

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 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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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / A

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JESUS' DIVINITY AND THE CROSS

During this 'serious' season of Lent, we accompany Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem where, he predicts, he will suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be put to death (Mt 16:21).

The Transfiguration is connected with Jesus' prediction of his Passion. Sometime before the Transfiguration, Peter confesses that Jesus is 'the Christ, the Son of the living God.' Jesus declares that Peter is 'blessed' because this revelation came from the Father. As Jesus undergoes a *metamorphosis*, a change of form, he is transfigured as someone divine: 'his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as the light.' The Father's voice from heaven makes the confirmation: 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.'

In the Transfiguration, Peter again speaks, proposing that he make three tents. Pope Benedict XVI points to the link between Peter's confession and Jesus' Transfiguration: 'The two events, in each of which Peter plays a prominent role, are interrelated. We could say that in both cases the issue is the divinity of Jesus as the Son; another point, though, is that in both cases, the appearance of his glory is connected with the Passion motif. Jesus' divinity belongs with the Cross – only when we put the two together do we recognise Jesus correctly. John expressed this intrinsic interconnectedness of Cross and glory when he said that the Cross is Jesus' 'exultation,' and that his exaltation is accomplished in no other way than in the Cross' (*Jesus of Nazareth*, Part I, p. 305).

**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.**

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HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

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PARISH RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER
Wednesday 29th March : 7.00pm

PALM SUNDAY – 8th /9th APRIL 2017
Saturday 8th April : 5.30pm
Sunday 9th April : 9am, 11am (Italian) & 6pm (Maronite)

HOLY THURSDAY – 13th APRIL 2017
Mass of the Lord's Supper : 7.30pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight (Clifton Centre)
Reconciliation : 9.00pm (Clifton Centre)
Remembrance of the Last Supper and the Washing of the Feet : 9.30pm (Maronite)
Meditation on the Stations of the Cross : 10.00pm (Clifton Centre)

GOOD FRIDAY – 14th APRIL 2017
Stations of the Cross : 9.00am
Via Crucis (Italian) : 11.00am
Stations of the Cross : 12.30pm (Maronite)
Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord : 3.00pm

EASTER VIGIL – 15th APRIL 2017
Mass in English : 5.30pm
Mass in Italian : 8.00pm
Maronite Mass : 10.00pm

EASTER SUNDAY – 16th APRIL 2017
Mass in English : 9.00am
Mass in Italian : 11.00am
Maronite Mass : 6.00pm

JOYOUS EASTER BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL

MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS

Mass Times: Sat 5:30pm (Vigil), Sun - 9am, 11am (Italian) & 6pm (Maronite Community Mass)

Tues 9:15am (Italian), Wed-Sat 9:15am. Eucharistic Adoration: Tues-Fri 8-9am (in the Chapel)

Reconciliation: Sat 10am (and on request). Marian Devotions: Sat 8.40am.

Baptisms: Welcoming (3rd weekend) & Baptism (4th weekend) every month. Weddings: By Appointment.

Recently Deceased : Arnaldo Ciorciari, Maria Calleri
Death Anniversaries : Bianca Martini, Bartolomeo Placentino
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen

PARISH DIARY

Tue 14th Mar @ 4.30pm—Reconciliation Classes in the Clifton Centre
Thurs 16th Mar @ 7pm—Baptism Preparation in the Church
Thurs 16th Mar @ 7pm—Scripture Studies in the Clifton Centre
Fri 17th Mar @ 9.15am—St Patrick's Solemnity Grade 2/Whole School Mass
Fri 17th Mar @ 7.30pm—Stations of the Cross in the Church
Sat 18th Mar @ 5.30pm—Baptism Welcoming

Collections Last Weekend
1st Collection (Thanksgiving)
Actual — 2,198
2nd Collection (Presbytery)
Actual — 1,141
Many thanks & every Blessing!

Mario's and Angela's Café: This Sunday after the 9.00am Mass. All are welcome. If you attend the 11.00 am Mass we ask you to come early and join us for a cuppa and fellowship.

Hope Ministry: This Ministry is to provide support to each other in times of adverse difficulty such as loss or bereavement. You are most welcome to attend the meetings. Our next one will be on 25th March at 10.00am in the Parish Office. Convenors: Elroy De Witt and Sue De Bortoli

Scripture Studies for Lent: "Up From the Waters"
Every Thursday over 6 weeks in the Clifton Centre. All are welcome. Sessions run from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Please confirm your attendance on the sign up sheets as resources are limited and arrangements have to be made if the course is over-subscribed. Email: cecilia.tan@cam.org.au or call 9850 3262.

Sacramental Program 2017

We are now taking enrolments for the Sacrament of Communion and Confirmation. Please contact the parish office or Cecilia at cecilia.tan@cam.org.au

RECONCILIATION: TERM 1

ASRE Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 1 April 2017 @ 9.15am

CONFIRMATION: TERM 2

Last Date for enrolment: 1 April 2017
Classes commence: Tuesday, 18 April 2017 @ 4.30pm -5.30pm in the Clifton Centre
Parents' Information Session: Tuesday 20th July 2017 @ 7.30pm
Commissioning Mass: Saturday 22 April 2017
Confirmation: 6 August, 2017 @ 2.30pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral

FIRST EUCHARIST: TERM 3

Last Date for enrolment: 1 July 2017
Classes commence: Tuesday, 18 July 2017 @ 4.30pm-5.30pm in the Clifton Centre
Parents' Information Evening: Tuesday 20th April 2017 @ 7.30pm
Commissioning Mass: Saturday, 22 July @ 5.30pm
Reconciliation before First Communion: Saturday 23 September 2017 @ 10.00am
First Communion for After School RE children: Saturday 23 September 2017 @ 5.30pm

The fee to cover all administrative and resource cost is \$150 per sacrament per child. Fees payable on enrolment through the Parish Office. Please see Bernadine who is in charge of accounts. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the website or collected from the Parish Office. All enrolment forms must be completed and submitted by the last date for enrolment.

Foundation Day—Assisi Centre

Come and join the celebration of 25th Anniversary—Sat 18th Mar from 11am—4pm—230 Rosanna Road, Rosanna. Special Guest -Tony Tardio, Italian Mass at 11am. For further information, please ring 9455 1199 or visit www.assisicentre.com.au

Liturgy Roster Sat 5.30pm Sun 9.00am

	Sacristan	Elroy De Witt	Francis & Gloria Ng
11/12 March	COMMENTATOR	John Bruce	Mark Gregor
2 nd Sunday of Lent	Reader	Paul Sammut	Christine Landsberg
	Special Ministers	Rene De La Cruz	Grace Canatelli
		Elroy De Witt	Anne Fusca
		Corinne Goh	Rita Gagliardi
			Fulvia Gerasolimo
			Gabriella Grande
			Eleanora Mascitti
			Sylvia Mascitti

	Sacristan	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
18/19 March	COMMENTATOR	Paul Sammut	Christine Landsberg
3 rd Sunday of Lent	Reader	May Teh	Tim Landsberg
	Special Ministers	Cecilia Lam	David Mitchell
		Reg Lecordier	Pam Mitchell
		Maree Marsi	Gloria Ng
			Maria Papalia
			Elssa Waters
			Chris Zordan
			Trish Atherton

"May our Children Flourish" Keeping our Children Safe

All the documents are now available on the website. Thank you to those who have signed and returned the CHILD SAFETY CODE OF CONDUCT. If you have not done so, please pick up a copy from the foyer and leave your signed copy in the box provided.

'Thank You'

We extend our sincere thanks to Alex Notari for his years of service through preparing the power point presentations and organising the music for our Masses. Alex is moving to a new Parish in Mill Park, where he will continue in different ministries.

Ministry at the Austin and Repat Hospitals

Over the years many volunteers have offered ministry to the Catholic patients at these hospitals. Some volunteers offer to visit the Austin hospital during the week, offering prayer, support and communion to the Catholic patients. Others help once a month patients to attend Mass at the hospital chapel or wheel them to and from the chapel. Please consider offering some time to participate in this ministry. Contact St John's parish office, Heidelberg 9457 1066 for more information.