



The Transfiguration of the Lord - Year A - 6th August 2023

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Monday & Tuesday: 9:30am—4:00pm

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sacred Heart English Saturday 10.30am
 Maltese every 4th Saturday 4.00pm

Baptism: Eight weeks notice is required

Marriage: Six months noticed required

Sacred Heart Mass Times:

Weekdays:

Tuesday - Friday 7.30am
 Saturday 9.00am

Weekend:

Saturday 5:00pm
 Sunday 7:30am, 10:30am
 Polish 9.00am
 Slovene 2nd Sunday of month at 5:00pm

Emmaus Mass Times:

Saturday 6:30pm
 Sunday 9:00am

Website: <http://pol.org.au/stalbanssydenham/Home.aspx>

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

Sacred Heart/Emmaus Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. The Parish takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse and upholds that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. To report issues and concerns, contact: stalbens.csc@cam.org.au or 0413 841 936

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Sacred Heart-Emmaus Parish acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, the traditional owners of the land where we gather. We pay our respect to their elders past, present and emerging.

READINGS

This Week: First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9
Next Week: First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9.11-13 Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5 Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

REFLECTION

THERE'S MORE TO LIFE THAN MEETS THE EYE

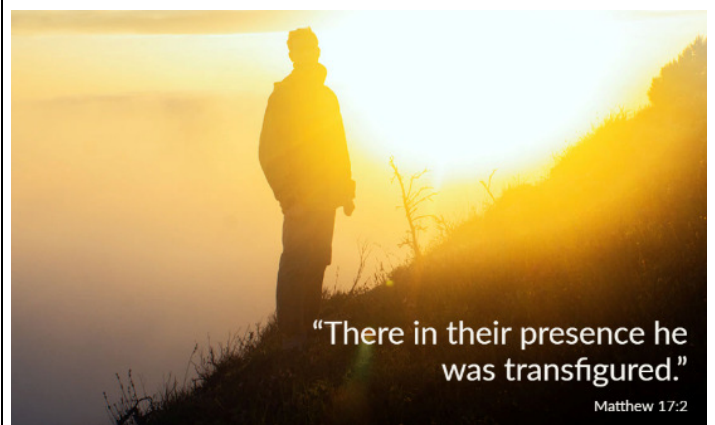
This weekend the Feast of the Transfiguration breaks into our continuing series of Readings for Ordinary Time. It is the episode where Jesus takes Peter, James and John aside. He draws the background to his coming into their awareness by presenting the great Old Testament figures, Moses (the Law) and Elijah (the Prophets). He is transformed into a visual of what they later may recall after his Resurrection from the dead. And his Baptism is recalled: "from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.'"

This is something like 'time travelling' where the past and the future are meshed together in the present! In our own Easter ceremonies while we bless the Easter candle we refer to Christ as 'the beginning and the end'. And along the way, he shares his life with us and takes us into his life!

Peter likes this very much— he wants to stay in this visionary state and place. However Jesus disagrees with Peter's approach (again!), and leads them back into the ordinary, routine turn of life. Surely Peter, James and John were affected by this experience. Did it transform them in their approach to 'the ordinary'?

In our own lives there are 'transforming experiences' at times. Sometimes we don't recognise them until well after the event. It's part of our life of faith to reflect on our lives, to go below the surface. For, as the Word of God has been telling us for some weeks not, "the Holy Spirit has made its home in us", "The Kingdom of Heaven has begun to develop even amongst you".

Part of our prayer would well be to reflect on our lives, to be open to the presence of God, to thank God for that, and to work out how to respond to and cooperate with that.



"There in their presence he was transfigured."

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

RECENT DEATHS: Jan Matusik, Mihaela Jeselnik, Sebastiano Sensiano, Father Desmond (Des) Anthony Panton, Frances Magrin
ANNIVERSARIES:

Aaron D'Souza, Guy D'Cunha, Angela Xuereb, Joe Xuereb, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Pero Kilsanin, Paul Aquilina, Joseph Grech, Tessie Farrugia, Lewis, Paul & Joe Psaila, Sam & Luke Cassar, Margaret Borg, Joelle Meyepa, Vern Troyer, Tony Borg, Clarrie James, Joanne Martin, David Sacco, Jenny, Johnny, Emmanuel & Frank Grech, Fr. Joshua, Peter Muscat, Paula & Joe Muscat, Charlie Camilleri, Carmelo Falzon, Leli Bugeja, Maria Trung, Tony & Josephine Polidano, Maria, Alois & Michael Mares, Cecil, Phoebe & Cyres Excompare, Anna Pribaz, Maria Grego, Pino Grego, Thomas & Elizabeth Meyn, Gerry, Moira & Trevor Smith, Nikola & Marija Mrden, Blaz & Maria Magdic, Nikola Konjevic, Amelie Grech, Rosemary Brown, Nazarena Anastasi, Srecko Sakic, Loretta Brown, Omobono Zampatti

OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS

HELP FOR AN UNHAPPY HOME

If your home is unhappy because a loved one drinks too much, **there is help and hope available!** Al-Anon Family Groups offers comfort to families who are struggling with this common problem. Al-Anon began in Australia more than 70 years ago and has assisted many. A voluntary donation is requested to help cover the cost of the room rental and refreshments. **Al-Anon Family Groups** is a Spiritual program. Members are encouraged to find their own understanding of a 'Higher Power' which many refer to as 'God'. They share their experience, strength and hope (for a better future) with each other. New members are invited to attend six meetings to help them decide if Al-Anon is for them.

NEW GROUP in the Sydenham area

Meetings will be held every Wednesday from 1-2:30pm at the Sydenham Neighbourhood House, Level 1. **Directions:** Opp. Watergardens station, enter venue from rear of library, using lift.

Website: al-anon.org.au **Helpline:** 1300 252 666

"It will be alright in the end. If it's not alright, it's not the end" from the Movie: The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel.

Ministry Meeting

The Parish Finance Committee meeting is coming up on the 8th August at 7pm
Location: Sacred Heart Office
For all those in this Ministry please RSVP to:
stalbens@cam.org.au

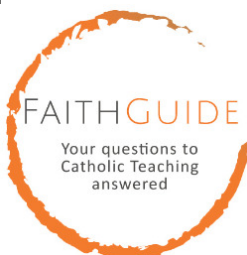
Majellan media- Faith Guide

The AI-powered app delivering swift, reliable answers to all your questions about Catholic teaching

<https://majellan.media/faithguide/>

How to use FaithGuide

Start by entering the topic you want an answer to. For example: Type in 'Baptism' in the space under "Your Topic" and then click on submit.



A response will be received after a few seconds. You can copy the text generated or download it and save on your

computer.

In most cases you can type one or two words e.g. "marriage" or "Attending Mass".

If you don't get the response you expected simply clear the answer and modify your question slightly.



St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Canonised 17 October 2010

Welcome to
St Joseph's
Catholic Church,
Penola, South Australia

Thank you for joining
us in prayer

We wish you an
enjoyable stay and safe
travel

Peace be with you.

Prayer

Almighty, ever-living
God, You are glorified
in your saints. To you all
praise, glory and honour!

You inspired Mary of
the Cross to live by faith
in your Son Jesus Christ,
and to share in the saving
power of his cross

As we travel on our
way to join her in our
true home with you, we
beg you that we may be
helped by her
intercession and inspired
by her example.

We beg of you to send
your Holy Spirit into our
hearts to give us faith
like her faith

Help us to bear the
Cross as she did, and to
follow the example of
her kindness.

(Fr Paul Gardiner SJ)

Ecclesiastical approval 2002



Catholic Regional
College St Albans

CRC St Albans Yr7 Enrolments 2025

Please see pamphlet attached to the newsletter email in regards to enrollments for students who will be in year 7 in 2025. Close off date is 18th August 2023

Phone: 9366 2544 email: echalmers@crcstalbens.com.au

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Trust in God's providence, interfering as it always does for our own good. Mary MacKillop 9th. July 1874