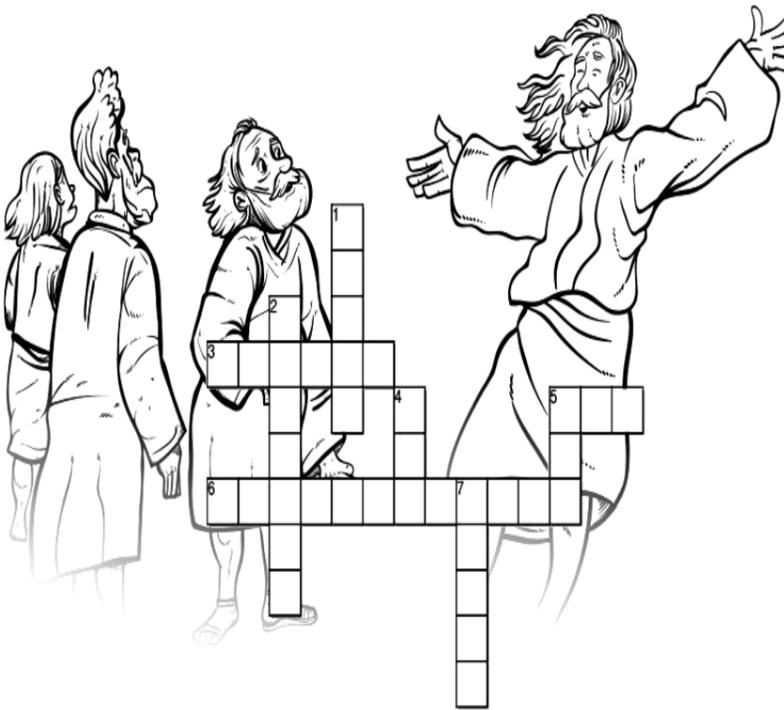


**Second Sunday of Lent**

"The Transfiguration of Our Lord"

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."  
Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

Mark 9:2-10



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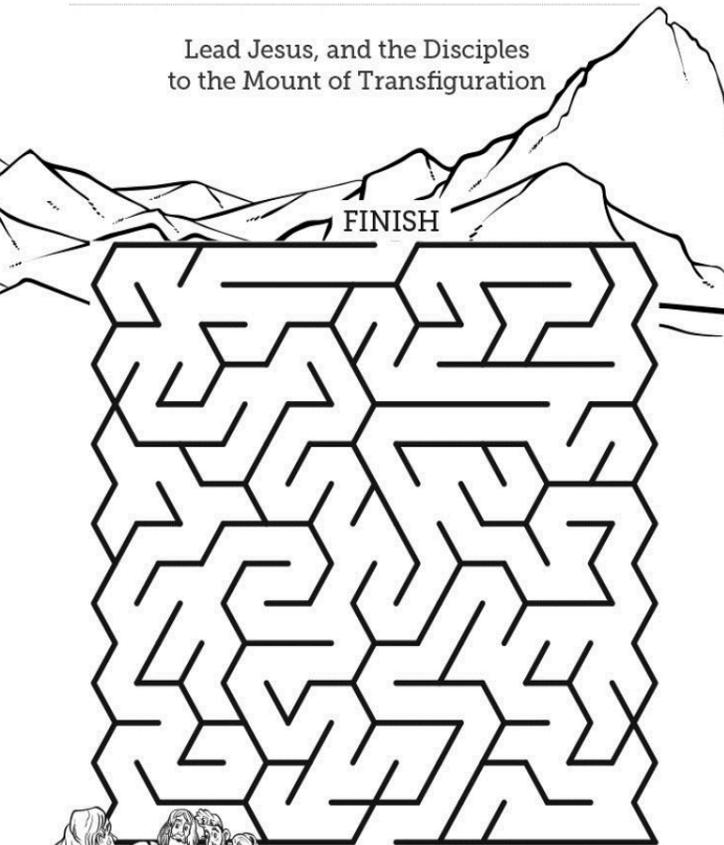
- 3. When prayer was needed the most, the disciples fell \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5. In the transfiguration of Jesus, He appeared before the three disciples as bright as the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6. After the transfiguration, Jesus warned the disciples to not tell anyone about the event until after His \_\_\_\_\_.

**Down**

- 1. "The law was given by \_\_\_\_\_; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." (John 1:17).
- 2. God interrupted Peter with the words, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well \_\_\_\_\_. Hear Him!"
- 4. Jesus began to explain the plan of salvation to his disciples, that He must first suffer and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5. Without the shedding of Christ's blood, there would be no forgiveness of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7. Peter suggested to Jesus that he and the other disciples build \_\_\_\_\_ tents.

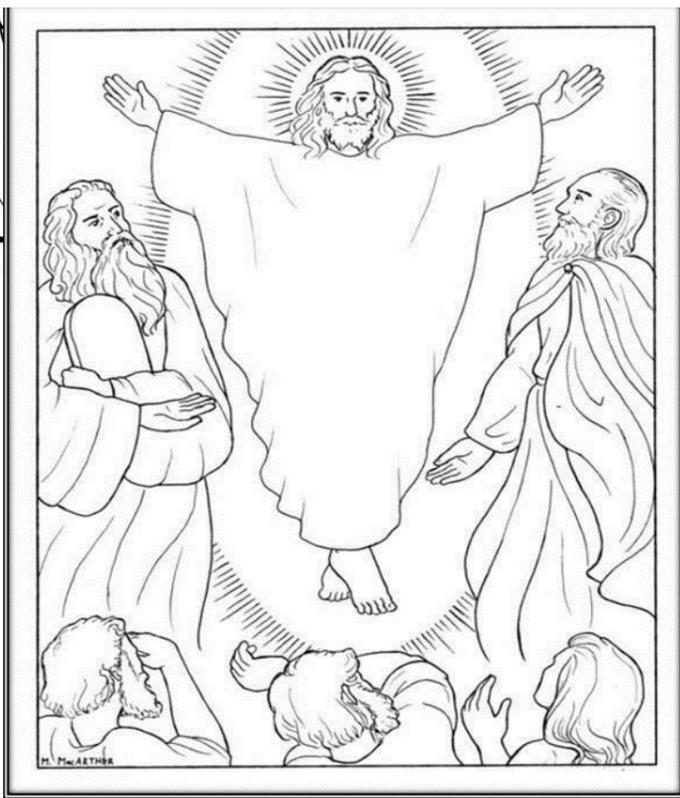
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cloud	Peter	changed	voice	Jesus
James	pray	chosen	clothes	Elijah
talking	face	bright	appeared	disciples

Lead Jesus, and the Disciples to the Mount of Transfiguration



FINISH

START



"Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."  
Mark 9:2-10



**OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

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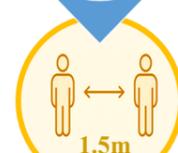
**MASKS**

Masks are strongly advised, but optional



**SANITISE**

Use hand sanitizer upon entry and exit.



**DISTANCE**

Please maintain social distancing at all times. Including when lining up for Holy Communion.



**SIGN IN**

By Law, EVERYONE must SIGN IN. If the church has reached the MAX. capacity of 120 people, please proceed to Hall.



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Please sit behind the WHITE TAPE or in family designated areas.



**Let us Pray for the Sick**

Chula Abey, Leonila Ahillon, George Alagiah, David Barrow, David Benjamin, John Bourke, Lina Cabaero, Fr. Mick Callaghan, Barrie Chamberlain, Gabriel Chung, Louisa Corera, Myrna G Cruz, Paul Daniel, Ronald Gomez, Milroy Gunewardena, Anthony Janicska, Wendy & Klaus, Anslan Lawrence, Angelina Lee, Spencer Leon, Mary Levitt, Carmenu M, Fr. Kevin Manning, Gerard Marcello, Maria V, Mark McGilligan, Mary Mifsud, Blago & Dragica Milicevic, Laurel Morris, Anna Mun, Ananda Nayana, Patricia Oreo, Lekisha Ratnam, Susantha Seranayake, Bernie Sivapatham, Rose Stambouliah, Pummalin Sumcad, Denis Symon, Lourdes Tibig, Sue Tipaldo, Natalie Woodward.

If you would like to add to our Sick List or know of any Parishioner that is unwell please contact Father Henry or the Parish Office on 9622 2920. We can also arrange for Holy Communion or a visit if required.

**Let us Pray for the Deceased**

**Recently Deceased:** Bishop Bede Heather, Ralph Blackford, Lola Doyle, Mala Fernando, Olga Hendry, Michelle Mackin, Gemma Panique, Puripa Rualles

**Anniversaries:** Charlie Borg, Cecilia Ceccatina, John Cini, E & Shelia Franklin, Joe Gatt, Charlie Gravina, Harold LaFleur, Apolinarion & Felina Maglaya, Rodelio Mangahas, Pauline Meilak, Sem M Sema, Paul Mula, Nina & Vincenzo Paolini, Mile Perak, Flora Sadad, Len Spillane, Helen Tanti.

**Remembrance:** France Angseesing, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Romeo Cabatu, Attilio Cavallaro, Anna Cioccio, Barbara Dodd, Conception, Dominic & Monica D'Souza, Georgina Falzon, Rose Fernandes, R Jesuthasan, Sharon & John Lawrence, William & Emilia Mifsud, Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Mary and Muscat family, Guistino Paludi, Roseline Ratnam, Pauline, Bernard & Oliver Soares, Jim & Alison Vella, Paul & Maryanne Vella.

**Planned Giving Program**

On behalf of the Parish Community, I would like to thank you so much for your ongoing support, which has been very vital to keep our Parish going strong. Current projects being including the Hall Kitchen renovation, Parish Meeting Room painting, Parish Office and Meeting Room Roof painted, Church roof cleaned and ceiling repaired and painted.

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*PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS TO THE CHURCH SAFE.*

## FIRST READING

*A reading from the book of Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18*

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said:  
'I am sorely afflicted.'  
O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful. (R.)

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds.  
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem. (R.)

## SECOND READING

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:31-34*

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

## 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

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 9:2-10*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said '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 to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the  
Most Blessed Sacrament of the altar.**

**I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least into  
my heart.**

**I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.**



## TWENTY YEARS AGO: JORGE MARIO BERGOGLIO IS CREATED CARDINAL

### A Church that opens its doors

Twenty years ago is a distant but still relevant date. Referring once more to *Gaudium et spes*, Pope John Paul in his Consistorial address said, "The world is becoming ever more complex and changeable, and the acute awareness of the existing discrepancies creates or increases contradictions and imbalances." That world, like today's world shaken by the pandemic and a rampant culture of waste often denounced by Pope Francis, is in need of love. "It thirsts for a heart that welcomes, that opens doors," for a "healing of the human person through hospitable love," the Archbishop of Buenos Aires wrote on 28 March 2001, in a message addressed educational communities. His heart beat for wounded and discarded humanity, for a humanity that can be welcomed by a Church that would be "a field hospital," but also by a "poor Church for the poor." When Jorge Mario Bergoglio - born on 17 December 1936 in Buenos Aires into a family of Piedmontese emigrants - was appointed archbishop of the Argentine capital on 28 February 1998, he chose to live in a flat and to prepare his own meals. "My people are poor," he once said, explaining his decision, "and I am one of them."

### A heart that welcomes

As Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Jorge Mario Bergoglio envisaged a missionary programme centred on communion and evangelisation. The programme had four main objectives: open and fraternal communities; the leading role of a conscientious laity; evangelisation aimed at every inhabitant of the city; and assistance to the poor and the sick.

Ordained a priest on 13 December 1969, four days before his 33rd birthday, Cardinal Bergoglio always indicated to his priests the path of mercy, open doors, and compassion. When he ascended the throne of Peter, kept the motto of the coat of arms had chosen for his episcopal consecration: "*miserando atque eligendo*" ["by having mercy and by choosing," from a homily by St Bede]. Mercy has a special significance in his spiritual journey. On the feast of St Matthew in 1953, the young Jorge Bergoglio experienced, at the age of 17, in a very special way, the loving presence of God in his life. On that day, he felt his heart touched. He felt the descent of God's mercy calling him to religious life following the example of St Ignatius of Loyola; and on 11 March 1958, he entered the Society of Jesus as a novice.

During his years as Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Jorge Mario Bergoglio was a leading figure in Latin America. A much-loved pastor in his own diocese, he travelled far and wide, even by metro and bus. Before leaving for Rome for the Consistory of 21 February 2001, he did not buy a new robes but had those of his predecessor, Antonio Quarracino — who had died in 1998 — altered. Pope John Paul II assigned him the "title" of Cardinal-priest of the Roman Church of San Roberto Bellarmino, dedicated to the Jesuit saint and Doctor of the Church.

### From Buenos Aires to Rome...

Perusing the homilies and speeches delivered by Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, we come across themes and reflections that are also central to his pontificate. At the Easter Vigil of 15 April 2001, the Archbishop of Buenos Aires stressed that "we live in a situation in which we need a lot of memory." One must therefore "remember, carry in one's heart the great spiritual reserve of our people." These words are linked to the invitation, expressed several times during his pontificate, to reinforce the sense of "belonging to the people," to "be mindful of the people of God." In a letter addressed to catechists, published in August 2002, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio quotes the Saint who would be a source of inspiration for his Pontificate. "To adore," he writes in the letter, "is to approach unity, it is to discover that we are children of the same Father, members of the same family... It is as St Francis discovered: singing praises united to all creation and to all men."

### Inclusion or exclusion?

In 2003, during the celebration of the *Te Deum*, the Primate of Argentina stressed that we are called to reject what he, as Pontiff, would define on several occasions as a "culture of waste." The inclusion or exclusion of the most fragile, he said on 25 May of that year, "defines all economic, political, social and religious projects. Every day we all face the choice of being good Samaritans or indifferent travellers who pass by."

"To protect" is one of the words that can help interpret the Pontificate of Pope Francis. On 25 March 2004, the day of the Day of the Unborn Child, the Archbishop of Buenos Aires expressed the hope that the Virgin Mary "might make attitudes of tenderness, hope and patience grow in our hearts to protect every human life, especially the most fragile, the most marginalised, the least able to defend itself."

### Beyond inequalities for an authentic fraternity

Among the afflictions Jorge Bergoglio denounced repeatedly as cardinal, and later as Pope, are those of poverty and injustice. In 2007, speaking at the Aparecida Conference, he denounced ever more severe inequality: "This globalisation as an economic and social ideology," he said, "has negatively affected our poorest sectors. The injustices and inequalities are ever greater and deeper . . . The powerful eat the weakest. As a consequence of this situation, large masses of the population are excluded and marginalised".

In 2008, reflecting on the theme "Culture and popular religiosity," the Archbishop of Buenos Aires stressed that "a culture of death" is advancing. Among the most obvious signs of this culture are the increase in poverty and the concentration of wealth in the hands of the few; but also environmental pollution, as the encyclical *ias* Pontiff.

## POPE FRANCIS: WITH FAITH, PRAYER AND PENANCE WE OVERCOME EVIL

By Vatican News staff writer

The account in Mark's Gospel (Mk 1:12-15) on this first Sunday of Lent emphasizes that the "Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert". There, the Pope noted, Jesus remained forty days and was tempted by Satan. The natural and symbolic reality of the desert is the place "where God speaks to the human heart and prayer is a response", he observed, but it is also the place of "trial and temptation" and the "duel" between Jesus and the devil begins, which will end with the Passion and the Cross." At the same time, Jesus' entire existence is placed under the sign of the Spirit of God, who animates, inspires and guides him. The Pope continued that the entire ministry of Christ marks a struggle against the Evil One - whether healing from illness, liberating the possessed, and forgiving sins. While it may appear that the devil has the upper hand when the Son of God is rejected, captured and condemned to death, in reality, the Pope remarked, "death was the last 'desert' to cross" to finally defeat Satan and free us all from his power.

The Pope said when we read about the desert and temptations, Christians are reminded that by following in the Lord's footsteps, our lives also are a struggle against the spirit of evil, where the devil can tempt us. He said we must be fully aware of the presence of this astute enemy "who seeks our eternal condemnation, our failure, and prepare to defend ourselves against him and to combat him." He added that Jesus never dialogued with the devil. Rather, Jesus always sent him away or responded with the Word of God. We also, the Pope said, should never enter into dialogue with the devil and his temptations. At the same time, the grace of God assures us, that with faith, prayer and penance, we can defeat the enemy.

In conclusion, the Pope said "We are called to walk in God's footsteps, renewing our Baptismal promises: renouncing Satan, and all his works and all his empty promises." He then encouraged us to call on the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary. After leading the recitation of the Angelus, the Pope greeted Polish pilgrims in St. Peter's Square and recalled the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Plock, Poland, where 90 years ago the Lord appeared to Sister Faustina Kowalska and entrusted her with a special message of Divine Mercy that Saint John Paul II helped bring to the world's knowledge and appreciation. Pope Francis encouraged us to open our hearts with faith, and that we put our trust in Jesus.

The Pope also greeted pilgrims from the Talità Kum group of the San Giovanni dei Fiorentini parish of Rome, encouraging them to continue their charitable work with joy.

## POPE FRANCIS: 'PASS ON THE FIRE OF JESUS' MERCIFUL LOVE'

By Christopher Wells

Pope Francis has written a letter to the Bishop and Church of Plock, Poland, on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of the first apparition of the Merciful Jesus to St Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun. The apparitions to St Faustina formed the basis of the Divine Mercy devotion.

In his letter, Pope Francis recalls the words heard by St Faustina on 22 February 1931: "Paint a picture according to the pattern you see, with the caption: Jesus, I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated first in your chapel and then throughout the world." The image of the Divine Mercy has subsequently spread around the globe.

"I share the joy of the Church of Plock that this special event is already known throughout the world and remains alive in the hearts of the faithful," Pope Francis writes.

### "Ask Jesus for the gift of mercy"

The Holy Father encourages the faithful to "ask Christ for the gift of mercy," to allow Christ's mercy "to embrace us and penetrate us," to have "the courage to return to Jesus, to encounter His love and mercy in the Sacraments," and to "feel His closeness and tenderness," so that we "might be more capable of mercy, patience, forgiveness, and love."

He notes that his predecessor, St John Paul II, whom he calls "the Apostle of Mercy," "wanted the message of God's merciful love to reach everyone in the world."

In 2002, during a visit to the Divine Mercy Shrine in Krakow, the Polish Pope said, "This fire of mercy needs to be passed on to the world. In the mercy of God the world will find peace and mankind will find happiness!"

Pope Francis in his turn insists, "This is a special challenge for the Church of Plock, marked by this revelation"; for Sister Faustina's community, the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy; for the city of Plock, "and for each one of you."

"Pass on the fire of Jesus' merciful love," Pope Francis writes in conclusion. "Be for everyone a sign of His presence among you."

## TWENTY YEARS AGO: JORGE MARIO BERGOGLIO IS CREATED CARDINAL

By Amedeo Lomonaco

It is 21 February 2001. Pope John Paul II, in his homily on the occasion of the ordinary public Consistory, stressed that it was a special day: "Today is a great celebration for the universal Church, which is enriched by 44 new Cardinals." Among the new cardinals was the then-Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Jorge Mario Bergoglio, who would be elected Supreme Pontiff on 13 March 2013. Pronouncing words that already looked to the future, Pope John Paul said, "This morning 'Catholic' Rome warmly embraces the new Cardinals with the same enthusiasm, knowing that another important page of her 2,000-year history is being written." "The mystical barque of the Church," he added, "is preparing anew 'to put out into the deep', to bring the message of salvation to the world. Together let us unfurl her sails to the wind of the Spirit, examining the signs of the times and interpreting them in the light of the Gospel, to answer 'the ever recurring questions which men ask about the meaning of this present life and of the life to come' (*Gaudium et spes*, n. 4)."



## FROM FR. HENRY DUC

At home or at work there are times we would take a break from ordinary daily routines and go away as a group of family members or colleagues, for a bonding time, meant to help us get to know each other better and also to build up the team spirit, and the Gospel this Second Sunday of Lent seems to highlight such a moment in Jesus' team.

The disciples including Peter, James and John appeared to have a beatific vision upon encountering into a different world on top of the mountain, where Jesus was transfigured, his clothes became shinningly white, both Elijah and Moses appeared for a chat with him, and on top of that was the voice of God from above to re-affirm Jesus' divine Sonship and exhort the world to heed what His Son had to say. It is no wonder why Peter became so thrilled by such a privilege, and that's why he had to ecstatically cry out, 'it is wonderful for us to be here.'

With biblical scholars, this story is more than just about Jesus' transfiguration, it is a goldmine of symbolisms to be discovered for readers.

For instances, Moses and Elijah represent the Jewish Laws and the prophets, which, in turn, represent the Jewish Scriptures. According to Jewish people, the purpose of the Scriptures was to prepare for the messiah, through whom God will rule the world, free of suffering and death.

The cloud brought people back to the time of the Exodus when God used to lead the Israelites out of their slavery in Egypt, consequently the cloud had become to them as the symbol of God's presence with His people.

The tents Peter referred to in the story enjoyed a connection with the Exodus experience, since the image of the tents reminds Jewish people of the time their ancestors had to live in tents for forty years before entering the Promised Land. It is the symbol of God's saving power, if you like to call.

Even Jesus' clothes were highly symbolic, too, for Jewish people believed that the saints will wear bright white clothing in the Kingdom of God. Jesus' clothes turned dazzlingly white at his transfiguration, and later on, the writer of the book of the Revelation also described the Lamb, symbol of the Risen Christ, his people both clothed in white (cf. Rev 7.9,14).

Despite the privilege to witness something out of this ordinary world, Peter, James and John failed to stick with Jesus through his toughest times. Peter infamously denied him three times, James was nowhere to see after the Last Supper, and John just managed to come close to the foot of his cross at the very end. Here this Gospel account seems to challenge us to ask ourselves the question about how close and how faithful we, his disciples today are to Jesus, compared with Peter, James and John of old, given countless of blessings and privileges God has offered us.

Let us give praise and thanks to Jesus for the gift of our faith in Him and in the world to come, the one he has promised us, and pray for the grace to keep us always close and faithful to the Lord.

Have a faith-filled week,

## PARISH NEWS...



Bishop Bede Heather, Bishop Emeritus of Parramatta has died this week, Thursday 25 February 2021, aged 92, at St Ezekiel Moreno Nursing Home, Croydon.

Bishop Bede was also the first Bishop of Parramatta. In your charity, please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Bishop Bede and remember his family in your prayers. <https://catholicoutlook.org/vale-bishop-bede-heather/>



### Project Compassion Boxes

For all our on-line community, if you would like to receive a Project Compassion box, please contact the office 96222920 and we will get one out to you.

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**BE MORE**

**Lourdes Over 50's:** for those booked on the Guardian Courtesy bus on next Monday 1st March to Wollongong the bus leaves at 9.00 am. Please be outside the Parish Hall by 8.45 am.



### PRAYER GROUP THURSDAY 7.30pm

Jesus invites us to learn to pray during this Lent with six weekly sessions either face-to-face or via Zoom at home. Under the gentle guidance of Trappist monk, Fr Thomas Keating, we learn to recognize our True Self, our union with each other and the presence of God in our hearts and in our world.

We meet on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room or on Zoom. We will have a DVD talk by Fr Keating, a short discussion and a time of guided centring prayer. *Please join us.*

To **RSVP** and to get the ZOOM id code, email the office. Enquiries, please call Adrian – 0408 649 327.

**Lord, teach us to pray** - "But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen." (Mt 6:6)



**Stations of the Cross** every Friday during LENT. 7.30pm from next Friday 19th February <https://www.facebook.com/LOL7Hills/videos/331087341636791>



**Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group** would like to invite you to spend some time with Jesus, we focus on the Sunday readings and say the rosary! It's a peaceful place to be, I hope you can come. Every Thursday at 9.00am in the Parish meeting Room Contact Olivia for any questions on 0423890978.



## FROM POPE FRANCIS

### CHAPTER FOUR: AN ECCLESIAL DREAM— *continued*

67. **Saint John Paul II** taught that in proposing the Gospel message, “the Church does not intend to deny the autonomy of culture. On the contrary, she has the greatest respect for it”, since culture “is not only an object of redemption and elevation but can also play a role of mediation and cooperation”. Addressing indigenous peoples of America, he reminded them that “a faith that does not become culture is a faith not fully accepted, not fully reflected upon, not faithfully lived”. Cultural challenges invite the Church to maintain “a watchful and critical attitude”, while at the same time showing “confident attention”.

68. Here I would reiterate what I stated about inculturation in the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, based on the conviction that “grace supposes culture, and God’s gift becomes flesh in the culture of those who receive it”. We can see that it involves a double movement. On the one hand, a fruitful process takes place when the Gospel takes root in a given place, for “whenever a community receives the message of salvation, the Holy Spirit enriches its culture with the transforming power of the Gospel”. On the other hand, the Church herself undergoes a process of reception that enriches her with the fruits of what the Spirit has already mysteriously sown in that culture. In this way, “the Holy Spirit adorns the Church, showing her new aspects of revelation and giving her a new face”. In the end, this means allowing and encouraging the inexhaustible riches of the Gospel to be preached “in categories proper to each culture, creating a new synthesis with that particular culture”.

69. “The history of the Church shows that Christianity does not have simply one cultural expression”, and “we would not do justice to the logic of the incarnation if we thought of Christianity as monocultural and monotonous”. There is a risk that evangelizers who come to a particular area may think that they must not only communicate the Gospel but also the culture in which they grew up, failing to realize that it is not essential “to impose a specific cultural form, no matter how beautiful or ancient it may be”. What is needed is courageous openness to the novelty of the Spirit, who is always able to create something new with the inexhaustible riches of Jesus Christ. Indeed, “inculturation commits the Church to a difficult but necessary journey”. True, “this is always a slow process and that we can be overly fearful”, ending up as “mere onlookers as the Church gradually stagnates”. But let us be fearless; let us not clip the wings of the Holy Spirit.

[Pope Francis, *Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation QUERIDA AMAZONIA—to the people of God and to all persons of good will.*]



## DIOCESAN NEWS

### Jesus Light of the World Communities Healing Retreat: 13 March

The Jesus Light of the World Communities in Rockdale are hosting a healing retreat with Fr Matheus Wuwu MGL on Saturday 13 March from 9am to 4.30pm at St Joseph’s Parish Hall, Rockdale. To book, visit <https://www.trybooking.com/BOMRZ>. For enquiries, please contact Ida on 0424 267 500, Helen on 0488 037 631, email [jlowcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:jlowcommunity@gmail.com) or visit [www.jlowcom.org](http://www.jlowcom.org).

### Marist Online Symposium 2021: 2 March

The Marist Association is inviting you to participate in the national Marist Online Symposium “Alive in God” with Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP on Tuesday March 2 from 5pm to 6.30pm AEDT. Drawing on his 50 years of ministry, Fr Timothy will explore and unpack the 2021 Marist Association theme “Breathe: the Spirit of Life.” Registrations are required via [www.maristassociation.org.au](http://www.maristassociation.org.au). For more information, please contact [mark.ofarrell@marists.org.au](mailto:mark.ofarrell@marists.org.au)

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### 6 WEEKS OF LENT GIVE 6 THINGS

This Lent, please donate 1 item each week to give to refugees living in this community.

WEEK 1: Basmati Rice	WEEK 2: Tuna in Oil	WEEK 3: Cooking Oil
WEEK 4: Tinned Tomatoes	WEEK 5: Lentils/Chickpeas/ Red Kidney Beans	WEEK 6: Pasta or Spaghetti

**Social Justice COVID-19 Food and Toiletries Drive** Jesuit Refugee Service and House of Welcome are dealing with a 400% increase in emergency assistance calls and are needing to feed over 1,000 people facing destitution each week. You can help by donating yourself. For more information, contact Patrice Moriarty 0409 399 505 or, House of Welcome



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Margret, 39, is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands. She was born deaf, so she knows the challenges it poses to education and employment. The school faced water shortages that often left staff and students without safe water for drinking, cooking, washing and growing vegetables. Then Tropical Cyclone Harold damaged the school and its vegetable garden as the threat of COVID-19 loomed. With Caritas Australia’s support, the school installed water tanks, provided cyclone-proof building materials, and helped to implement COVID-19 prevention measures. Margret’s school now has enough water for its students and the capacity to cater for more, and is now planning to boost food security through increased agricultural production.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



### Pope Francis’ Prayer to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus’ pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of all People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. *Amen.*

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God.

Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



### Our Lady of Lourdes

Ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comfort of the afflicted, you know my needs, my troubles, my sufferings; cast on me a look of pity. By appearing in the grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, from which you dispense your favours, and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and physical. I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain most loving mother, my requests, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. *Amen.*

FEBRUARY 2021		
27	3rd Reconciliation Meeting (repeat)	4.30pm
MARCH 2021		
1	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	7.00pm
3	4th Reconciliation Meeting	6.30pm
4	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
4	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
4	Lent Prayer Group	7.30pm
5	Stations of the Cross	7.30pm
6	4th Reconciliation Meeting (repeat)	4.30pm

27/28 February 2021		
Acolytes	Vigil: John Jordan 8am: Ernie Gartner 9.30am Eugene Miu	
Ministers	Vigil: Anna Bellissimo, Crystal Menezes 8am: Volunteer, Michael Mifsud 9.30am: Noel Emmanuel, Paul Gow	
Readers	Vigil: Stefanie Menezes, Alison Punch 8am: Erika Hien, Kathy Walker 9.30am: Mercy Aquino, Adrian Walker	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Alexa Bagatella, Lucas Laus, Jayden Rambukwella 8am: Diana Park, Philip Park, Sean Park 9.30am Rachel Lobo, Ethan Nash, Jayda-Leigh Neish	
Flowers	Annette & Mary B	
Church cleaning	3 Mar	Carole Brooks, Lourdes Spiteri, Suzi Nemorin
Welcomers	Vigil: Mary Bonnici, Ram Ugre 8am: Rita Paolini, Volunteer 9.30am: Kathy Chamberlain, Volunteer	

6/7 March 2021		
Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am Kilifi Huihui	
Ministers	Vigil: Crystal Menezes, Stefanie Menezes 8am: Fennie Balatbat, Michael Mifsud 9.30am: Anna Bellissimo, Sarah Lenthall	
Readers	Vigil: Benno Motha, Noreen Rosario 8am: Pepito Ferriols, Maricel Santos 9.30am: Laura Bellissimo, Kamela Huihui	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Caron Cyril, VOLUNTEER, Dominic Sant 8am: Thomas Osbourne, Zachary Osbourne, Lewis Savic 9.30am Daniel Tenn, Florencia Wanandy, Gabrielle Wanandy	
Flowers	Fenty, Gaby & Flo	
Church cleaning	11 Mar	Cathy Hutchings, Melvyn Fernandes, Annette Peatman, Sandy Manamperi
Welcomers	Vigil: Annette Peatmen, Ram Ugre 8am: Suzy Nemorin, Rita Paolini 9.30am: Maria Michael, Volunteer	