



Second Sunday of Lent, Year A

1 March 2026

Reflection by Greg Sunter

In all three versions of this Transfiguration event that appear in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, the context in which the event occurs is identical. That's a little unusual with these three gospel writers who like to put their own spin on events and often play with the chronology or settings of events. However, in this case, all three writers report the Transfiguration event as taking place immediately after a particular sequence of events. Jesus has asked the disciples who they think he is and Peter has made his confession of faith by declaring that Jesus is the Messiah. This declaration is followed by Jesus teaching about the demands of discipleship and then the account of the Transfiguration. Furthermore, all three versions are directly followed by an account of a man who brings his possessed son to Jesus for healing after the disciples have tried and failed to cast out the demon.

When all three of the synoptic gospels use the same story with little variation and all three retain the same context around the event then there are some pretty clear signals that this was a commonly accepted sequence of events and their sequence holds significance. The core message of this sequence of stories is about the faith of the disciples. Whilst Peter declares Jesus to be the Messiah, he and the others don't really yet know what this means. In the Transfiguration, they are given the clearest possible indication of Jesus' identity and yet they're confused and scared by what they witness. The following failure by the disciples to cast out a demon shows that they still haven't understood fully who and what Jesus is.

During this Lenten season, like the disciples, we are called to consider who Jesus is and what role he plays in our lives.



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.'

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First Reading Gn 12:1-4

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.'

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

*(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who
revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Tm 1:8-10

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

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 Mt 17:1-9

His face shone 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

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Virgilio & Norma Salvador, Reynaldo Salvador, Jacundiano Berro, Estrelita Keller, Ramon Abelas Sr.

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for the souls of all the recently departed.

ANNIVERSARIES

Pasquale Sinni, Adelia Sinni, Danielle Healey

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF

ADULTS (RCIA) Next meets on Tuesday 3rd March 2026 at 7pm in the Parish Centre Meeting Room.

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12 noon – Sunday, 1st March 2026

Aaliyah Brancatisano

Conor Luca Payne

Kruz & Kreed O'Keefe

Please pray for these children and their families.

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you all for your continued support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-

Presbytery Collection – 1st Collection

Account Name: St Peter's Presbytery A/C BSB: 083 347 Account No. 665417521 Reference as your first initial then surname, or you may remain anonymous

Church Collection – 2nd Collection

Account Name: St Peter's Church Account BSB: 083 347 A/C No. 535304676. Reference as your first initial then surname and if known, your giving number e.g. ASmith T/G 500

PARISH THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

New Thanksgiving envelopes and receipts are available for collection in the narthex. The new envelopes commence 15th March. Please try to get up to date with your current envelopes, prior to starting the new envelopes. For those who give by credit card, direct debit, or directly online, please find your envelope with your receipt. Anyone not currently contributing to our Thanksgiving Program but would like to join, please complete a Census card, available in the narthex and return to the Parish Office.

PARISH NEWS

LENT 2026

Throughout the season of Lent, the Stations of the Cross continue to be prayed every

Friday at 7:00pm, followed by Holy Mass.

All parishioners are warmly invited to take part in these Lenten devotions as we prepare our hearts for Easter.

LENTEN PILGRIMAGE TO TA' PINU MARIAN SHRINE, BACCHUS MARSH – Saturday 14th March 2026

As part of our Lenten journey, we will have a Pilgrimage to Our Lady Ta' Pinu Marian Shrine, 15 Flanagan Drive, Merrimu on Saturday, 14th March. All invited to attend. We will hire a bus for the day - \$15 per adult, children 12 and under free. Please see sign-up sheet in the narthex and include your contact details, or email the Parish Office. **RSVP by 8th March.**

8.45am Depart St Peter's

10.00am Stations of the Cross

12noon Holy Mass

1.00pm Light Lunch

2.30pm Bus departs Ta' Pinu

MINISTERS' ROSTER: 28/2-1/3 2026 - 30/6/26

Has been emailed. For those without email addresses, there are some copies available in the narthex.

PREP STUDENTS' FAMILY MASS

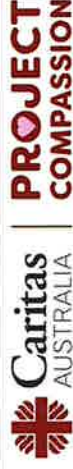
At the 10.30am Mass this weekend, we welcome our newest St Peter's students, their families and teachers for the Prep Family Mass. Thank you for being a part of our parish community.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

A meeting was held on Friday, 20th February. Thank you to the Committee Members for your time and contribution for our Parish.

RCIA

Congratulations to our RCIA candidates who attended the Rite of Election at St Patrick's Cathedral last Sunday.



UNITE AGAINST POVERTY

this Lent

PROJECT COMPASSION – GUEST SPEAKER

At the 6pm Saturday Vigil Mass; Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am Masses this weekend, we will be joined by Elle Niland who will speak to us about Project Compassion.

How to Donate: Envelopes and money boxes are available in the narthex or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate; or by calling: 1800 024 413

Lenten Prayer

God of all love,

We remember that on the night before he died

Your son, Jesus, prayed that his friends 'may all be one.'

Yet we see so much division in the world.

War, conflict, violence and hatred must all distress you.

Millions of people suffer

when they don't have peace and respect.

They lack the necessities of life: food, water,

health, education and security.

We pray that we may all

Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

May our support for **Project Compassion** be a sign to ourselves and others, of our hope for a better world.

This Lent, we pray that our dedication to prayer, fasting and almsgiving will help restore your vision of justice and peace.

Guided by the Holy Spirit,
we pray in Jesus' name,
Amen

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

*Weekday Mass Times

9.15am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

*7.00pm Fridays After Stations of the Cross

(*No 9.15am Friday Morning Mass during Lent)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday after 9.15am Mass (or upon request of Parish Priest)

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARISH THANKSGIVING OFFERING

We sincerely thank all our school families for your generous support of the Parish Thanksgiving Program. Your sacrifice and commitment greatly strengthen our St Peter's community.

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2027 – "OPEN DAYS"

Tuesday 3 Mar 2026 9.00am-10.00am

Thursday 5 March 9.00am-10.00am

Tuesday 10 March 9.00am-10.00am

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.