

**Gospel Mk 9:2-10**

*This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

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**Reflection by Fr Michael Tate**

St Thomas Aquinas famously said: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.' And yet many Christians do think that our ultimate goal is, by the grace of God, to end up as souls in Heaven.

No, I am a human being, bodysoul. If I am to be saved, then this stardust, this fraction of material creation, this earthling, needs to be immersed into Divine energy and light.

The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ, especially as recounted in the other gospels, shows what happens when human nature is in total communion with God. Every molecule of his body was evidently pulsing with Divine energy and light. The amazing truth is that God ardently desires that each one of us should share in the transfigured life of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

For this to occur, we must play our part, accepting that Jesus of Nazareth is indeed the Beloved Son of God, listen to him, and put into practice what we hear.

We could take a moment to pray that after the "repose of the soul" after death, we may participate as bodysouls in the transfigured humanity of the Risen Lord.

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**Second Sunday of Lent, Year B****28 February 2021****First Reading Gn 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18**

*The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.*

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called.' Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 115:10, 15-19. R. 114:9**

*(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

1. I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.'  
O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. (R.)
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.  
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem. (R.)

**Second Reading Rom 8:31-34**

*God did not spare his own Son.*

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

**Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5**

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:*

*this is my beloved Son, hear him.*

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

### IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### SICK

Fred Schembri, Desmond Wijetunga

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Paolo Mirabella, Barry Ronald Dooley

#### ANNIVERSARIES

#### PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you all for your support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-

#### Presbytery Collection – 1<sup>st</sup> Collection

Account Name: St Peter's Presbytery A/C  
BSB: 083 347 Account No. 66541 7521  
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#### Caritas Australia Lenten Prayer

God of all peoples and nations,  
As you accompany us on our Lenten journey,

May our fasting strengthen our  
commitment to live in solidarity,  
Our almsgiving be an act of justice, and  
Our prayers anchor us in love and  
compassion.

Through living simply and loving  
generously,

May we care for our global family  
and our common home, as we

*"Aspire not to have more, but to be more."\**

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

\* Saint Oscar Romero

#### ST PETER'S SOCIAL CLUB

Wednesdays in the Parish Centre. Resumes  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021. New members  
are welcome. Please call Theresa Zarb on  
0400 777 368 for further information.

### PARISH NEWS

#### LENTEN SCRIPTURE JOURNEY WITH ST JOSEPH AT ST PETER'S PARISH, KEILOR EAST

We began our Lenten Scripture Journey with St Joseph last Tuesday, but it is not too late if you would still like to join us this Tuesday, from 7.00pm in the Parish Centre. Parking available inside church grounds. This weekly program consists of prayers, discussion and reflection on the role of St Joseph in the story of salvation. Led by Jonathan Hili. **All welcome.**

**PARISH OFFICE** will be closed Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Please advise any death anniversaries for the Parish Bulletin by Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

#### THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

New Thanksgiving Envelopes and receipts are available for collection in the narthex in alphabetical order from this weekend. Receipts are also available for those who contribute by Credit Card or Direct Debit in a separate container. To save on postage, please take the time to collect your envelopes and receipts. Thank you.

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> EUCHARIST MASSES - 27/2 & 28/2

On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February, children from St Peter's Parish Primary School will make their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion. Please keep these children, their teachers and families in your prayers.

#### MASS ATTENDANCE RECORDERS & GREETERS

Attendance Recorders and Greeters are needed for all Weekend Masses. If you are available to assist, and can be at the Church at least 20 minutes before Mass commences, please contact the Parish Office on 9337 4141. A current Working with Children Check is required for all Parish volunteers. Checks are free for volunteers. Go to [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au) Should you need assistance in applying for a Check, please contact the Parish Office and we will help you.



#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday during Lent from 7.00pm.

#### 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

Our next Adoration will be on 19/20 March.

#### CARITAS AUSTRALIA: PROJECT COMPASSION 2021 'BE MORE'

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes from the basket in the narthex.

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Margret is a teacher at a vocations school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands that suffered long-term water shortages and damage from Tropical Cyclone Harold. With Caritas Australia's support, Margret's school installed water tanks, repaired cyclone damage and implemented COVID-19 prevention measures, and is now planning to boost food security.

#### REGISTERING FOR A WEEKEND MASS

All online bookings for weekend Masses 6/7 March open Monday morning, 1<sup>st</sup> March at 9.30am and close Saturday 6 March at 3.00pm. The link to book is:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BPCRH>

If you do not have a computer to book in online, please contact the Parish Office by 11.00am Friday and we can book you in.

Although no longer mandatory, it is preferable, as much as possible, if people still wear their face mask inside the church. Please remember to keep a physical distance of at least 1.5 metres. Please do not come to Mass if you are feeling unwell.

#### ST BERNARDS'S COLLEGE -

Year 7 - 2023 Enrolment Parent Information Evening A virtual online presentation Tuesday 16 March 2021 at 7.00pm. Applications close Tuesday 27 April 2021. College Tours - Bookings essential Refer to College website: [www.sbc.vic.edu.au](http://www.sbc.vic.edu.au)

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#### MASS TIMES

##### Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

##### Weekday Mass Times:

9.15am Tuesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

7.00pm Wednesday (followed by Benediction & Devotion to two hearts)

#### RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday, 5.30pm Saturday

#### ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Administration: Ms Belinda McPherson & Mrs Sherrill Johnson

#### SCHOOL NEWS

#### 2022 PREP ENROLMENT – OPEN DAYS

*Come and see learning in action!*

10th March – 9.15am-10.45am. Tour and presentation.

11th March – 9.15am-10.45am. Tour and presentation.

Enrolment Applications close  
Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 at 1.00pm.

*The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.*