



# Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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## Second Sunday of Lent - Year C - 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022

This Second Sunday of Lent always includes an account of the Transfiguration. The Transfiguration of Christ was an event that left the apostles deeply moved for its clear revelation of the divinity of Christ as they were being prepared to face the scandal of their Lord being betrayed and undergoing his passion and death.



What is the meaning of this event in the life of Christ and his apostles? First and foremost is the glimpse and assurance the apostles are given that their Master is indeed more than a mere human, in fact he is the Son of God, and therefore the way, the truth and the life for them and all followers of Christ.

Secondly, the Transfiguration carries with it the conviction that Christ will return in glory, just as he promised, with saving power for all who put their trust in him. Thirdly, the Transfiguration is an encouragement that even though the Lord would undergo rejection and death, that is not the end, but the way to resurrection and bestowal of eternal life on the world.

The appearance of Moses and Elijah at the Transfiguration, representing and summing up all of the law and the prophets of the old covenant, are reminders to followers of Christ that the Lord is the fulfillment of all that was taught and prophesied in the past.

“Master, how wonderful it is for us to be here,” was the exclamation of Saint Peter. This is the sentiment of anyone who really meet Christ in their lives. The disciples were so happy and wished they could stay there forever. The history of humankind is the story of the search for meaning and happiness. It is also the story of trial and error, success and failure, sinfulness and repentance and ultimately forgiveness from God.

Christ is our happiness, One, transfigured in splendor on the mountaintop, but also washing the feet of his disciples, eating with the poor and sinners, healing the sick and the broken.

We are heirs of the promise to Abram and we are witnesses to the accounts of the Baptism and the Transfiguration. God promises us that in relationship with Him we also will be transformed. How good it is to stay in the love and presence of God!

*Lord's Blessings, Fr Regi*

### This Week's Readings:

**First Reading: Gen 15:5-12, 17-18** – God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

**Psalm Response:** The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom shall I be afraid, of whom should I be afraid?

**(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken):** The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**Second Reading: Phil 3:17-4:1** – Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

### Gospel Acclamation

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: Luke 9:28-36** – As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

*“Love is a fruit in season at all times, and within reach of every hand.”*

– Mother Teresa



### Next week's Readings

**(Year A Readings) First: Exod 17:3-7**

**Second: Rom 5:1-2, 5-8**

**Gospel: John 4:5-42**

<b>Roster</b>	<b>Readers 6:15pm</b> (1st) Tanina D (2nd) Roisin B (Welcome & POF) Vern D	<b>8:00am</b> (1st) Lorraine K (2nd) Louise W (Welcome & POF) Matthew K	<b>Counting</b> Group 3
<b>19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Communion Ministers 6:15pm</b> Paulina P	<b>8:00am</b> Elaine H	<b>Music 6:15pm</b> Gp 1 <b>8:00am</b> Gp 3 <b>PowerPoint 6:15pm</b> Emma M <b>8:00am</b> Clinton T

**Mass Times:** Saturday 6:15pm & Sunday 8:00am

**Reconciliation:** Thursday 5:30pm

**Parish Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm.

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### A VOCATION VIEW:

After the transfiguration, Peter, John and James wanted to stay up the mountain.

But Jesus said, "Move," with the knowledge that ships are safe in harbours but not meant to stay in harbours  
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**Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them:** Patricia Smith, Lynne Gage, John Jorna, Agatha Ravaneschi, Liana Lo Presti, Andrew Hodgson, Amanda Ward, Ed Moloney, Colleen Van den Bosch, Janice McAnlen, Rebecca Harvey, Clara Elms, Beth Riegler, Henk Hoonhout, Tony Dickinson, Elizabeth Smit, Pat Cochrane, Patricia Briscoe, Paul McKean, Geoffrey Whall, Kevin Harrop, Judy Mullan, Charles Lilley, Ann Brown, Sally Legarda, Gemma Paxman, James Thomas, Cindy Cummins, John Bacon, Jodie Bromiley, Casey Whitby, Trish Swan, Ian Splatt, Steven West, Ava Loda, Joan Thorpe, Patricia Haines, Belinda Wheeler, Cely Salisbury, The Bade Family, Brian Crimmins, Brian Johnston, Lucia Camelli, Hazel Foster, Dan Mullan, Stana Matic, Page Brosnan, Dot Abrahams, Amelia Ramsay, Jeanette Moore, Nola Murphy, Christiana Becker, Pauline McNamee, Pat Crimmins, Gina Mather.

**May God embrace all who have recently died:** Ian MacLellan, Maurie Quantock, Clare Salisbury, Medi Camelli.

**Anniversaries & Remembrances March** Sasha Thomsen, Francis Thomsen, Annie Geale, Bob Paino, Jo Donnellan, Kathleen Howard, Dorothy Copas, Tullio Tonini, John Scholtes, Molly Hudson, Gerard Copas, Angelo Sparti, John Beers, Augustina Seanson, Pacencia Marcelo, Eileen Margaret Gilhooley, Martha & Bill Kluck, Paul Gauci, Jodie-Anne White, Adrian Hadley, Georgina Fleming, Thomas Miles, Reynaldo Cane, Adela McCullagh, Lionel Logan, Emily Eeles, Salvatore (Sam) Greco, Val Hume, Patrick Flynn, Assunta Lippi, Forina Bunin, Maria Bolton, David Cooper, Del Forsyth, Annie Quantock, Laszlo Lengyel, Ambrose Gorogo, Roy Kok, Roslyn Cairns, Ahlia Raferty, Rosa Tucket, John Kelly, Mark Ramage, Cecchin Giovanni, Jack Maclean, Frank Sherry, Daniel Sherry, Johanna Ruygrok, Tom Topatig, Santa Aquili, Doris Watson, Mary Linthwaite, Paul Moloney, John Turner, David Hume, Mervyn Cosgrove, Christine Leane, Malcolm Simpson, Luigi Cal, Martin Salvatierra.

**Please record any further names in the Anniversaries & Remembrance Diary at the Welcome Desk**

**Support Your Parish:** Thank you so much to all the Parishioners who continue to support our Parish financially. Our planned giving bank account details for Electronic Funds Transfer deposits are as follows: **BSB: 064 786 Account No: 1000 17027 Account Name: Birkdale Parish Planned Giving** (this account number is NOT for over the counter deposits at the Bank). Kindly reference your deposit with your surname and your planned giving number/envelope number if you have one.

**Saturday Night Reader Needed.** Please contact the Parish Office if you can help. Training is provided. If you are ready to help out, please visit <http://archbne.org/welcome> and complete the relevant sections. Thank you to all parish volunteers who give of their time so generously.

**Sunday Cuppa volunteers needed.** If you want the monthly (Sunday) "cuppa" to continue, would you be able to assist by either bringing a plate of food OR helping in the kitchen to get the tea & coffee ready. Please contact the Parish office on 3822 2139.

**Wednesday Rosary Group** will be following the REMEMBER Lenten Program for Lent. Meetings are held at the Church each Wednesday at 11:00am. All are welcome to join the group. If you would like any further information, please contact John or Margaret on 3207 3479 or 0432 926 058.

**St MMK Social Golf Club** will play their next game on Sunday **13th March** at Howeston Golf Course. Tee off 10am. Any enquiries, phone Steve on 0417 195 571.

**Position Vacant – Parish Secretary** Applications are open for the above position at the Alexandra Hills Capalaba Parish. The position is a part-time 18 hours a week over 3 days per week (Wed, Thurs & Fri) 8am to 2.30pm. The Parish Secretary will manage the parish administration along with the parish finances. For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

Applications close: 20 March 2022. *The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.*

**Irish St Patrick's Day Mass** The Annual St Patrick's Day Mass, organised by the St Patrick's Day Parade Committee as part of the Brisbane Irish Festival, will be celebrated again this year in the Cathedral of St Stephen, Elizabeth Street at 10.00am on 17 March 2021. Fr Gerard McMorrow will be the celebrant. All are welcome to attend, Irish or not. And, for those who may be unable to do so, the Mass will be live-streamed through the Cathedral website.

#### **Parish Diary:**

##### **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

2:00pm Activities Group

2:00pm Conversation Group

6:00pm 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation – Sacramental Candidates

##### **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

7:00pm SVdP Meeting

7:30pm Baptism Preparation

##### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

7:30am HEARTfit

11:00am Rosary Group with Lenten Programme

##### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

*St Patrick*

10:30am Mass at Regis Grange

5:30pm Reconciliation

##### **6:00pm Mass**

##### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

9:00am Rosary

**9:30am Mass** followed by Stations of the Cross

##### **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

*St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

##### **6:15pm Mass**

##### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

**8:00am Mass**

#### **Second Sunday of Lent – Year C**

##### **First Reading: A reading from the book of Genesis**

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

##### **Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

##### **Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.