



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 Dianne Bergant CSA

We all have dreams for the future, dreams about success and well-being. We all want a better world for our children and grandchildren. Our religious tradition sets before us aspirations that call for personal transformation. However, sometimes when we follow the inspiration of our most devout aspirations, obstacles are thrown in our path preventing us from following our dreams. Still, God does not call us out of our dreams into a vacuum. If we are asked to relinquish a possible future, it is only to be offered God's future. Our aspirations may be noble, but the possibilities that God offers will outstrip them in excellence. Abraham was promised an heir; he relinquished his hold on his heir, and he was granted heirs beyond counting. Jesus came as a Rabbi; he allowed himself to be handed over to death, and he was revealed as the beloved Son of God.

Those preparing for Baptism might be asked to relinquish the dreams that they previously held in order to embrace the future God has in store for them. We who are already joined to Christ will be asked to recommit ourselves to this transformative experience. Do we have faith, or do we need a glimpse of Christ's transfiguration in order to believe in his resurrection? Do we have to see and touch Jesus, or are we able to believe because we have heard his message? God's future in Christ is open to us, but we must accept it in faith, even when we do not fully understand what it means.



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

Jessie Stafrace

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Tony Cutayar

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12 noon – Sunday, 3rd March 2024

Zahli Smith & Chase Smith

Please pray for these children and their family.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

For further information, please contact the Parish Office.

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

Presbytery Collection – 1st Collection

Account Name: St Peter's Presbytery A/C BSB: 083 347 Account No. 66541 7521 Reference as your first initial then surname, or you may remain anonymous

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ST PETER'S PARISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need more volunteers to serve as Readers, Greeters, Ministers of Communion, Ministers of Communion to the Sick & Housebound, Mass Helpers, Altar Servers, Musicians & Singers. Please fill in a Liturgical Ministers Contact & Preference Form, which can be found on the display stands in the narthex, and email it to Helena at the Parish Office: keiloreast@cam.org.au. or drop it into the Parish Office. Training will be provided.

MINISTERS' ROSTER – 1/3/24-30/6/24

The new roster will be emailed next week. Please check your inbox and if not found by next Friday, please check your spam. Hard copies will be available in the narthex if you don't have email. Extra copies will be available. Readers rostered for weekend 2/3 March will be notified as soon as possible.

PARISH NEWS



STATIONS OF THE CROSS & LENTEN REFLECTION

Each Friday during Lent from 7.00pm, followed by Lenten Reflection. *All welcome.*



OUR LENTEN PILGRIMAGE TO TA' PINU MARIAN SHRINE, BACCHUS MARSH – Saturday 2nd March 2024

As part of our Lenten journey, we will have a Pilgrimage to Our Lady Ta' Pinu Marian Shrine, 15 Flanagans Drive, Merrimu on Saturday, 2nd March 2024. All invited to attend.

- 9.00am** Depart St Peter's
10.00am Stations of the Cross
11.00am Holy Mass
12noon Lunch (BYO)
Tea/coffee provided.
1.00pm Visiting Shrine area
2.30pm Bus departs Ta' Pinu
3.30pm Return to St Peter's (approx.)

We are hiring a bus for the day - \$20pp. Please see sign-up sheet in the narthex and include your contact number, or email the Parish Office. **RSVP no later than Tuesday, 27th February.** *We need to know final numbers for the bus hire.* You may leave your own car in the Church car park for the day and the gates will be shut before we depart for the Shrine.

SATURDAY 2ND MARCH

There will be no 9.15am Morning Mass on Saturday 2nd March due to our Pilgrimage to Ta' Pinu Shrine.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

New Parish Thanksgiving envelopes and receipts are available for collection in the narthex. Please take a moment after Mass to collect your new set of envelopes which **commence 17th March.** Please try to get up to date with your current envelopes, prior to starting with the new envelopes. For those who give by credit card, direct debit, or directly online, please find your envelope with your receipt. *If your envelopes or receipts are not found, please contact the Parish Office.*

Anyone not currently contributing to our Thanksgiving Program (weekly envelopes, credit card or direct debit) but would like to join, please contact the Parish Office. Pledge cards are available from the stand in the narthex.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA: PROJECT COMPASSION 2024 "For all Future Generations." Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes.

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

After the birth of her children, 22-year-old **Ronita** was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *for all future generations.*

INVITATION: WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Inviting all "Encountered Couples/Spouses/Priests" to join us in Celebrating 50 years of WWME in Australia. 'Love and Respect' formation day & an evening of celebration starting at 6pm. When: Saturday 16 March 2024. Where: St John's Parish, Mitcham. For further details and to register, please go to:

<https://www.trybooking.com/COSSN> or contact Steve & Sue Hollowood on: 0431 477 556/0412 130 845.

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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, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

(Please let the Priest know you would like to make your Confession)

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ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

2025 PREP ENROLMENT – "OPEN DAYS"

Tuesday, 5th March, Thursday, 7th March & Tuesday, 12th March from 9.15am.

Enrolment Applications for 2025 close on: Tuesday, 26th March at 9.00am

Please contact the school on 9337 4111 for all enquiries.

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