiamo, Signore, le tue meraviglie. Remember the marvels the Lord has done.	8.00am Special Intentions for Julie & family	9.15am 7.00pm Via Crucis Stations of the Cross 	Wedding celebrations for Paola MARTINEZ & Oscar ORTIZ Congratulations! 
Parish Community Parish Priest: Fr. Delmar Silva, CS	Parish Office Monday to Friday 9. 30am - 4. 30pm	Comunidad Pastoral De Habla Hispana	Comunidade Pastoral De Expressão Portuguesa	Filipino Pastoral Community
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Liturgy of the Word 22nd & 23rd March 2014	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45 am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid	Offertory Procession	Special Minister	Church Cleaning
I Reading	Volunteer	G. Piantella	Sisters of Charity	A. Bernar	A. Marchesan/M. Del Raso	M. Lauria	S. Colosimo
Responsorial Psalm	Volunteer	J. Perrett	Sisters of Charity	T. Toscano	Capodanno Family		
II Reading	Volunteer	A. De Santis	Sisters of Charity	P. La Marca	Carbone Family		

Pope Francis has marked the first anniversary of his election in prayer and quiet contemplation of the meaning of Lent. "Please pray for me," the 77-year-old wrote to his 12 million followers.

O Lord, We rejoice and give you thanks on the first anniversary of our Holy Father, Pope Francis I. What a wonderful gift you have bestowed upon us in this courageous leader!

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, accompany your son Francis with your motherly presence. Grant that he may always look to Jesus, your beloved Son, so that he may lead us on the way of the mission, today and always. Amen.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS VIA CRUCIS

Every Friday during Lent
Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm in Church followed by confessions.

Durante il tempo di Quaresima, ogni Venerdì sera in chiesa alle 7.00pm Via Crucis e confessioni.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION 2014

"HAVE LIFE and HAVE IT TO THE FULL"(John 10.10)

Your donation to Project Compassion helps Caritas Australia pursue justice and assist those who are the most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

This week we meet Deng who is blind and had to flee his village during the civil war, returning to his home village in 2005. Thanks to Caritas Australia's partner, Hope Agency for Relief and Development, Deng and his family have received goats, chickens, fishing nets and a selection of seeds to plant. With your support, families like Deng's can be confident of a more secure future and can rebuild their lives.

Envelopes and Boxes are available from the table at the entrance to the church. Thank you.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA
PROGETTO COMPASSIONE
2014

"ABBIATE VITA IN ABBONDANZA"(G.10.10)

Durante questo tempo di Quaresima, siamo tutti invitati ad aprire il nostro cuore aiutando altri meno fortunati di noi con la nostra preghiera e la nostra offerta. Le bustine e scatole sono disponibili sui tavoli all'entrata della chiesa.

Grazie.



The Melbourne Passion Play

The Melbourne Passion Play is now recruiting cast and crew for an epic re-enactment of the Passion of Jesus Christ on Palm Sunday.

Contact: Dawn on 0411 957 164

18th Melbourne Passion Play Sunday 13 April, 1:30pm

Join us for the annual Palm Sunday Passion Play, which recalls the final days of Jesus Christ's life and His passion and death.

Where: Ruffey Lake Park, Donascter

More info: www.passionplay.info

Contact: Dawn on 0411 957 164

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT ST. BRIGID'S

Run by the Missionaries of Charity
(Sisters of Mother Teresa)

Enrolment forms are available from the table at the entrance to the church. Anyone interested, please come along to the 9.45am mass on Sunday or ring Sr. Amalia from the Missionaries of Charity on 9415 1011.

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections

1 Collection \$ 457 - 00
2 Collection \$ 316 - 00
Envelopes \$ 261 - 00

ENTRATA

E' GIUNTA L'ORA

E' giunta l'ora, Padre, per me. Ai miei amici ho detto che questa è la vita: conoscere Te e il Figlio tuo, Cristo Gesù.

Erano tuoi, li hai dati a me; ed ora sanno che torno a Te. Hanno creduto: conservali Tu nel tuo amore, nell'unità.

Tu mi hai mandato ai figli tuoi, la tua Parola è verità. E il loro cuore sia pieno di gioia; la gioia vera viene da Te.

Io sono in loro e Tu in me; che sian perfetti nell'unità. E il mondo creda che tu mi hai mandato; li hai amati come ami me.

OFFERTORIO

MISTERO DELLA CENA

Mistero della Cena è il Corpo di Gesù. Mistero della Croce è il Sangue di Gesù. È questo pane e vino è Cristo in mezzo ai suoi. Gesù risorto e vivo sarà sempre con noi.

Mistero della Chiesa è il Corpo di Gesù. Mistero della pace è il sangue di Gesù. Il pane che mangiamo fratelli ci farà. Intorno a questo altare l'amore crescerà.



COMUNIONE

QUANTA SETE NEL MIO CUORE

Quanta sete nel mio cuore: solo in Dio si spegnerà. Quanta attesa di salvezza: solo in Dio si sazierà. L'acqua viva che egli dà Sempre fresca sgorgnerà. Il Signore è la mia vita, il Signore è la mia gioia.

Se la strada si fa oscura Spero in lui: mi guiderà. Se l'angoscia mi tormenta, spero in lui: mi salverà. Non si scorda mai di me, presto a me riapparirà. Rit.

Nel mattino io ti invoco: tu, mio Dio, risponderai. Nella sera rendo grazie: tu, mio Dio, ascolterai. Al tuo monte salirò E vicino ti vedrò Rit.



FINE

NOME DOLCISSIMO

Nome dolcissimo, nome d'amore, tu sei rifugio al peccatore. Frai cori angelici è l'armonia: Ave Maria, ave Maria!

Nel fosco esilio, fulgida stella, sei nostra gioia, Vergine bella. Ascolta il grido dell'alma mia: Ave Maria, ave Maria!

Saldo mi tieni sul buon sentiero; dei gaudi eterni al gran pensiero, Frai cori angelici è l'armonia: Ave Maria, ave Maria!

