



## Second Sunday of Lent

24th / 25th February 2018

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### Mass Times

**SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm**

**SUNDAY: 9.30 am**

### WEEKDAYS MASSES:

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday**

**9.30 am**

**First Tuesday of the month: 11.00 am Mass**

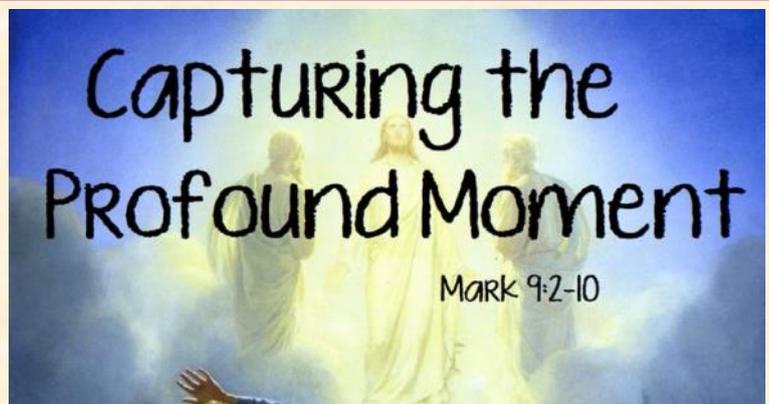
**At Mercy Place**

### RECONCILIATION

**SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM**

**BAPTISMS—By appointment.**

**Preparation Course: 0411 883 661**



St Thomas Aquinas famously said: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.' And yet many Christians do think that our ultimate goal is, by the grace of God, to end up as souls in Heaven.

No, I am a human being, body/soul. If I am to be saved, then this stardust, this fraction of material creation, this earthling, needs to be immersed into Divine energy and light.

The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ, especially as recounted in the other gospels, shows what happens when human nature is in total communion with God. Every molecule of his body was evidently pulsing with Divine energy and light. The amazing truth is that God ardently desires that each one of us should share in the transfigured life of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

For this to occur, we must play our part, accepting that Jesus of Nazareth is indeed the Beloved Son of God, listen to him, and put into practice what we hear.

We could take a moment to pray that after the "repose of the soul" after death, we may participate as bodysouls in the transfigured humanity of the Risen Lord.

(Fr Michael Tate)



# Parish Community



*We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially:*

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Anne Pitcher, Audrey Stenson, Julie Yonson.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Arthur Scott, Robert McIntosh, Adelaide Pite, Bridget King, Agnes Lane, May Jones, Dinny Grentell, Laszio Rheyed, Nancy Flynn, Marilyn Pullen, Noreen Coyle, Hazel Richardson, Alan Boswell, Jessie Klippel, Marie Mulligan, Arnold Russel, Alexander Irvine, Megan O'Donoghue, Savina Patten, Ethel Herberte, Fr Gerry Iverson.

*Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.*

## Prayer for the Sick

*We pray for all those who are sick. May they draw strength and healing from God's presence with them and from our prayers and thoughts for them.*

*May they have peace in their hearts and know they are greatly loved by all.*

*We offer our prayers believing that God's presence and power can do more than we can ever know. Amen*

## ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 24th/ 25th February		
Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Nano Clancy	Colleen Day
<b>Lector 1</b>	Justin Clancy	Bede Hart
<b>Lector 2</b>	Volunteer	Roy Thompson
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Pauline Mulquiney Volunteer	Frank Glennon Robert Brown Carmel Butts
<b>Cantor Musicians</b>	Margie & Ed Brown Judy Foley	Bernadette & Wendy
<b>Counters:</b> Brian & Carmel Butts		<b>Church Cleaning:</b> 7

Sat /Sun: 3rd/4th March		
Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
<b>Commentator</b>	Anthony Foley	Jane Murtagh
<b>Lector 1</b>	Karen Purtle	Terry Hillman
<b>Lector 2</b>	Virginia Mitsch	Ray Murtagh
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Catherine Cutler Jeneice Harding	Pauline Willis, Carey Menz-Dowling Kevin Kennedy
<b>Cantor Musicians</b>	Brian Waters Judy Foley	Catherine Cutler & Judy Lindsay Val Hayes
<b>Counters:</b> Michael Byrnes		<b>Church Cleaning:</b> 1

## Prayer for being Transformed

Lord, You met with Christ on top of a mountain and he was transformed with brightness and descended with renewed strength.

Lord, we want to meet with you and be transformed by you and to bring your transformation to the world around us.

Help us to bring your presence to the lives of those burdened with sickness or pain, and those weighed down with confusion or grief. Bring your healing touch to those lives today, and let us support those we know in need with a constant friendship.

Help us to bring your change to a troubled society, where people are unsure of so much and where change comes so fast. Give us the grace to understand people's problems and anxieties and help us to work together to transform a needy world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## A Thought for the Week ( Pope Francis):

'Listen to Jesus and follow him. That's the message of the Transfiguration.'

# Parish News

Project Compassion boxes/envelopes are available at Church entrances.

Rattanak in Cambodia contracted polio as a child and also became deaf. The Deaf Development Program, supported by Caritas Australia, helped him become a barber and he is now supporting himself, his wife and baby.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help deaf youth in Cambodia to build a just future, and live in communities that uphold everyone's dignity.**

## World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer focuses on one country each year. This year the Christian women of SURINAME have prepared the one hour prayer service for all to share. This service will be held at Holy Spirit Church, Prune St Lavington on Friday 2nd March at 10am. Morning tea provided. All Welcome.

**Vocation of the Business Leader:** In 2011 the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace published a practical guide for business men and women entitled *Vocation of the Business Leader*. A reflection, to help you integrate work with all aspects of your life, and live your faith in and through your work. During Lent 2018 you are invited to join a discussion group to study and reflect on this document led by Anthony Howard at St Patrick's Albury from 7.30 - 9.00pm on Monday Feb 26, March 5, 12,19. To register contact 0414 659 591.

## Australian Catholics

The parish edition of *Australian Catholics* has arrived and is titled 'Prophetic Voices' Planting the seeds of God's Kingdom.

This magazine is free and is available from entrances to the church. Please take a copy.



**This weekend we welcome into the community of the Church through the sacrament of Baptism:**

*Nate Patrick McLaren, son of Dean & Taleena*

## **Project Compassion Prayer 2018**

God of all peoples and nations, you accompany us on our Lenten journey. Through the life and mission of your son, you give us the gift of mercy. May we learn to walk your way of justice and compassion with all your people. In a special way, we keep in mind the children, women and men around the world who are most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. In this Year of Youth, may we support young people as they recognise that through their efforts, their desire to change and their generosity, they too are participating in the building of a better world.

Bless our prayers, our fasting and our Lenten gifts to Project Compassion. Through these actions, may our hearts be open to receive your grace as we work towards a just future for all your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

# Liturgy of the Word

*Second Sunday of Lent—Year B*

*Readings: Gen 22: 1-2, 9-13,15-18; Rom 8: 31-34 ; Mark 9: 2-10*

*Responsorial Psalm:*



***I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.***

## 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!



## Reflection on the Readings

The readings invite us to reflect on the transformative power of seeing more clearly and listening more deeply. The love which unites Jesus and the Father is the same love which embraces us. The readings also point to a call to discernment and a desire to learn about the blessings God showers on us. St Paul asks the powerful question “With God on our side, who can be against us?” When we recognise that God is for us we are transformed.

Rattanak's story featured this week by Caritas Australia's Project Compassion gives us a glimpse into a story of courage and transformation. Rattanak is twenty-nine and a barber in the village of Poh Krom in south-eastern Cambodia. From fever and becoming ill with polio as a child, Rattanak has some difficulty walking and is profoundly deaf.

Emerging from an isolated world at home in his early twenties, he gained skills at the Caritas supported Deaf Development Program. He can now use sign language to communicate and is now running a successful business, supporting himself, his wife and their newborn baby.

The program has been one of transformation for Rattanak. He can now understand and see the world in a whole new way. For Rattanak and other young people in his community, ‘a just future’ started with community. Listening to the scriptures today and to Rattanak's story has the power to transform us. We can be partners in working for a just future for everyone.



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