

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.
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GOSPEL

Lk 9:28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

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.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / C

13 MARCH 2022

OUR TRUE GOAL

As Abraham travels towards the land of promise he seeks a sign from the Lord. While he was told that his descendants will number as the stars, he and Sarah are childless and, not unreasonably, they look for assurance that God's promises will be fulfilled. In the awe-inspiring events that follow, he is encouraged to continue the journey as God confirms the promises already made by means of a covenant.

When Jesus journeys towards his own death the disciples stand in similar need of assurance and revelation. On entering the cloud they, like Abraham before them, are filled with terror. It is in this moment of uncertainty and confusion that they hear the Lord's voice calling them to see Jesus as God's chosen one and to listen to his message. Jesus' death is not the end of his journey and mission, rather, it is to be understood as the means by which he makes his saving exodus to the Father.

Located on one of the great trade routes, Philippi was a city of great strategic importance in the Roman Empire. Large numbers of veteran soldiers were settled there in order to secure it for Rome. The word that Paul uses for homeland/commonwealth is precisely the word used to describe such a colony of relocated veterans. In the midst of the changes, uncertainties, and journeys of life, Paul reminds his converts of a power greater than Rome – the power of Jesus to transform us and subdue all of creation. It is in Jesus that we find our true home and goal.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

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 Chaldaeans 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.'

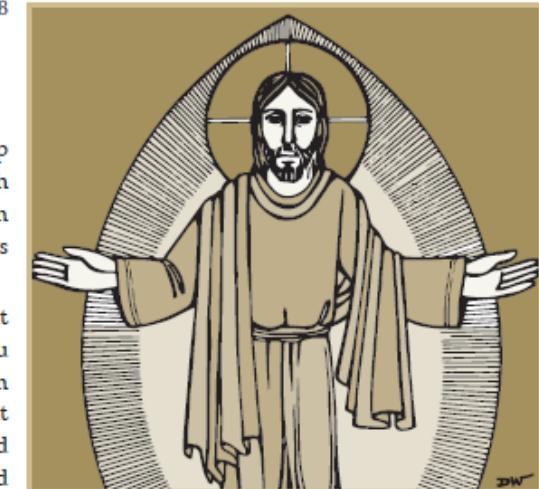
■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14. R. v. 1

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; / whom shall I fear? / The Lord is the stronghold of my life; / before whom shall I shrink? R.
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; / have mercy and answer. / Of you my heart has spoken: / 'Seek his face.' R.



3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; / hide not your face. / Dismiss not your servant in anger; / you have been my help. R.

4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness / in the land of the living. / Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. / Hope in the Lord! R.

SECOND READING

Phil 3:20-4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

Longer form, Phil 3:17-4:1.

13 Mar 2022
Lent 2 Yr C

WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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WEEKEND MASSES **Sat:** 5.30pm **Sun:** 9am and 5.30pm

CONFESIONS

Sat: 4.30-5.15pm

*Or by appointment

WEEKDAY MASSES **Mon:** No Mass **Tues:** No Mass

Wed: 12 noon **Thur:** 11.30 St Patrick (this week only)

Fri: 9am **Sat:** 9am St Joseph

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Of you my heart has spoken, Seek His face.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; Hide not your face from me.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased, listen to Him.

May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

Recently Deceased: Terry Burke, Maria Mood, Shirley Hobbs, Irene Stanmore, Peter Buckley.

Anniversaries: Stephanie Cayley (nee Gowing 4/3), William Grima (5/3), Col Lillicrap (8/3), Phaolo Hoang Van Duong (19/3), Dalis O'Brien (12/2), Julia Blanch (12/2), Bill Blanch (12/2), Mavis Parons (25/2) Giuse Tran Thai Duong (29/2).

Deceased: Frank Mood, Neville Smyth (WA), Shirley Tiberi, Mary Maher, Gwen Tufrey, Laurence Vella, John Paul Vella.

Sick: Sr Rita Vella, Barbara Brennan, Peter Richards, Colin MacPherson, Kevin Bonner, Lisa Foster, Kate Harrison, Deacon Peter Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Margaret Marshall, Graeme Bussell, Fr Bernie Flood.

Armidale Diocesan Men's Gathering Saturday morning 19th March

McCarthy College Tamworth.
For laymen by laymen!

Extraordinary Speakers and open Q & A
Come for breakfast & home at lunchtime.

Registration NOW OPEN

Details on the cards and poster at the back.

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COMING EVENTS:

17 Mar St Patrick's Day Mass 11.30 and Lunch 12.30 Family Hotel

19 Mar Diocesan Men's Gathering

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BSB 082105 **1st Coll:** Presbytery Acc 001023642
(contactless option) **2nd Coll:** St Patricks Church Acc 001041198

“ This is my Son, the Chosen one. Listen to him.

God has always helped me, and I have more than every cause to trust in Him.



NSW STATE COVID RULES: **FACE MASKS ARE NOT COMPULSORY BUT RECOMMENDED

* SANITISE HANDS ON ENTERING. * NO CHECK IN



ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION: The Family Hotel has been booked for lunch THIS Thursday 17 March. Names to be recorded on the list at the back of the church if you are intending to join us. Please come along and enjoy this special day with us

WE WELCOME: McKenna Attenborough, Charlotte Woollard and Matilda Cusack to our faith community following their baptisms recently. May God bless them and their families.

CONGRATULATIONS: Ursula Bakker and Pat MacPherson received due recognition of their outstanding commitment to St Patrick's last Sunday. They were both awarded Bishop Michael Kennedy Medals for outstanding services in the field of music. Congratulations go to both ladies. These awards were presented at our very successful morning tea last Sunday.

THANKS TO SR MAUREEN MCDERMOTT RSJ. We thank Sr Maureen for her uplifting reflection day on 5 March. Those who attended unanimously agreed it was a wonderful opportunity for reflection on God's gifts to each one of us. It is hoped there will be more experiences like this at St Patrick's in the future.

LENT 2022: If you still wish to join a group please contact the office.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Biru 30, lives in a rural village in Jharkand State in India's east. He lost mobility in one of his legs, after contracting polio as a child, which makes it difficult for him to walk. With your generous support, Biru was able to access an entrepreneurship and livelihoods development program, run by Caritas Australia's partner, Caritas India. He gained the skills, support and encouragement he needed to establish his own bicycle repair business.

Now, Biru is able to provide a good life for his family – and an essential service to his community.

EASTER ROSTERS: Please advise the office if you will be away this Easter.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Will be held every Friday in Lent at 3 pm from 11 March.

PARISH CENTRE HIRE: The lower level of our lovely parish centre is now available for event hire to the public.(no 18th's/21st's). Please contact the office for information and bookings.

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart

and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all; We are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEEK 4 ROSTER: 13/3/22

Vigil: R D Gowing G Styman
9am Sun: R R Paull M Donaldson
5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray
Counting Team: S Brown A Bowden
Sat Cleaning: 19/3 M Vella, R Pace
Altar Linen: J Hutt

WEEK 5 ROSTER: 20/3/22

Vigil: R D Gowing D Bolitho
9am Sun: R R Paull G Clout
5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray
Counting Team: P Sheils ; A Bowden
Sat Cleaning: 26/3 S Brown & V Griffiths
Altar Linen: E Jackson

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

