

2nd Sunday of Lent, Year B,

25th Feb 2024

First reading: Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

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 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

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Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 115(116):10,15‐19

***I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living***

I trusted, even when I said: ‘I am sorely afflicted,’ Oh precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.

***I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living***

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

***I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living***

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, Oh Jerusalem.

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Second reading Romans 8:31-34

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.

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**Gospel Acclamation**(Mt17:5)

***Glory and praise to you, O Christ!***

**MASS TIMES:**

10.30am AND 8pm

**Weekdays**:

Tues, Wed, Fri at 1.05pm

***From the bright cloud the Father’s voice was heard:***

***‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.’***

***Glory and praise to you, O Christ!***

Gospel Mark 9:2-10

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.

The Gospel of the Lord

ROSTER:**10.30am** Celebrant: Fr Jaycee Napoles; READERS: Roman, Christine ALTAR SERVERS: Jeslyn Elvan, McDony, Natasya; MOCs: **8pm** Celebrant: Mons Stuart Hall READER: Imelda; ALTAR SERVER: Trevor

**NOTICES: Come and pray** the Stations of the Cross/Via Crucis every Friday night at 5.30pm in the Church from 16th Feb to 22 March, inclusive.

**Bible Reflections in Lent** : It’s not too late to join the scripture group for Lent : every Wednesday til March 27th 2024 in St Joseph’s Hall.

**Birthday Greetings** to Fr Peter Carrucan who celebrated is 92nd birthday on Friday (23rd Feb). May the Lord continue to bless him as he labour’s in the vineyard.

**Great Women of Faith Exhibition** at St Patrick’s Cathedral, 1-10 March. Featuring 24 portraits, including Australian women:- Eileen O’Connor, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Dr Sr Mary Glowley. **Free entry.**