

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



THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / A

5 MARCH 2023

TRUSTING THE PROMISE

At the beginning of Lent, it is not uncommon for people to feel discouraged or dissatisfied. Another year has come and gone and there is still much to be done as we get our spiritual house in order. Today's readings converge as they give reasons not to lose heart in God or, perhaps more importantly, in ourselves because we are loved by God. Abraham and Sarah were prepared to set out on the greatest adventure of their lives in their old age. Such willingness to trust in God's promises, despite the difficulties that lie before us, is at the very heart of the life of faith.

Prior to setting out for his final journey to Jerusalem, Jesus instructed the disciples that a brutal death awaited him. They were discouraged and bewildered, fearful both for Jesus and themselves. In the midst of this Jesus takes some of them aside and goes up the mountain and is transfigured before them. Their fear is now replaced by terror, but Jesus comes and touches them, encouraging and empowering them for the road that lies ahead.

In a similar fashion, the second letter to Timothy invites him not to be disheartened by the challenges and difficulties that beset him. God's grace and power have already been poured freely into our hearts. Since this is the case there is no need to be disheartened or fearful. Jesus' death has already won the victory, all that is needed is for us to take heart and trust in the new life that has been promised to us.

Christopher Monaghan CP

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.**

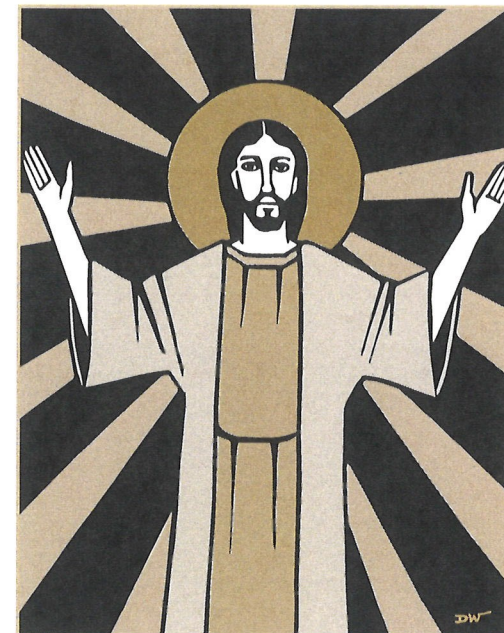
SECOND READING

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!

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

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MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION AND DEVOTION

Weekday Mass: Monday - 7:30am (Communion Service, except on Feast Days);

Tuesday to Thursday - 7:30am (followed by Holy Rosary); Friday - 5pm

Weekend Mass: Saturday Vigil - 5:30pm (livestreamed); Sunday - 8am, 9:30am, 6pm

CCC Mass: Sunday at 11:30am (English/Cantonese)

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday 4pm-5pm

First Friday Devotion: Monthly at 4pm

First Saturday Mass and Devotion: Monthly at 9am

Exposition and Benediction: First weekend of the month at all Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday 4pm-4:45pm and Saturday 4:30pm-5:15pm

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Second Sunday of Lent/Year A

5th March 2023

PRAYER REQUESTS:



Deceased: Patrick O' Connor, Ella Barton, John Davidson, Lucy Ng, Cecilia Tan, Francis Murray; Casey, Landon, O'Connor, Pigott & Stewart families; Geoff and Patricia Clarke; Ron & Jan Brayan; and all souls in purgatory.

Sick: Burkardt Foertsch, Graham Rumble, Ben Isaacs, Harriet D'Souza, Sam Wong, Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw, Ceferino Ramirez

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS ANE MEMORIALS:

Saints Perpetua and Felicity 7th Mar, St John of God 8th Mar, St Frances of Rome 9th Mar

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

"The Lord does not will us to be afraid in His awesome presence, but to welcome His power and grace in our lives" - Daniel Ang

- **Our Lenten 2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be on Tuesday 28th March at 6pm.**
- **Stations of the Cross** every Friday right after the 5pm Mass during Lent.
- To help us prepare and reflect on the Gospels this season of Lent, the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney has developed a **Lenten Companion—'SPIRIT AND TRUTH: The Power of Christ Revealed.'** This booklet is free to download at: <https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/resources/>. All are invited to join our Parish Lenten Group led by Fr Pawel on Thu, 23rd Feb at 6pm in the Church using this beautiful Lenten Companion. Parishioners are welcome to form their own groups.

• **Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season.** You can also donate online via: caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or call 1800 024 413. Project Compassion boxes/envelopes can be returned until Easter Sunday.



LENT
2023



PARISH NEWS:

- **New Liturgical Rosters are now available for collection from the table near the sacristy.**
- **Next Infant Baptism Information Session will be on Tues 7th Mar at 8pm** in the parish office meeting room. Contact the parish office by email if you wish to attend. Thank you.
- **Men's Weekly Prayer Group: Tuesdays at 7pm in the Holy Family Chapel.** All welcome.
- **SUNDAY MARCH 19 CONCERT, 2.30pm in Haseler Centre:** Includes Irish Songs for St Patrick and the great Polovetsian Dances of Borodin, orchestra & handbells. More info on flyers at the front desk, or visit: website www.kevinwood.org or contact Suzanne Ph 9874 2809.
- **If you wish to offer a Mass and/or include the names of your sick or departed relatives/friends in the parish bulletin,** please collect an envelope in the church foyer and write the date when you want the Mass to be said, name/s and the intention. Drop the envelope in the weekend collection bag or in the parish letterbox next to the sacristy. Thank you.
- **Volunteer AV Operators Needed!** Please contact the parish office. Training provided.

SAVE THE DATE: Sat 1st April, 2pm-4pm, Haseler Centre (parish hall) -

Retreat for Engaged and Married Couples: 'When Love Gets Boring,' with Fr Mirco Integlia. Fr Mirco is a chaplain and lecturer in Philosophy at the Australian Catholic University, Strathfield Campus. An opportunity not to be missed! More details to follow. Watch this space!



St Kevin's Primary School Eastwood OPEN DAY Tuesday 7 March 4pm—6pm

School Tours: Wednesday 8th March 9:30-10:30am and Friday 10th March 12-1pm

Email: info@stkeastwood.catholic.edu.au or Ph 9874 3315. (flyers in the church foyer)

Marist College Eastwood OPEN DAY Wednesday 8 March 3:30pm-6:30pm

For more information Email: info@maristeastwood.catholic.edu.au or Ph 9858 1644.

<https://maristeastwood.syd.catholic.edu.au/>



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

- **Walking With Our Lady Through Holy Week:** A Women's Retreat Day with the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia, 1st April, 10am-4pm at St Peter Chanel Church, 62 Kingsland Rd, Berala. Includes talks and discussion, silent reflection, Holy Hour, Sacrament of Reconciliation, etc. Morning tea & lunch provided. Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/CGHGO>
- **Turkey-Syria Earthquake Disaster Appeal:** Your support is needed by thousands of people affected by the devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake. Scan the QR code to donate or visit: <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/turkey-and-syria-earthquake/>



PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL:



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY:



Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, contact Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office (02) 9390 5810 or E: safeguarding-enquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support & guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to police.