

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 17: 5

Alleluia, alleluia! / This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: / listen to him. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 17: 1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

His face was shining 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



THE SAVING WORD

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD / A

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DARKNESS TO LIGHT

There are moments in our lives when the pieces fall into place, moments in which we come to a clearer understanding of ourselves and the direction of our lives. As Jesus prepared to journey towards Jerusalem, he knows what lies before him, but the disciples will need a vision to sustain them on the road ahead. Peter, James, and John are privileged to glimpse the glory of Jesus and the voice from heaven that proclaims his identity as Son of God. They want to remain on the mountain, but now is the time to listen to Jesus' message and grow as disciples following him on the road. Learning to listen to him will not be easy. Fear and ambition will make it difficult for them to understand that he is the one who has come to offer his life as a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28). Those who profess to be his disciples must do the same.

Years later after the resurrection Peter reflects on the experience of the Transfiguration. He speaks of it as a moment in which he had been privileged to see the previously hidden majesty of Jesus. With the passing of the years this moment continued to act as a guarantee of the Lord's return, as a lamp that illuminates the dark. It was a beacon that gave him the courage to proclaim Jesus as saviour and ultimately to give his own life following the example of his master and friend.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Dan 7: 9-10, 13-14

A reading from the book of Daniel

His raiment was as white as snow.

As I watched:

Thrones were set in place
and one of great age took his seat.
His robe was white as snow,
the hair of his head as pure as wool.
His throne was a blaze of flames,
its wheels were a burning fire.
A stream of fire poured out,
issuing from his presence.
A thousand thousand waited on him,
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.
A court was held and the books were opened.
I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and languages
became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

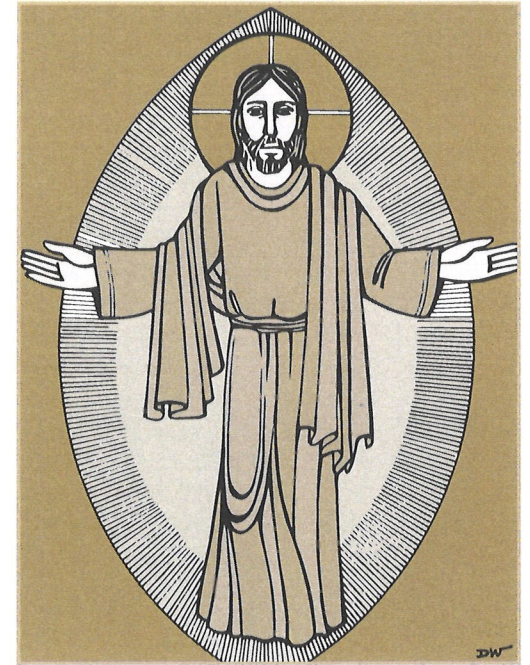
■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Pss 96: 1-2, 5-6, 9. R. vv. 1, 9

R. The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, / let all the coastlands be glad. / Cloud and darkness are his raiment; / his throne, justice and right. **R.**
2. The mountains melt like wax / before the Lord of all the earth. / The skies proclaim his justice; / all peoples see his glory. **R.**
3. For you indeed are the Lord / most high above all the earth / exalted far above all spirits. **R.**



SECOND READING

2 Pet 1: 16-19

A reading from the second letter of St Peter.

We heard this voice from out of heaven.

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

■ **The word of the Lord.**



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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 12noon (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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- **Parishioners Free Exercise Class** will resume on Tues 8th Aug at 4:15pm in the parish hall. For more info contact: Michael Wilkinson- Personal Trainer Ph: 8819 2280.
- **RCIA PROGRAM STARTING SOON!** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of Christian formation offered to those who seek to become Catholic. If you know anyone who is interested to participate in this program, please encourage them to attend a meeting on **Sat 12th Aug at 3pm, Haseler Centre (parish hall)**. Families and support person welcome to join. There is no pressure or obligation to those enquiring to become Catholic. To register your attendance: Ph 9874 2533 or E: parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au for more info.
- *The St Kevin's Brothers in Christ Choir, have been invited, once again this year, to participate in the **CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL**. Our choir will be singing at St Mary's Cathedral forecourt on Tuesday December 19th at 6:30pm! **SAVE THE DATE!!!***

PARISHES FOR MISSION DAY! - Sat 2nd Sep, 10am-4pm, Haseler Centre. You are invited to join us for **Parishes for Mission Day** and together we'll receive spiritual, theological and practical formation about the mission of Jesus Christ, and consider how our parish can be strengthened as a dynamic centre of evangelisation. Morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea provided. Register by Wed 23rd Aug at: <https://www.trybooking.com/1081807> . Participants need to show their ticket on the day. Cost: FREE. Donations welcome. See poster for details.

Be a Catechist or help a Catechist spread the Good News about Jesus to Catholic children in our local public schools. Now recruiting volunteers for 2024! All resources & training provided. For info Ph: 9874 2533 or E: parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au. Flyers available in the foyer.

RIGHT TO LIFE AUSTRALIA is campaigning against the proposal by members of the Labor Party which will, if endorsed, force Australian taxpayers to pay for free abortions! We encourage you to write, email or phone your local ALP MP to oppose the proposal. See poster in the church foyer for details. Thank you.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

- Join us for the **RAISING FATHER'S Evening** as we unpack practical advice and share powerful, impactful, informative and instructional stories for fathering in today's world. A partnership with Robert Falzon and MenAlive. DATES:
 - * **Tuesday, 29 August - Marist College Eastwood - 44 Hillview Rd, Eastwood**
 - * Wednesday, 30 August - Patrician Brothers' College: 268 The Horsley Drive, Fairfield
 - * Thursday, 31 August - St Patrick's College: Francis St, Strathfield
- **Overshadowed: Filled with the Power of the Holy Spirit, 18-20 Aug 2023:** Join the MGL Sisters in a weekend retreat exploring what happens when we say yes to the Holy Spirit. Experience the life-changing power of deepening in God's love, surrendering to Jesus and living under the grace of the Holy Spirit. Venue: Carmel House, 345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville. Booking essential: <http://www.trybooking.com/CFBQX> (by 11 Aug) Contact: Katherine - mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com

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.

The Transfiguration of the Lord/Year A

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Recently Deceased:** Phyllis Macedo, Sam Mesiti
- Death Anniversary:** Clara Bridgewater, Anne Lander, Frederick Landon
- Deceased:** Helen Khoury and deceased members of Khoury Family, Alan Olmes & Ken How, Antonio Del Rosario; John Davidson, Lucy Ng, Cecilia Tan, Selwyn Jackson, Don Raffin, Peter McNamara, Milly Farrell, Francis Murray, Marie Cummins; Casey, Landon, O'Connor, Pigott and Stewart families; Geoff & Patricia Clarke; Ron & Jan Brayan
- Sick:** Noelene Wilkinson, Barbara Hall, Dennis Ho, Elizabeth Uy Tan, Graham Rumble, Sam Wong, Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS:

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Aug 8, St Lawrence Aug 10, St Clare Aug 11

PARISH NEWS:

- **To celebrate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop on Tues 8th Aug, we will have a parish Mass at 7:30am and a school Mass at 9:30am. ALL WELCOME!**
- **This weekend is our Charitable Works Fund August Appeal. CWF is a centralised fund that supports the charitable & pastoral activities of the Archdiocese of Sydney. CWF is our charity.** Help keep alive the vital ministries of the Church: Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, CatholicCare, Chaplaincy Services, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Ephpheta Centre, Good Shepherd & Redemptoris Mater Seminaries. Donate using the CWF envelopes or scan the QR code to donate online. Drop your envelopes in the collection bags or in the boxes at the door. Thank you.
- **FOSK (Friends of St Kevin's)** will be serving morning tea outside the Church this Sun 6th Aug. Please join us after the 9:30am Mass. The FOSK team is also looking for new members. Interested? Email the parish office or speak to one of the ladies. Thank you
- **New set of planned giving envelopes** still available for collection at the back of the church.

