

First Reading

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

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.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:10, 15-19 (JB)

**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

Romans 8:31-34 (JB)
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

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.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

cf Matthew 17:5 (JB)

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

Mark 9:2-10 (JB)
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Blackwood Catholic Community

Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday of Lent Year B**28th February 2021****St Paul of the Cross**

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BAPTISMS

By appointment

WEDDINGS

By appointment

MASS TIMES**St. Paul of the Cross (SPC)**

Tuesday 9:30am
Wednesday 9:30am
Friday 11:00am
Sunday 8:00am

Our Lady of the Way (OLW)

Wednesday 7:00pm
Thursday 9:30am
Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 10:00am

CONFESSIONS

SPC - Friday 10:30 to 10:55am
OLW - Saturday 5:30 to 5:50pm

HOLY HOUR

OLW - Wednesday 7:30 to 8:30pm

ROSARY FOR PEACE

OLW - Monday 10am

Introduction: Jesus revealed his oneness with sinful humanity by his baptism in the river Jordan. On the mount of transfiguration he revealed his oneness with God who proclaims, 'This is my son, the beloved. Listen to him.' It takes faith to listen to Jesus, who teaches that the path of life leads along the way of the cross. But, as Abraham learned, if we put our faith in God our reward will be great

Entrance Antiphon:

Remember your compassion, O Lord,
and your merciful love, for they are from of
old. Let not our enemies exult over us.
Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our
distress.

Prayer of the Faithful:

Lord hear our prayer.

Memorial Acclamation:

Save us, Saviour of the world, for
by your Cross and Resurrection you
have set us free

Communion Antiphon:

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am
well pleased; listen to him.

St. Michael the Archangel prayer

*Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection
against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke
him, we humbly pray; and do thou O Prince of the Heavenly host,
by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen*

COVID RESTRICTIONS PERMITTING THE EVENTS LISTED BELOW ARE RESUMING

Project Compassion

Please take home Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "**Be More**". Through your generosity and by aspiring to be more, you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phone 1800 024 413

You can pick up a box or envelopes at the entrances of both churches.

PROJECT COMPASSION REFLECTION

Margaret is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands that suffered long term water shortages and damage from Tropical Cyclone Harold. With Caritas Australia's support, Margaret's school installed water tanks, repaired cyclone damage and implemented COVID-19 prevention measures, and is now planning to boost food security

Senior Singles and Carers Group

Remember to check your diaries and note **Sunday 21st March** is our visit to the Old Government House at **1.00pm**.

Also include on your calendar **Monday 19th April 2021**, as this will be our April 'get to together,' A Luncheon at the Torrens Arms Hotel at 12 noon. Contact Geoff Sugars 8278 5650 or Judy Betros 0439 713 017 for bookings or more information

Preparation of Parents for the Baptism of their child.

I am in **URGENT** need of help in this important Ministry and looking for people to initially sit in with me during the Preparation of Parents. No previous experience is necessary, just a supportive and caring attitude. For more information please contact Barbara Colla in person or by phone 0417 589 098

Exposition Reminder

There are still a small number of times throughout the day where we do not have people to sit with the Lord. Please have a look at your diaries and add your name to the roster in either church. Confirmation times will be emailed or sent by SMS if we have your details.

Easter Rosters Reminder

The roster for Easter are in the porch of both churches this week. Please have a look and see where you may be able to help out. Due to COVID restrictions there are not as many roles to fill so get in quick if you would like to be involved. One addition this year is that of COVID marshal so if you are registered please have a look and see which Masses you can help at.

Reminder Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be at St Paul of the Cross 10.30am every Friday during Lent. Please come along and share this experience in the lead up to Easter.

Please Pray for friends, some named previously, some wishing to remain anonymous

Sick: Jacob Van Eyk, Teresa and Tony Lavers, Gary Stafford, Greg Collins, Margaret Granger, Roger Sawley, Laura Fazzalari, Dieter Marwede, Jemima Leydon, Sheila Ko (Tee Ping's sister) Bruce Daw, Stephen Wooding (Janet's husband)

Recently Deceased: Magdelene Lau (Mary Ann's mother), Joan Forster (mother of Patrick Forster-Rohal), Diana Siew Eng Ling (Tee Ping's mother), Janine Kinnear, Anna Mackie,

Anniversaries:



Friday 5th March—World Day of Prayer—Vanuatu

Service to be held **HOLY INNOCENTS CHURCH Sheoak Road Belair**. Followed by Morning tea

Contact: Bridgid Medder 0488 901 804 OR Barbara Colla 0417 589 098

Sunday 7th March—Morning Tea at St. Paul of the Cross after 8am Mass.

Sunday 7th March—Morning Tea in the Cottage after 10am Mass

At both Mass Centres the Vinnies Knitting and Sewing Group will be displaying some of their work that will be given to needy people in our Archdiocese. The ladies meet on a Wednesday during School Term (after Mainly Music) at 11.30-1.30pm in the Cottage and during School holidays 10.00-12.00pm.

Anyone interested is welcome to come along and enjoy good company while helping the needy in our community.

.Parish Meeting

The parish report for 2020 will be available next weekend.

A general Parish meeting will be held on **14th March 2021** following 10am mass.

If you have any questions about the parish reports please send them through to the office as soon as possible addressed to Peter Shepherd, Chair of the PPC. Doing this will give time for appropriate information to be sourced from the relevant groups prior to the meeting.

Parish Finance Meeting

A parish finance meeting will be held on **7th March 2021** following mass.

Finance reports for 2020 and the budget for 2021 will be available on the day. Please understand that there will be limited opportunity for questions during the meeting but be assured that any matters raised and not answered adequately will be followed up and reported at a later date.

Please remember to sign into the cottage using the QR code or the manual sheets even though you have done so at Mass.

COVID-19 Restrictions

The **1 person per 2 square** metres continues to apply at all venues within the parish. Physical distancing principles are still in place and you should attempt to stay at least 1.5 metres apart from those you do not know well.

Serving of Food

Please be patient at Morning Tea and other activities within the parish. No shared utensils or platters are allowed so you must be served at all times

Contact Tracing

Please continue to either use the QR code or sign in sheets available at all Parish Venues. Remember that each venue has a separate QR code.

Tuesday 16th March—Parish Walking Group

Thank you Barb Colla for the February Sturt River Linear park walk photo. Our next walk is at 9am Tuesday 16th March along the Minnow Creek path. Please meet at the carpark at Hawthorndene Oval and for coffee after at Joan's Pantry. New walkers welcome. Bob 0412 310 947

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Here I am!" he answered. - GENESIS 22:11

It is easy to say, "*Here I am, Lord,*" when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say, "*Here I am Lord,*" when a neighbour needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

If a Priest is required please call 8278 6619