

IN THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL WE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Austin Lokeni, Rose Bedier, Dianne Hutchinson and those of our community.

Recently Deceased: Fr Stephen Abraham OSB (Paulette's brother) & Mathew Jansza.

Repose of the Souls: Those whose anniversary occur about this time and those whose names are on the memorial wall.

Church Cleaning	Saturday 7th March — Spanish Community
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Safeguarding of children and vulnerable young people.

St Dominic's Community holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children as a fundamental responsibility of the church. This commitment is drawn from, and inherent to, the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and dignity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel. A cultural of safety within the Church ensures that children can actively and fully participate in the life of the Church and realise their potential in a faith community. **We are committed to upholding the safety and dignity of each child and young person and ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our Church.**

Attention Parents and Carers!
If your child goes to the toilet or just outside of the Church, one of the parents must accompany him/her.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING ONLINE TO: ST DOMINIC'S CHURCH BSB: 083 347 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 67441 1404

PLEASE TYPE YOUR THANKSGIVING
ENVELOPE NUMBER WHEN YOU DO
THE TRANSACTION.

The Parish has the facility of
**EFTPOS DEBIT, VISA CARD
and MASTER CARD.** This is a
good option for those who do
not carry cash and would like
to contribute to the church.
**The set up is of: \$5.00;
\$10.00; \$20.00 and \$50.00**

 **PROJECT
COMPASSION**



Sisilia is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dream of one day becoming a pilot.

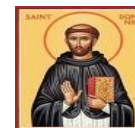


**UNITE
AGAINST
POVERTY**
this Lent

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Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

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PARISH MASS TIMES

Sundays: 6.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday evening)
9.00am 1st & 3rd Sundays: Vietnamese Mass
9.00am 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays: English Mass
11.00am: English Mass
1.00pm: Spanish Mass

Weekdays: Tuesday to Saturday 9.00am Mass

Morning Prayer of the Church: Tuesday to Saturday at 8.25am

Rosary: Tuesday to Sunday before Mass.

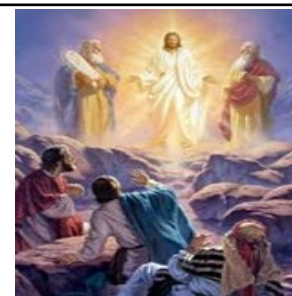
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Wednesday from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Benediction: Every Friday following the 9.00am Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesday to Saturday before or after Mass.

Baptism Information/Preparation: Every First Sunday of the month at 3.00pm.

Anointing of the Sick: Every Third Wednesday of the Month at 9.00am Mass.



Second Sunday of Lent — Year A

1st march 2026



First Reading: Genesis 12: 1-4
The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32: 4-5. 18-22
R/ Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading: Timothy 1: 8-10
God has saved us and called us to be holy.

Gospel Acclamation: 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: Matthew 17: 1-9
His face shone like the sun.

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS: Exodus 17: 3-7; Romans 5: 1-2.5-8; John: 4: 5-42

Reflection by Richard Leonard

Three key people of the Old Testament are given to us in today's readings: Abram, Moses and Elijah.

'Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. The Egyptians were all drowned in the desert. Afterwards, Moses went up Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Amendments. The First was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple. The Fifth was to always humour thy father and mother.'

The Jews of Matthew's community, however, would have been able to remember by heart every detail about Abram, Moses and Elijah. These men remain the Jews' greatest heroes. The first hearers of the Transfiguration story would have immediately made all the connections between Jesus' story and Abram, Moses and Elijah's experience of God on a mountaintop, where each has a life-changing encounter with the presence of God and is illuminated in every way. Each of them is called by God to fulfil a special task and so descend from the mountain with the strength to see it through.

Matthew is especially interested in the story of Moses. One of the refrains of the entire Gospel is that Jesus is the New Moses, the fulfilment of the law and the light that illuminates the darkest night. As interesting as the similarities are between Moses on Sinai and Jesus on Tabor, the differences are even more revealing for us on our Lenten journey.

Moses goes up the mountain alone, Jesus takes companions with him who share in the experience and witness to it. The face of God is hidden from Moses whereas on Tabor Jesus is given to us as the face of God for the world. On Sinai Moses receives a code of law and is told to make sure the people obey it. On Tabor Jesus receives a proclamation of God's love and we're told to listen to him. While Moses' face shines, Jesus' whole body is transfigured with light. Moses descends to enforce the law; Jesus comes down to die that we might live.

Just when some of us think Lent is a grim season of self-denial, the Church gives us the story of Jesus' Transfiguration to put our sacrifices in context. The only reason we deny ourselves anything or commit ourselves to actions of service for these 40 days is to grow more deeply in love with the God who loves us into life. Penance is not meant to attack our self-esteem, it's intended to help us sort out what really matters, to cast some light in the darkness of our lives and to focus on the relationship which gives meaning and purpose for this world and the next.

The God of Mount Tabor is not interested in each of us feeling isolated as we fulfil the letter of a legal code. He wants all of us to have hearts that listen to the Gospel of love so that we can gain the power to transform the world through the sacrifices of our daily lives.

On a much gentler scale, Sunday Mass is meant to be a weekly mountaintop experience for us where we hear God call us by name and confess his love for us; where we feel re-energised for the commission we have to bear his light to the world. In this context anything we can do this Lent that helps remove the blocks in our full response to his love, must be worth effort.

By Nick Brodie

Pope Leo says that 'we should set aside moments of silence, moments of prayer, times in which, quieting noise and distractions, we recollect ourselves before God in simplicity of heart.'

'This', he adds, 'is a dimension of the Christian life that we particularly need to recover today, both as a value for individuals and communities, and as a prophetic sign for our times.'

Such silence and reflectiveness, the Pope suggests, helps us prioritise our 'relationship with God'. But such disposition should also, he adds, 'help us to be more open, more welcoming to others.'

This active dimension of Christian contemplation is something the Pope wants us to remember. Even in our recreational moments, he suggests, we can find 'an opportunity to care for others, to get to know each other and to offer advice and a listening ear.'

Caring and listening, he reminds us, 'are expressions of love, and that is something we all need.' We should therefore all love 'with courage'. As the Pope points out, such active love is transformative, because 'through solidarity, in the sharing of faith and life, we will help to promote a culture of peace.'

Each of us, therefore, should respond to the Lord's call to start 'helping those around us to overcome divisions and hostility and to build communion.'

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY AT 7.00PM

The First Station of the Cross: think about an aspect of living our faith everyone has dealt with in positive and negative ways:

going with the crowd.

How often do I put a child lock on opportunities for evangelization and Truth? Probably more than I'd care to admit. But, it is in these moments that I remember that Jesus willingly knows there will be times in my life where I let Him down, and yet, he will still go to the Cross for me, for us! Yet, we are constantly reminded that even if we fall, there will be new opportunities in the future.

This Lent, let us call upon the Holy Spirit to provide boldness, strength, and courage when opportunities come our way. The opportunities will come, and when they do, let us have the strength to stand up for what we believe in, because we never know what hangs in the balance of our decision to speak truth, even if the crowd is against us. I pray that God will be ever-present in our interactions with "the crowd" and to let His words be our words.



During Lent Fr Octavian will be visiting the sick of the community, please give him the name and address of those who need to be visited by the priest.

Thanksgiving Envelopes:

The new set of envelopes are ready to be collected from the church, please look for your Envelope number as it is in order according to the numbers.

There are sets of envelopes that are not in use in the blue trays, if you would like to contribute to the Church through the Thanksgiving Envelope please take one box without label and write your name, address and phone number at the back of the envelope with your first donation.

Once we receive your first contribution your name will be added into our system.

St Dominic's Presbytery House Renovation

Please be informed that the Parish did some renovations last year in the Presbytery house with a new laundry, fascia cover in the garage and new water tank which costed **\$37,610.00**

Now we are undertaking the outside renovations like cleaning of entirety roof fixing damages, removing and replacing gutters surrounding, installation of Colourbond fascia covers, removal of asbestos and replacing with cement sheeting, painting, etc with the cost of **\$40,000.00**

Repairs of broken water pipes in the church costing **\$4,150.00**

Thank you to everybody for the continue support to the church, it is very much appreciated, without you we couldn't keep our spiritual mission and maintenance of the church building. God Bless You All!

**Today –Baptism Information Preparation
At 3.00pm in the Church for Parents, Carers & Godparents.**