



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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Second Sunday of LENT Year B, 24-25 February, 2024

Christians must share the glorious light of God's love

(by Thaddeus Jones in Vatican News)

On one of the Sunday in 2023 from St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Francis gave his reflection on how the Transfiguration of Jesus reveals the beauty and splendour of divine Love incarnate in Christ. He encourages us to recognize this luminous beauty of love, even when it bears the marks of the cross.

He recalled the day's Gospel of the Transfiguration when Jesus revealed the glorious light of God's majesty and beauty shining on His face and clothing.

The disciples Peter, James and John witnessed this spectacular moment when Jesus reveals to them "the beauty and splendour of divine Love incarnate in Christ," the "perfect image of the Father" and "a foretaste of paradise."

The Face of Love

The Pope recalled how the awe and surprise the disciples experienced shook them, as the beauty of the Transfiguration overwhelmed them and brought about immense joy.

This experience marked a step in the disciples' preparation by Jesus when they would have to recognize this same beauty of boundless love when He would be crucified and His face disfigured.

Peter wished to prolong the wondrous Transfiguration experience, the Pope observed, but Jesus does not allow it, as there is a risk His light could be reduced to a "magical moment" or "passing sentiment." Instead, the experience grounds them in their faith, the reality of life, and the journey that must be embarked upon.

"Christ is the light that orients our journey like the pillar of fire for the people in the wilderness. Jesus' beauty does not alienate

his disciples from the reality of life, but gives them the strength to follow Him all the way to Jerusalem, all the way to the cross."

Persevering in the journey

Pope Francis explained how the Gospel traces our own path as well and how essential it is to always look to Jesus on our journey "even when it is not easy to understand everything He says and does for us."

By doing so, we also learn to see God's beauty in the faces of family, friends, and colleagues who show their care for us in a variety of ways.

"How many luminous faces, how many smiles, how many wrinkles, how many tears and scars reveal love around us! Let us learn to recognize them and to fill our hearts with them. And then let us set out in order to bring the light we have received to others as well, through concrete acts of love."

The Pope encouraged everyone to commit to being more generous in our daily lives, "by loving, serving and forgiving with greater earnestness and willingness." He added that contemplation of the wonders of God and the face of the Lord must move and inspire us in the service of our brothers and sisters.

And recognizing the light of God's love in our own lives over the "false, artificial light" of our own idols requires effort, he pointed out, but we can start by opening our eyes to it with joy and gratitude by noticing it in those who love us. We can then grow more open to love and service.

"May Mary, who kept the light of her Son in her heart even in the darkness of Calvary, accompany us always on the way of love."

Masses

Monday
9am

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Saturday
6pm Mass

Sunday
9am, 11am, 6pm

Please note Sunday 11am is also
ONLINE

Please click on this link to follow
<https://youtube.com/live/KJV5YIzvT4Y?feature=share>

Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am

Priests:

Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP)
Fr Luke Bulley CP

Parish Staff:

Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
Didi Karkas (Secretary)

Passionist Community

Fr Brendan Connell CP
Fr Kevin Hennessy CP
Fr Luke Bulley CP
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Readings for Next Week

Third Sunday of LENT Year B

First Reading *Exodus 20:1-17*

God spoke all these words:
 I am the Lord your God, who brought you
 out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery;
 you shall have no other gods before me.
 You shall not make wrongful use
 of the name of the Lord your God,
 for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.
 Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.
 Honor your father and your mother,
 so that your days may be long
 in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.
 You shall not murder.
 You shall not commit adultery.
 You shall not steal.
 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
 You shall not covet your neighbor's house;
 you shall not covet your neighbor's wife,
 or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey,
 or anything that belongs to your neighbor

Psalm

The law of the Lord is perfect,
 reviving the soul;
 the decrees of the Lord are sure,
 making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right,
 rejoicing the heart;
 the commandment of the Lord is clear,
 enlightening the eyes;

The fear of the Lord is pure,
 enduring forever;
 the ordinances of the Lord are true
 and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold,
 even much fine gold;
 sweeter also than honey,
 and drippings of the honeycomb

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 1:18, 22-25*

Brothers and sisters,
 The message about the Cross is foolishness to those
 who are perishing, but to us who are being saved
 it is the power of God
 For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but
 we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews
 and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called,
 both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and
 the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser
 than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger
 than human strength

Gospel acclamation

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
 That everyone who believes in him may have eternal life

Gospel *John 2:13-25*

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to
 Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle,
 sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their
 tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of
 the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out
 the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.
 He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things
 out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!"
 His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your
 house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What
 sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them,
 "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."
 The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construc-
 tion for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three
 days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After
 he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that
 he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word
 that Jesus had spoken.

When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival,
 many believed in his name because they saw the signs that
 he was doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust him-
 self to them, because he knew all people and needed no one
 to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was with-
 in the human person.

Questions:

Q. Are there Church practices today that may be seen as unjust or discriminatory?

Q. How can you challenge injustice?

Q. How can you work against injustice in your local community?

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults

NEW SETS OF THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

If you are on 'WEEKLY' program, you maybe in your last envelope. Your NEW sets are now ready in the Gathering Space. They are arranged in alphabetical order of STREET NAME (not surname) Please don't forget to pick it up on your way out today. If you are not in our thank-giving program and wishes to be part of it, please feel free to pick up one of our census card and thanksgiving card (in the foyer or gathering space) and once you completed both, please return them to the parish office. Also do not hesitate to contact us if you have any query

PREPARING FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION

(for grade 4 or above)

Thank you to all parents and children who have attended the first family night of this program. For those who attend NON PARISH SCHOOLS are required to attend After School Religious Education (ASRE) classes on Tuesday 27 February and Tuesday 5 March at 4pm to 5pm in the Parish office. Please ensure that you sign them in as you drop them of and sign them out when you pick them up

The last Family night is on Tuesday, 12th March at 7pm
Service is on Tuesday, 19th March at (Time to be advised)

ALL OTHER 2024 SACRAMENT PROGRAMS

Our 2024 Sacrament Programs has now begun. Only those baptised as Catholic can be registered in this program. Registration forms are available on our website or at the Parish Office.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY (Reminder)

We welcome all primary school children and younger to our Children's Liturgy program at 11am Mass each week. We ask that children under 4 or with special needs be accompanied by a parent or older sibling. Our leaders will be easily identifiable, if your child has any allergies, a serious medical condition or special needs, please alert the leader on the day. Due to possible allergic responses we ask that you refrain from bringing any food into the Children's Liturgy space. When the children are returning to their seats after the session please ensure they are aware of where you are seated. We have provided labels for you to write your child's name if you wish. If you have any questions or feedback please feel free to chat to one of our Children's Liturgy volunteers or someone on the parish team

EGG COLLECTION

This weekend, after every Mass, members of our parish Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation group will hold a collection for donations to buy eggs for the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre (ASRC).

PARISH YOUTH GROUPS

YOUTH 4:12 (our Parish Youth) Grade 5 - Year 9 age group
Next gathering is on **FRIDAY, 8 March**, at 7pm in the Annexe

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

The next gathering will be on **SUNDAY, 10 March at 7pm** in the Annexe. Leading the Good Friday Station of the Cross maybe part of the discussion on this night

PARISH BINGO

Our next parish Bingo will be on **FRIDAY, 15 March** at 7.30pm in the Annexe. You can come on your own or as a group. For more information please contact Louis 0419 008 173, Vianney 0438 700 675 or Joe 0419 385 441. Please note that this activity is strictly adults only (18 years or over). Unfortunately, we are bound to a strict policy which states that anyone under this age is not permitted inside the hall during Bingo

DEANERY DINNER

Every year the Dandenong Deanery Council runs few talk and dinner. Each event is open to anyone in the deanery. Some will involve cost and some is free event.

The first for this year is Deanery Dinner on the theme of "Year of Prayer". It will be on **WEDNESDAY, 20th March** at The Graduate Restaurant (inside St John's Regional College) Caroline Street. Cost is \$48 per person (incl. 3 course meal and wine/beer & talk) starts at 5.30pm. Payment is either CASH, CHEQUE or BANK TRANSFER (no card facilities) If you wish to join RSVP is necessary to dandenongdeanery@live.com.au



PROJECT COMPASSION BOX

Project Compassion Boxes are available at both gathering space and the foyer. Please feel free to take one home.

Readings:

Second Sunday of LENT Year B

Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18;
Romans 8:31-34;
Mark 9:2-10

Third Sunday of LENT Year B

Exodus 20:1-17 ;
1 Corinthians 1:18, 22-25 ;
John 2:13-25

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Annette Evans, Meti Pereira-VanEijk, Danny Sugunasekera, Agnes Fernandez, Shirley C. Esteban, Joaquina Braz, Norah Ekanayake, Grace Sprigg, Lara Moyle, Michael D' Silva, Lina Jom, Giorgia Vella, Lucia Lay, Bernardo Cabrera, Anne Ghatt, June Enright, Leang Diep, Roger Gray, Anthona Henderson, Nimal Pandithakoralage, Cecil Harper, Nicole Pinto, Toni Celona, Shinead Kralj, Carlos Aquino, Jamie Cabrera, Angela Schink, Roy Conyers, Annette Perera, Ronald Peters, Godfrey Joseph, Camilla D'Rozario, Esric Jackson, Emily Broadbent **and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues**

Those who have died

Domenico Serra, Coleen Foran, Jonas Hoareau, Sandra D'Costa, Sheila Mary Holloway, Nigel Macleod, Luigi Rea, Antonio Sangalang, Fred Hall, Olivia D'Silva, Joseph Maxi Perera, Jose Pinto, Etelvina Pinto **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace

Lenten Station of the Cross

Every Friday evening

at 7pm in the Church

Follow by cuppa



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MINISTERS OF WORD/ COMMENTATORS 2024

	Saturday—6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Mary Pegram Liz Spear	Virendra Jayetileke Alvita Dias	Anne Astin Rinku Arora	Lakni Weerasekera Diane Heaton
2nd Sunday	Marg Daly Liseby Lapierre	Grace Sudjono Rosa Mitchell	Mars Sota Beth Sota	Charlene Nheu Mignonne Meerwald
3rd Sunday	Liz Flood Trevor Saldanha	Agnes Giam William Round	Diane Allegany Anne Astin	Jeremy Ferrao Reg Young
4th Sunday	Mark Rolfe Karen Rolfe	Mary Moore Jodicee Tenisio	Mary Heaton Yvonne Sherwin	Marg Keating William Roncon
5th Sunday	Marg Daly Trevor Saldanha	Alvita Dias Grace Sudjono Virendra Jayetileke	Jennifer Tanti Diane Allegany	Melissa Krajacic Charlene Nheu

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MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST 2024

	Saturday—6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Riona Alveyn Lionel Alveyn Lien Phan	Nila Fernando Rosa Mitchell Rohan Wickramasinghe	Vianney Clark Antoniette Gargano Florence Madeira	Anne Kankanige Peng Chee Vonny Lai
2nd Sunday	Gertrude Akom Mima Arena Carmeline Don Paul	Sig Romano Esteban Morales Aloma Pereira	Sharon Normington Jean Jansz Naomi Falo	Jenny Catania Brendan Keating Lakni Weerasekera
3rd Sunday	Celine Quinless Peter Miller Lionel Alveyn	Mary Moore Nila Fernando Rosa Mitchell	Florence Madeira Sai Dilinger Binitha Mathew	Vonny Lai Charlene Nheu Marg Keating
4th Sunday	Bernie Henstridge Lien Phan Celine Quinless	Aloma Pereira Mary Moore Rohan Wickramasinghe	Vianney Clark Stephen Herbert Lauren Rafferty	Swineetha Disanayake Dominique Maclou Neha Cherayath
5th Sunday	Riona Alveyn Carmeline Don Paul Peter Miller	Sig Romano Esteban Morales Nila Fernando	Binitha Mathew Stephen Herbert Sharon Normington	Ayomi Fernandez Peng Chee Jenny Catania