

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

Mk 9: 2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.*

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 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.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / B

28 FEBRUARY 2021

## LIVING IN FAITHFULNESS AND HOPE

There are few moments in the scriptures as dramatic as when Abraham has steeled himself to seize the knife that will take the life of his son Isaac. In that moment on the mount Abraham revealed once again his true quality and the depth of his trust in the word of God. Years later, on a mountain God will reveal the glory and grandeur of the greatest gift of all, the presence of Jesus among us, the living word. As Abraham listened to the voice of the Lord God, so too the disciples of all ages are called to listen to the words of Jesus, the beloved Son. His words promise us a life that awaits us beyond death, and his presence will enable the disciples to move on with him to the cross. On a mountain a son's life was saved. Centuries later on a rocky outcrop, scorned and ridiculed, God will give what he did not take from Abraham so that all of us might be saved.

In many ways Paul reflects on what has been gained for us all by that sacrifice on Calvary. Like Abraham, God does not withhold even what is most precious. The glory and promise of the Transfiguration have their fulfilment in Jesus' victory over death, a victory which now enables us to live our lives in faithfulness and hope. Paul is concerned to share the certainty of his belief that, with Jesus pleading our cause, there is no need for fear.

Christopher Monaghan CP

## FIRST READING

Gen 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

*The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.*

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 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 their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PS

Ps 115: 10, 15-19. R. 114: 9

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

1. 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.**



2. 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.**

3. 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

Rom 8: 31-34

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*God did not spare his own Son.*

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

28 Feb 2021  
Year B Lent 2

# WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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

CONFESSIONS  
Sat: 4.30-5.15pm  
\*Or by appointment

WEEKDAY MASSES  
Mon: \*\*No Mass  
Wed: 12 noon  
Fri: 9 am  
Tues: \*No Mass  
Thurs: 9 am  
Sat: 9am

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.*

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

**Recently Deceased:** Patricia Hawes, Norm Moran, Fay Sims, Giuseppi Pomponio, Bishop Luc Matthys.

**Anniversaries:** Dalis O'Brien (12/2), Julia Blanch (12/2), Bill Blanch (12/2), Mavis Parsons (25/2).

**Deceased:** Leonie Baker, Joy Makepeace, Emily Herden, Fay Bradbery, Hugh O'Brien, John Buckley, Janice Press, Thomas Brown.

**Sick:** Fr Bernie Flood, Barbara Brennan, Monica Austin, Erin Hansen, Bill Press, Mimmie Bennett, Bob Worthington, Kim Myers, Rachel MacPherson, Judy Cummins, Shirley Hobbs, Jenny Crawford, Sr Pat Bartley, Brindley Cavallaro, Elaine White, Deacon Peter Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Linda Bourke, Peggy Bussell, Margaret Doyle, Christopher Struck, Graeme Bussell, Jack & Marge Attard.

## CRACKERS MEMOIRS RIP ON LENTEN SACRIFICES



Fr Malloy decided to give up cake for Lent. He took his self discipline during the season very seriously, even changing his driving route to the church building to avoid his favorite bakery. One morning, however, he arrived for mass carrying a gigantic devil's food cake. The Sacristan chuckled and chided him, but the good priest's smile remained cherubic.

"This is a very special cake," he said. "I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and there in the window were a host of goodies. I felt this was no accident, so I prayed, 'Lord, if you want me to have one of those delicious cakes, let me have a parking place directly in front of the bakery. And sure enough on the eighth time around the block, there it was!'"



### COMING EVENTS

- 28 Feb Parish Morning Tea
- 17 Mar St Patrick's Day - Lunch
- 20 Mar Men's Gathering at St Nicholas Parish
- 30 Mar Chrism Mass

*Look upon your crosses as stepping stones to the eternal life of happiness. (1870)*



**PROJECT COMPASSION:** Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are available. There are several methods for donating this year. Please see Notice Board.

**LENTEN MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS:** *A Time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love*, is available at the [website](#) (Ctrl+Click) or from the office if you would like to access it.

**SR KATHRYN SWEENEY RSJ ARRIVES:** Sr Kathryn's arrival is getting very close. The Sisters of St Joseph have called her to a new ministry in our parish. We are very grateful to receive her presence and her talents in our Parish and look forward to welcoming her very soon. Sr Kathryn is assured of our prayers as she continues her journey following in the steps of St Mary of the Cross.

**MORNING TEA IN THE PARISH CENTRE:** Morning tea will be held this Sunday 28 February after 9 am mass. We hope it is as great a success as our first one in the new Parish Centre. Everyone is very welcome and we ask that you bring a plate if you can. Hope to see you there!

**COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION:** Please see on the Notice Board a note from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on the morality of Anti Covid-19 vaccines.

**2021 ROSTERS:** Thank you to those who have returned to 'normal' duties. We would love to re-engage our previous volunteers and welcome new ones. There are plenty of spaces for counters, readers, and cleaners. Please contact the office if you can help. Thank you.

**ST PATRICK'S DAY:** Celebrations this year will be in the form of a light lunch on Wed. 17 March in the Parish Centre, following 12 noon Mass. Please bring a plate to share. In keeping with the St Patrick's Theme, please wear or bring something green. We are sure it will be a great day!

Through recollection and silent prayer, hope is given to us as inspiration and interior light, illuminating the challenges and choices we face in our mission.  
Hence the need to pray (cf. Mt 6:6) and, in secret, to encounter the Father of tender love.

### SOCIAL DISTANCING - \*\*PLEASE\*\*

- \*\* REGISTER TO ENTER USING EITHER QR CODE AT ENTRANCE
- OR PAPER REGISTER AT ENTRY TO CHURCH
- \*\* SANITISE HANDS ENTERING AND LEAVING



### WEEK 2 ROSTER: 28/2/21

Vigil: R C Greer P Bamford  
 9am Sun: R A Sartori M Donaldson  
 5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray  
 Counting: J and O Whale; A Bowden  
 Sat Cleaning: 27/2 M Vella and R Pace  
 6/3 B & B Lane  
 Altar Linen: E Jackson

### WEEK 1 ROSTER: 7/3/21

Vigil: R D Gowing G Styman  
 9am Sun: R S Nichols S Brown  
 5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray  
 Counting: P Sheils A Bowden  
 Sat Cleaning: 6/3 B & B Lane  
 13/3 K O'Brien  
 and J Cunningham  
 Altar Linen: B Flood

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