

**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!

**GOSPEL**

Mk 9: 2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to Mark.

*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 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.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / B

25 FEBRUARY 2024

## THE GIFT OF GOD'S OWN SON

In the second week of Lent, we are taken to an encounter of God with Abraham where he is asked to sacrifice his son. This seems incomprehensible to us. Is this the ultimate sign of commitment or faithfulness to God? If it is a test, Abraham shows his fidelity but the sacrificing of Isaac doesn't happen. God spares Abraham's son. This reading is in direct confrontation with the second reading from Romans where "God did not spare God's own son." These words are stark and a testament to the faithfulness and compassion of God.

This invites our attention to the enormity of God's gift echoed in the words of Jesus: "God loved the world so much, he gave his only Son" (John 3:16). It is in this context that we embrace the transfiguration. This is the second occasion in Mark's Gospel where Jesus is revealed to be God's son. In light of the dazzling appearance of Jesus with Moses and Elijah and the voice from heaven, we see these disciples in fear. Occurring shortly after Jesus has revealed his fate, these leaders, Peter, James and John, witness this event and when it subsides and they go down the mountain, they are told not to say anything till the Son of Man has risen from the dead. This is baffling. They are distressed about what "rising from the dead" could mean. This insight into the community of Mark may also intersect with our own searchings. How do we understand God's gift in the death and resurrection of God's own son?

## FIRST READING

Gen 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis.

*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 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 their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

## RESP 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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

*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.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

Dr Rosemary Canavan



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## OUR CHURCHES

**Kilmore:** St Patrick's Church, 37 Sutherland Street, Kilmore Vic 3764  
**Broadford:** Our Lady Help of Christians, Cnr The Parade & McKenzie Sts, Broadford Vic 3658  
**Wallan:** Our Lady of the Way, 30 Alcantara Blvd, Wallan East Vic 3756  
**Wandong:** St Michael's, 33-35 Wandong Ave, Wandong Vic 3758

## MASS TIMES

**Saturday:** Broadford at 5.00 pm & Kilmore at 6.30 pm  
**Sunday:** Kilmore at 7.45 am, Wallan at 9.00 am & Kilmore at 10.30 am  
**Weekday Masses:** Kilmore, Tuesday—Saturday Mass at 9 am (Except: Wednesday at 9am in Wallan)  
**Reconciliation:** Tuesday after 9am Mass, Kilmore  
**Adoration:** Thursday after 9am Mass, Kilmore  
**Rosary:** Thursday at 2.00pm in the Church, Kilmore *(Not running during school holidays)*

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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## ROSTERS:

	<u>24/25 Feb</u>	<u>2/3 Mar</u>
<b><u>BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):</u></b>	<b>24 Feb</b>	<b>2 Mar</b>
Reader	Paul Fleming	Paul Fleming
Eucharist Minister	Julie Fleming	Julie Fleming
<b><u>KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):</u></b>	<b>24 Feb</b>	<b>2 Mar</b>
Reader	Michaella Bhootoo	Rianne Emmanuel
Eucharist Minister	Clare Clancy	Marita Dumaresq
PowerPoint	Pauline Duff	Boyd Family
<b><u>KILMORE 7.45am (Sun):</u></b>	<b>25 Feb</b>	<b>3 Mar</b>
Reader	John Dixon	John O'Callaghan
Eucharist Minister	Margaret Chatfield	Lance Phillips
PowerPoint	Carroll Family	Carroll Family
<b><u>WALLAN 9am (Sun):</u></b>	<b>25 Feb</b>	<b>3 Mar</b>
Reader	Rosebelle Quinn	Nadesesha Mendis
Eucharist Minister	Mary McGowan	Gabrielle Panuzzo
PowerPoint	Fetu Thompson	Rosebelle Quinn
<b><u>KILMORE 10.30am (Sun):</u></b>	<b>25 Feb</b>	<b>3 Mar</b>
Reader	Anita Mathew	Sandra McCaughey
Eucharist Minister	Kath Pirie	Lynne Beaumont
PowerPoint	Ian Pirie	Kathy Curry
<b><u>FLOWERS:</u></b>	Carry Eid	Elisa Ferraresi
<b><u>HOME EUCHARIST:</u></b>	Helen Clancy	Arthur Donovan
	Pauline Duff	
<b><u>CLEANERS KILMORE:</u></b>	Lynne Beaumont	TBA
	Carry Eid	

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

### Sick List:

Gerard McCaughey, Sonia Savolokin, Shae Newey, Steven Campbell, Danny Prelac, Jim Ahearn, Robert Duncan, Pina D'agostino, Vera Bosevski, Eva Aschberger, Ian & Sandy Domeyer, John Pannuzzo, Richard Lloyd, Theo Aitchison, Raul Brizzi, Maria Harvey, Lee Stewart, Allan Gourlay, Tessa Borg, Kelly Borg, Amanda Minniti, Vicky Katte, Jim Welsh, Peter Hanvin, Ronnie Johnson, Angela Bradley & all the sick of the parish.

### Anniversaries:

Wal Donahoo, John Cleve, Helen Wilson, Ron Shortland, Sandy Wilson, Carmel Palmer, Marie Pearson, Mary Pleasance Clancy, Clay Barbuto, Ellen Anastasia Green and the anniversaries of all which occur at this time as well as all people who are in need of our prayers.

**Sun 25th Feb:** Pray for the soul of Allan Gourlay.

**Sun 25th Feb:** Pray for the souls of Valerie Ryan's family.

**Mon 26th Feb:** 9am Communion Service, no Mass.

**Tue 27th Feb:** Pray for the intentions of Neville Felix.

**Tue 27th Feb:** Pray for the good health of Pina D'agostino.

**Wed 28th Feb:** Pray for the soul of Karina Ferraresi.

**Thu 29th Feb:** Pray for the soul of Michael Saliba.

**Fri 1st Mar:** Pray for the intention of Amrita.

**Sat 2nd Mar:** Pray for the souls of Peter & Rochelle Gough's family.

**Sat 2nd Mar:** Pray for the soul of Remy.



**Easter Mass and Service Times 2024**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 7pm – Reconciliation at Wallan

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 7pm—Reconciliation at Kilmore

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 7pm—Holy Thursday Mass at Kilmore  
7pm—Holy Thursday Mass at Wallan

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am—Live Stations of the Cross at Wallan Church grounds  
11 am – Stations of the Cross at Kilmore Church  
3pm—Good Friday Service at Wallan Church  
3pm—Good Friday Service at Kilmore Church

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 5pm—Mass at Broadford  
7pm—Mass at Kilmore (Easter Vigil Celebration)  
9pm—Mass at Wallan (Easter Vigil Celebration)

Easter Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 7.45am—Mass at Kilmore  
9am—Mass at Wallan  
10.30am—Mass at Kilmore

Divine Mercy Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Apr 2pm – Adoration, Prayers, Chaplet of Mercy & Holy Mass



**Articles for The Shamrock Magazine:**

The Editors of "The Shamrock" are looking for articles for the next edition. Photos would be great too. Please email articles to: [stpatsparishmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:stpatsparishmagazine@gmail.com)

**An opportunity to help the Church:**

We will be refurbishing the Kilmore Parish Centre. If anyone would like to donate, please call the Parish Office or speak with Fr Prakash. Thank you  
Thank you for donations made this week:  
1 x anonymous

**Wallan Children’s Choir:**

Choir practice will start in second term (22<sup>nd</sup> of April) at 5.30pm at Our Lady of the Way Church, Wallan. If any new members would like to join the children’s choir please ring Bernadette on 0411353600.



**Stations of the Cross:** Each Friday during Lent at 7pm in both the Kilmore and Wallan Churches.

**Lenten Reflections—“An Introduction to Reading the Bible and the Gospels”:**

Each Wednesday during Lent at 7pm at Assumption College, Shandon House. Please park on the street and enter via Gate 5.



Weekly topics are as follows:

- Wednesday 28 Feb: Who is Jesus?
- Wednesday 6 March: An introduction to Mark’s Gospel 1
- Wednesday 13 March: An Introduction to Mark’s Gospel 2
- Wednesday 20 March: An introduction to Mark’s Gospel 3

**World Day of Prayer 2024: Palestine:**

- Prayer service at Christ Church, Union Street, Kilmore, at 11.30am on Friday 1st March, followed by a bring and share “brunch”,
- Prayer service at St Matthew’s Anglican Church, Broadford, at 10am on Friday 1st March.
- Prayer service at Our Lady of the Way, Wallan at 11am on Friday 1st March.

**QR Codes for making Church Donations:**

We have had the request from some Churchgoers to have QR Codes available in the Church and in the Bulletin, so that people are able to make online donations to the Church. Please let us know your thoughts by either speaking to Fr. Prakash or emailing the parish office on [kilmore@cam.org.au](mailto:kilmore@cam.org.au)



**Second Sunday of Lent  
24 & 25 February**



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.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

**A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend is for YOU...**

**“Live Your Best Married Life in Love”**

Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can easily cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This weekend gives married couples time to nurture your relationship and some tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, supportive environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

Every married couple deserves a Marriage Encounter weekend!!  
The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome.

**Please check our website for more details. Date: 12-14 April, 2024 in Melbourne, BOOK NOW**

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