

Sacred Heart Parish

North Albury



Second Sunday of Lent

11th / 12th March 2017

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAYS: 9.30 am Monday,
Wednesday, Friday (in the church)

First Tuesday of the month: 11.00 am Mass
at Mercy Place.

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 4.45 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661



Just when some of us think Lent is a grim season of self-denial, the Church gives us the story of Jesus' Transfiguration to put our sacrifices in context. The only reason we deny ourselves anything or commit ourselves to actions of service for these 40 days is to grow more deeply in love with the God who loves us into life. Penance is not meant to attack our self-esteem, it's intended to help us sort out what really matters, to cast some light in the darkness of our lives and to focus on the relationship which gives meaning and purpose for this world and the next.

The God of Mount Tabor is not interested in each of us feeling isolated as we fulfil the letter of a legal code. He wants all of us to have hearts that listen to the Gospel of love so that we can gain the power to transform the world through the sacrifices of our daily lives.

On a much gentler scale, Sunday Mass is meant to be a weekly mountaintop experience for us where we hear God call us by name and confess his love for us; where we feel re-energised for the commission we have to bear his light to the world. In this context anything we can do this Lent that helps remove the blocks in our full response to his love, must be worth effort. (Fr Richard Leonard SJ)



Transfiguration of our Lord

Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Billy Clarke, June Buckhorn, Eileen James, Alice Frauenfelder, Paul l'Anson.

ANNIVERSARIES: Pauline Harper, Bob Trebley, Walter Kirley, Nora Davern, Joseph Amalfi, Irene Hunt, Ida Murray, John King, William Hayes, Carl Vonthien, Basil Harrington, Patrick Mullavey, Sylvester Graeber, Stella Sisley, Betty Lindner, Roy Hummerston, Neville Bennett, Adrian Shattock, Roy Toon, Joyce Corrigan, Dario Zanardo, Keith Appleton, Assunta Ravenna, Robin Drewe, Ivan Kruze, John Kane.

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: 11th / 12th March

| Ministry | Vigil | 9.30am |
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| Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2 | Kellie Gordes Anthony Foley Pat Hickman | Gavin Dykes Kathy Nyhan Sr Carina Morton |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Judy Lindsay Pat Hopkins | Trish Parkinson Kansas Michael Dianne & Peter Treacy |
| Cantor Musicians | Margie & Ed Brown Judy Foley | Bernadette & Wendy |
| Counters: Brian & Carmel Butts | | Cleaning Group: Group 6 |

Sat /Sun: 18th / 19th March

| Ministry | Vigil | 9.30am |
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| Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2 | Brian Waters Michael Byrnes Paula Waters | Richard Parkinson Volunteer Michael Stephenson |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Jim & Kaye Deanshaw | Gemma Whitehead Pamela McIntosh Mary Lefevre Kevin Kennedy |
| Cantor Musicians | John Van Lint Catherine Cutler | Anne McIntyre Val Hayes |
| Counters: Michael Byrnes | | Cleaning Group: Group 7 |

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

WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER

It's not too late to say 'yes' to this special 'Lenten Renewal Experience' which has been an initiative of our Sacred Heart Parish Council. It only requires half an hour of your time with your prayer companion and half an hour daily prayer at home. Between Sunday 19 to Friday 24 March and you can choose your time. Phone Sr Margaret Walsh on 02 6971 7140 or email: mmwalsh@wagga.net.au to register.

LENTEN PROGRAM

Our Lenten Program continues this Tuesday evening at 7.30 pm in the church. Our guest speaker this week is Dr Terry Hillman, Adjunct Professor at Latrobe University.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Humanitarian Services - Refugee Settlement Program

Can you spare 1-2 hours per week for 6 months? We need volunteers to provide friendship and support to newly arriving refugee families. These are people who have been displaced from their homes, forced to flee, witnessed terrible atrocities and gone on to live in camps in very poor conditions with next to no services. The role of the volunteer is to welcome the family at the airport, assist setting up the home, demonstrate how to use a washing machine, empty a vacuum, discuss home security, take shopping or just sit and enjoy a cuppa. It is really one of friendship and support!! Some of our volunteers establish lifetime friendships. For more info email: alburyhss@vinnies.org.au or phone 02 6048 9523.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for parishioners to give a lady a lift to church for the 9.30am Mass on Sundays. She does have a walker. If we can get 3 or 4 people to volunteer it would mean only every 3 to 4 weeks. Please contact Kevin on 0403 454 987 if you can help.

Feast Days during the Week

Friday 17th March—St Patrick

Saturday 18th March—St Cyril of Jerusalem



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Working Bee We will be holding a working bee Saturday 25 March 8.30 - 10.30am. If you can spare any time please come and help tidy up around the Church and Presbytery grounds in time for Easter. If you can't make this day feel free to weed the gardens anytime that suits you
Hearing Loop Signs have been placed on the pews at the front of the Church where there is a hearing loop for those with hearing aides.

PLEASE NOTE

Masses this Wednesday & Friday in the Church at 9.30am

Prayer for Our Sacred Heart Parish

*God of Love,
Source of all hope and good things;
You call us in love, to share in the work
and ongoing life of our Sacred Heart
Parish.*

*Bless this parish of ours and lead us to
be confident and joyful in serving those
around us, so that through us, the
world may catch a glimpse of the love
you have for each one of us.*

*Make us instruments of your love to
everyone that we encounter in our
parish community, at home, at work
and in our neighbourhood.*

*Help us to grow in gratitude so that we
can recognise and thank you for all the
good things you have given us.*

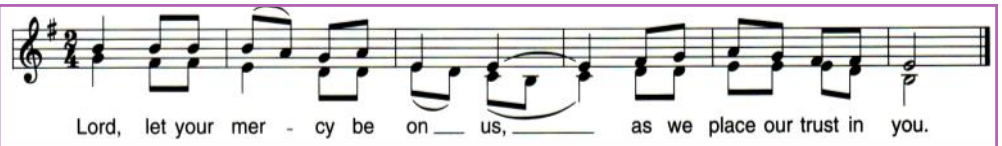
*Each day may we come to know you
more clearly, love you more dearly and
follow you more nearly.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Liturgy of the Word

Second Sunday of Lent—Year A

Readings: Gen 12: 1-4; 2 Tim 1: 8-10; Matthew 17: 1-9

Responsorial Psalm:



Lord let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

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!

Project Compassion Stories for Lent—Martina—Timor-Leste

For Martina, an East Timorese mother of eight, escaping domestic violence was the first step in her journey to a new life. But at first, her future seemed very uncertain. Timor-Leste is one of the least developed countries in the world, with extremely low levels of basic health, literacy and income. Most East Timorese live in rural areas, with very limited access to basic services or livelihood training, and many households don't have enough food year round. The shelter where Martina sought refuge, Uma PAS, offered her many ways to transcend these challenges. Uma PAS is a partner in Caritas Australia's Protection Program, a holistic community-wide program in Timor-Leste that offers women like Martina economic empowerment and a life of safety in a supportive community.



Through the program, she was linked with a network of support services, and this enabled her to undertake livelihood training and start a small business to support her children. The program also linked her with a supportive community.

"Martina is a person who did not want to give up, but wanted to be able to support her family," her counsellor at the shelter says. Through the Protection Program, Martina says, "I have learnt how to change my life to support myself, and my children."

Education is the most important thing to change my children's lives - Martina



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