

GOSPEL

Mt 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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 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.

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Breaking Open the Word

GOD'S BELOVED

On the Second Sunday of Lent the focus is on Jesus' transfiguration. This speaks into the experience in Matthew's audience of suffering and even death. With Jerusalem and Jesus' imminent suffering looming, he takes Peter, James and John on to a 'high' mountain, the place of divine encounter. The reference to 'high' celebrates the mountains' divine closeness. Here, alone, they are in the presence of God who comforts Jesus before what will shortly unfold in the Sacred City.

Two Old Testament figures appear, Moses (the traditional author of the Torah—the first five books of the Bible) and Elijah (the first recognised prophet of the Old Testament). Their appearance confirms that what is about to take place for Jesus will reveal God's protective presence. That presence is confirmed by the 'cloud [that] covered them with shadow' and the heavenly voice that attests that Jesus will always be God's Beloved and delightful One. The disciples' response to this experience is palpable. They are overcome with 'fear' – a deep sense of reverential awe in what they have just witnessed and experienced with Jesus, even though Peter earlier wanted to capture it by building three tents.

The scene is not a literal 'twitter-feed' of what actually or historically happened to Jesus. It is a story of theology and religious meaning for disciples aligned with Jesus who know the experience of suffering and death in their own day. At those times, we, too, must go up on to our 'high' mountain, accompanied by faithful friends, and allow God's presence and word to accompany us. We, too, need to hear that we are God's Beloved and delightful Ones.

Fr Michael Trainor



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / A

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FIRST READING

Gen 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP 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.**

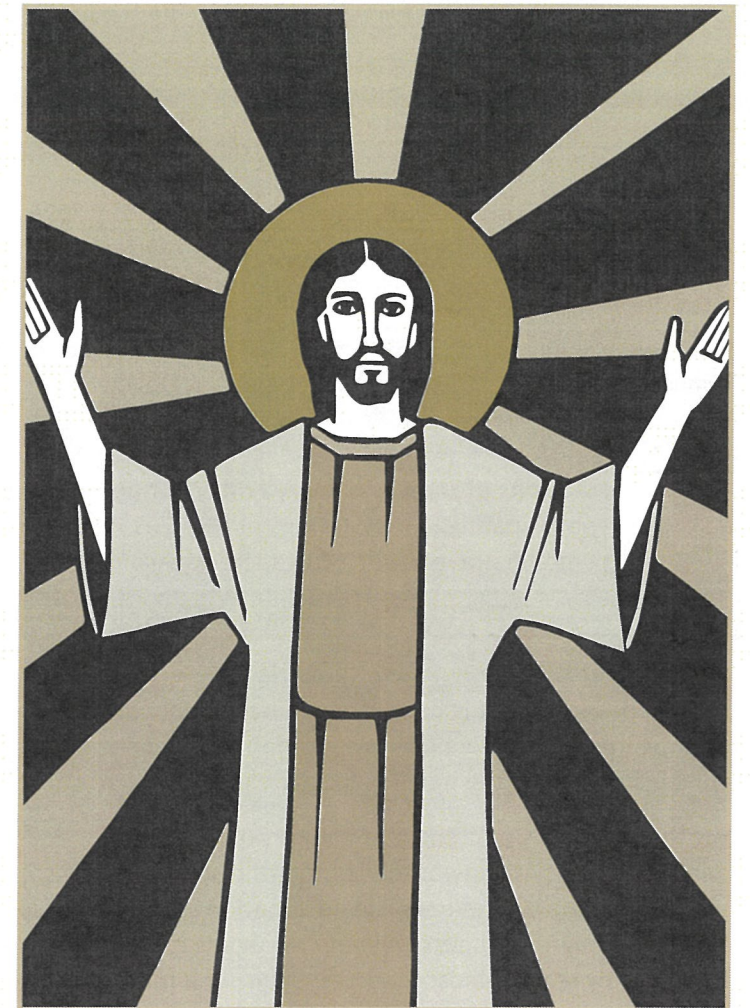
SECOND READING

2 Tim 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to Timothy

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

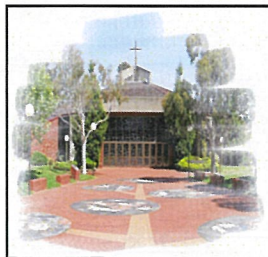
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice
is heard:

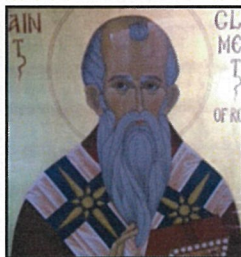
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!



St Clement of Rome Church

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Parish Vision Statement : Guided and inspired by the Holy Spirit, the Parish of St Clement of Rome seeks to be a community of authentic disciples of Jesus, living the Word of God. As a welcoming community, through humble service, we acknowledge our stewardship of God's creation and strive to promote the dignity of all God's people.

Welcome to St Clement of Rome as we celebrate The Second Sunday of Lent

Today's theme is : His face shone like the sun

We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass



Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent—We invite you to deepen your Lenten journey by participating in the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 8.40am. We look forward to seeing you as we unite in prayer during this sacred season.

LENTEN REGULATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON THE NOTICE BOARD

Sign up Sheets for Holy Week Ministries

As Lent progresses, it is time for us to begin planning for the upcoming Holy Week. In preparation, sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex for your kind attention.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could add your name to assist with any of the Lenten Ministries as we prepare for the Holy Week. The information gathered from these sign-up sheets will help us organise and finalise Holy Week Ministry Roster. Thank you for your generous support and participation.

World Day of Prayer

Friday March 6th, 10.00am
Doncaster Church of Christ
680 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

Speaker : Rev Peter Young
Who spent many years in Nigeria

All welcome
Refreshments will be served
Contact : 0438 034 739



We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You, because
by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world

HOLY WEEK

MASS TIMES 2026

Parish Reconciliation for Easter
Wed 25th March : 7.00pm

Palm Sunday 28th & 29th March
Sat 28th March : 5.30pm
Sun 29th March : 9.00am & 11.00am (Italian)

Holy Thursday 2nd April
Mass of the Lord's Supper : 7.00pm

Good Friday 3rd April
Stations of the Cross (English/Italian) : 9.00am
Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord : 3.00pm

Easter Vigil 4th April
Mass in English : 7.00pm
Mass in Italian : 9.00pm

Easter Sunday 5th April
Mass in English : 9.00am
Mass in Italian : 11.00am

MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS

Mass Times: Sat 5:30pm (*Vigil*), Sun - 9am & 11am (*Italian*)

Tues 9:15am (*Italian*), Wed-Fri 9:15am (unless informed)

Reconciliation: Sat 5:00pm (and on request)

Baptisms: 1st & 3rd weekend every month. **Weddings:** By Appointment

**We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.**

PARISH DIARY

Sun 1st Mar @ 9am—Mass/Baptism/C Liturgy, followed by morning tea in the Clifton Centre
Sun 1st Mar @ 11am—Italian Mass
Tue 3rd Mar @ 9.15am—Italian Mass
Wed 4th Mar @ 9.15am—no Mass
Thurs 5th Mar @ 9.15am—no Mass
Fri 6th Mar @ 8.40am—Stations of the Cross
Fri 6th Mar @ 9.15am—Grade 3 Class Mass
Sat 7th Mar @ 5pm—Reconciliation followed by Mass @ 5.30pm

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently,
Gerardo Equibal and for the repose of the souls of
Corazon Equibal, Angel Torres Mendoza, Giovanna Maggiore and all those, whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

After School Sacramental Program 2026

Please see below the schedule for the Sacrament of First Eucharist preparation classes. Enrolment forms are available on the website.



DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday 2 nd May	9.00 -10.00am	ASRE Eucharist 1
Saturday 9 th May	9.00 -10.00am	ASRE Eucharist 2
Saturday 16 th May	9.00 -10.00am	ASRE Eucharist 3
Saturday 23 rd May	9.00 -10.00am	ASRE Eucharist 4
Saturday 30 th May	9.00 -10.00am	ASRE Eucharist 5
Saturday 6 th June	9.00 -10.00am	ASRE Eucharist 6
Saturday 20 th June	@ 5.30pm Mass	Sacrament of First Eucharist

St John The Evangelist

Catholic Parish Heidelberg

A great way to enrich your Lenten Journey
As part of our 175th Anniversary Celebrations in 2026 we are holding talks on The Gospel of St John
A UNIQUE VISION OF FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP

Associate Professor Joel Hodge will give series of 3 individual talks on Tuesdays 3rd, 10th & 17th Mar

No bookings required
Flyer on the notice board

The Journey of Faith

A Lenten Retreat for the youth has been organized by the Little Sisters of the Poor in Northcote., to be held on Sat 14th March from 9.30am—6pm. The entrance is free and the lunch will be provided. Please RSVP before 10th March for catering purposes. Please contact Sr Maureen : 0416 609 878 or 9489 8444
srmaureenmokaya@gmail.com

New Ways of Giving

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Thank you for your generosity!



LITURGY ROSTER

		SAT 5.30PM	SUN 9.00AM
28 Feb / 1 Mar	Sacristan	Maria Papalia/ Virginie Mindiel	Grace Cannatelli
2 Lent	Commentator	Rene De La Cruz	Tim Landsberg
	Reader	Paul Sammut	Jan McQueen
	Special Ministers	Zina Scalzo	Agnes Lu
		May Teh	Maria Papalia
		Enza Wilcocks	Shirley Pyndiah
7/8 March	Sacristan	Elroy De Witt	Carmen Gobbi
3 Lent	Commentator	Paul Sammut	Jan McQueen
	Reader	May Teh	Maria Papalia
	Special Ministers	Enza Wilcocks	Grace Cannatelli
		Warwick Wright	Anne Fusca
		Virginie Mindiel	Rita Gagliardi

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

DATE	LETTORI	OFFERTORIO	MINISTRI DELL' EUCHARISTIA
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Second Sunday of Lent
28 February – 1 March 2026



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Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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