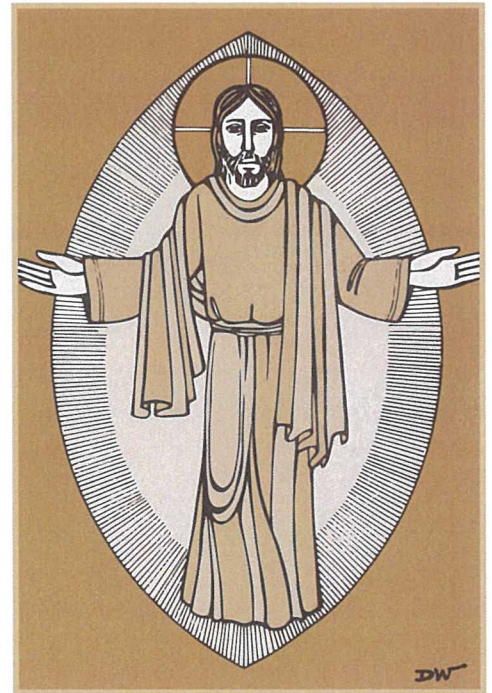


# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD / A

6 AUGUST 2023

HIS FACE SHONE LIKE THE SUN. Through the eyes of resurrection faith, Jesus' first disciples came to understand that, during his earthly life, they had caught glimpses of his unique relationship with God. In his life of unswerving fidelity to the Father's will, the glory into which Jesus entered through his passion and death shone through. 'We had seen his majesty for ourselves' wrote Peter.



## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Mt 17: 5

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. / The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, / with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

## GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**R. And with your spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**R. Amen.**

V. Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

V. Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

V. Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take

away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

## COLLECT

P. O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship, grant, we pray, to your servants, that, listening to the voice of your beloved Son, we may merit to become coheirs with him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING** Dan 7: 9-10, 13-14

A reading from the book of Daniel  
*His raiment was as white as snow.*

As I watched:

Thrones were set in place

and one of great age took his seat.

His robe was white as snow,

the hair of his head as pure as wool.

His throne was a blaze of flames,

its wheels were a burning fire.

A stream of fire poured out,

issuing from his presence.

A thousand thousand waited on him,  
ten thousand times ten thousand stood  
before him.

A court was held and the books were opened.

I gazed into the visions of the night.

And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,  
one like a son of man.

He came to the one of great age  
and was led into his presence.

On him was conferred sovereignty,  
glory and kingship,

and men of all peoples, nations and  
languages became his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty  
which shall never pass away,  
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESP PSALM** Ps 96: 1-2, 5-6, 9. R. vv. 1, 9

**R. The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.**

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, / let all the coastlands be glad. / Cloud and darkness are his raiment; / his throne, justice and right. **R.**

2. The mountains melt like wax / before the Lord of all the earth. / The skies proclaim his justice; / all peoples see his glory. **R.**

3. For you indeed are the Lord / most high above all the earth / exalted far above all spirits. **R.**

**SECOND READING** 2 Pet 1: 16-19

A reading from the second letter of St Peter.

*We heard this voice from out of heaven.*

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Mt 17: 5

**Alleluia, alleluia! / This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: / listen to him. / Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** Mt 17: 1-9

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

*His face was shining like the sun.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son; the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**HOMILY**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED**

*Or the Nicene Creed may be said.*

**I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

*After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:*

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

P. Sanctify, O Lord, we pray, these offerings here made to celebrate the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son, and by his radiant splendour cleanse us from the stains of sin. Through Christ our Lord.  
**R. Amen.**

**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**R. It is right and just.**

**PREFACE OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

*After the Preface, we sing or say:*

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

P. The mystery of faith.

**All: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**

**COMMUNION RITE**

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...**

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

**All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said...

**R. Amen.**

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*All exchange a sign of peace*

**LAMB OF GOD**

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** cf. 1 Jn 3: 2

**When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P. May the heavenly nourishment we have received, O Lord, we pray, transform us into the likeness of your Son, whose radiant

splendour you willed to make manifest in his glorious Transfiguration. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

**THE CONCLUDING RITES**

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**BREAKING OPEN THE WORD**

**DARKNESS TO LIGHT**

There are moments in our lives when the pieces fall into place, moments in which we come to a clearer understanding of ourselves and the direction of our lives. As Jesus prepared to journey towards Jerusalem, he knows what lies before him, but the disciples will need a vision to sustain them on the road ahead. Peter, James, and John are privileged to glimpse the glory of Jesus and the voice from heaven that proclaims his identity as Son of God. They want to remain on the mountain, but now is the time to listen to Jesus' message and grow as disciples following him on the road. Learning to listen to him will not be easy. Fear and ambition will make it difficult for them to understand that he is the one who has come to offer his life as a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28). Those who profess to be his disciples must do the same.

Years later after the resurrection Peter reflects on the experience of the Transfiguration. He speaks of it as a moment in which he had been privileged to see the previously hidden majesty of Jesus. With the passing of the years this moment continued to act as a guarantee of the Lord's return, as a lamp that illuminates the dark. It was a beacon that gave him the courage to proclaim Jesus as saviour and ultimately to give his own life following the example of his master and friend.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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# WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

## The Transfiguration of the Lord, Year A

### 5/6 August 2023

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#### MASS TIMES:

Sat: Vigil 6.00pm; Sun 9:00am, 10.30am & 5.00pm

Wed 9:00 am & Fri: 9:00am (Tue/Thu 9:15 am St Kevin's)

Reconciliation: Saturdays 9.30-11am. Or: before/after any Mass by request but allow time.

CHILDREN LITURGY: Sunday mornings @ 10.30am

**Common sense hygiene please: Masks, sanitising, isolating if testing positive for Covic-19, etc..**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
I Kings 19:9, 11-13, Rom 9:1-5, Mt 14:22-33

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for bookings

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CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP:

Wednesdays at 9.45am in the church meeting room.

Contact Terry Morton 0402 307 384.

CORNERSTONE YOUTH GROUP: Third Friday of the month from 7.00pm-9.00pm

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: 4th Fridays 7:15pm—9.30pm

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE: 3rd Mondays 7.30pm in the School Parish Room

ST GREGORY'S TENNIS CLUB: Membership enquiries: Gianna Alessio (President) 0438 410 506

#### Please pray for:

Those who are sick at this time including Clifford Bunardi, Tom Moleta, Rosa Aloj, Diana Carnell, Umberto Gianello, Michael Mullens, Judy Jones, Luke Kakoschke, Victor, Natalie, Max Passarella, Teresa Yong, Helen La Manna, Alex Ablaza, Mary Grace Lim Siew Lan, Mr & Mrs Tan Chai Kun, Narsis Tencic, Sio Dewi, Pat McLeod, Gilbert De Claro, Gabrielle Byrne, Brian Croft, Chee Choong Seng, Chianna Sacco, Roy Dos Santos, Lilia Go, Maria Stone, Chee Mee Lian, Eliseo Pardo, Siat Lin, Vincent Aloj, Margaret Dobran, Andrew Wilson, Fr Matthew Abraham CSsR, Wang Wei Qiao, Paul Materazzo, Ian Angus, Eliasari and Dennis Clarke.

And for those who died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur about now Salvatore Angelico, June D'Souza, Carmello Di Benedetto, Fr Michael Sheehy, Domenico Cerio, .

From the fingers and keyboard of the PP:

Our St Gregory's and St Kevin's Multicultural Festival last Sunday was a marvellous success. (See some photos over the page.)

My visual estimate (I didn't do a count per se) was that 250 people were there at the peak of numbers, but I some people came for a while and left or arrived a bit later so perhaps 300 people total came along. Amazing!!!

Delicious food - I got to try half of the different varieties and uniformly excellent quality, taste, etc. And the decoration of the hall - by school children and parish people: they made the hall feel welcoming.

Sixty Silent Auctions. Seven Raffle prizes. Children and adults in national dress, the flag procession at Mass, the prayers of the faithful in eight languages. All the children doing their drawings / colouring in.

Instant tattoos! That was my mistake for the day! I was asked where to place it and I said "on my cheek" and it turned out to look like a bruise "are you Ok Father? What happened" And then in getting it off I rubbed the skin a little raw to get it off. Would that all mistakes were so trivial.

And there was much more: clearly a joint parishes gathering; people moved around and chatted and kept the place alive. Yes, marvellous!!

Oh! And each year I learn more about **how much effort** goes into creating this event, each of our events, and I am humbled by the willingness of parishioners who devote time and energy to this witness to Jesus Christ. Thank you from the bottom of my heart, and thank you from all the other parishioners.

In one way it was just a multicultural festival—more deeply it was a gathering in diversity around Jesus Christ: AMDG (Ad maiorem Dei gloriam, for the greater glory of God).

Thank you. Fr Charles.

**WYD:** Keep the million or so young people there in your prayers!!! Alfred and Jane—they are safely over there at World Youth Day, they have been sending some photos—and they found our friend—seminarian Jude Nguyen over there. And there are another others from around this area: at least a teacher from St Charles and a young woman of St Kevin's. A million young people together! What a moment for the Holy Spirit to move souls to change the world for the greater glory of God.

**Church Roof repair / Heating / Cooling / Acoustics**—Plans are still underway—the general shortage of contractors and trades people is causing delays at the moment: Mal de Alwis has taken on to help make these projects progress as fast as reasonably possible.

**Solar Power:** I have had solar power (5kW) and batteries (10kW) installed on the presbytery. You are saving a great deal on the presbytery power bill—it is at least halved from early indications. I have been back home now for three hours and the house is running entirely off battery and still 80% full. Excellent! The amusing thing? The monitoring software assures me we have made \$3.27 over the past three months exporting to the grid.

*God bless, you are all in my prayers, Fr Charles*

**Thanksgiving statements for FY 2022/2023 are now ready! Please collect your statements from the table at the Church Narthex.**

**On Tuesday, 8th August, we celebrate the feast day of our very own Australian Saint - St Mary Mackillop. Mass will be celebrated at St Kevin's Templestowe at 9.15am, 2:30 pm at St Charles Borromeo School and St Gregory the Great Church at 6.00pm.**



*St Gregory's is committed to growing a Child Safety Culture with Love*



**THIS WEEK**

Sat 6.00pm  
Sun 9.00am  
Sun 10.30am  
Sun 5.00pm

**CARE OF THE CHURCH**

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Sharron Wilkinson, Mal de Alwis

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Ray & Kay Lewis  
Tony Ting, Pierre Tanzimat  
Caterina Gioffre, Seleana Ng

**MORNING TEA:** TBA

**COLLECTORS**

Seleana Ng, Gerard O'Donnell  
**FLOWERS:** Tessa Leung

**NEXT WEEK 12/13 Aug**

Sat 6.00pm  
Sun 9.00am  
Sun 10.30am  
Sun 5.00pm

**CARE OF THE CHURCH**

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**COLLECTOR**

Seleana Ng, Gerard O'Donnell  
**FLOWERS:** Irene Dharmawan

For those who are Coeliac, we can provide low gluten (<20ppm) hosts or a separate chalice. Please let the priest or sacristan know your need.

Anointing of the Sick, can be provided before, during or after any Mass. Just let the Sacristan or the Priest know ahead of time.

Parish Facilities: The Tennis Club Room and Courts and the Hall and the Parish Room are available. Room bookings can be made: st.gregoryhall3108@gmail.com and Jess will get back to you. Tennis club use for tennis playing: contact Gianna on 0438 410 506.

**St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School**

Next Open Day 9th Aug 9.30-11am, or for a School Tour please contact the School Office on 98484483.

**Multicultural Day Celebrations!**



**Raffles Winner:**

- 1st Prize: Eden L
- 2nd Prize: Geraldina D
- 3rd Prize: Jacqueline Y
- 4th Prize: Celia T
- 5th Prize: Thomas O
- 6th Prize: Cathy M
- 7th Prize: Beale



Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady 15th august



Mass Times:  
Tuesday,  
15 August  
St Kevin's:  
9.15am

St Greg's:  
Rosary: 7.00pm  
Mass: 7.30pm

National Vocations Awareness Week – Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.



CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. As our parish community's social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential.

The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish or donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

Welcome to the family of  
Abel Jaxon Monteiro-Braganza &  
Austin Francis Pacheco

who will be baptised at St Gregory The Great Church this Sunday.

