

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

8th March 2009

THEME: Mark 9: 2-10

Today we hear two familiar scripture passages: the story of Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, and the Transfiguration of Jesus, when the disciples heard God say to them, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

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.

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THE TRANSFIGURATION

Jesus, who has come away from the crowds and the other disciples to be with God, is transfigured. He is seen in His glory. The prophets and the law are represented in the persons of Elijah and Moses, but when the moment of glory is climaxed, only Jesus remains. This fact, combined with the directive of the voice ("This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."), suggests that the law and the prophets are now fulfilled in Jesus, and that those who would like to know how to live and serve God will find that knowledge, thenceforth, in Jesus.

Jesus was transfigured by his prayerful and intimate contact with God. We too are offered the same experience if we will only draw near to God, humbly and often, and allow God's grace to work within us. Our transformation will proceed as long as we continue to heed the voice of God that affirms the importance of Jesus in our lives and bids us: "Listen to him."

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Lyle Jansen, Maureen Burke, Kath Robinson, Mitchell Wallace (baby), Gary McLinden, Paul Trotman, Mary Hamilton, Lillian Roberts, Michael Rooney, Norm McLaurin, Kevin Hynes, Mihovil Katalinic, Vin Griffiths, Juanita Jervois, Norina Spinelli, Bishop Brennan, Nancy Gibson, John Hunt, Rob Deller, Mary McNamara, Ria Stumpe, James Williams, Mary Cooper, Monette Fealy, Annette Hoffman, Lionel Jansen, John McManus, Peter Cairns, Allan Dedrauth, Melda McDonald, Kristi Cassandra, Luke Heffernan, Rosel Free, Reece Valta, Yela Jankovic, Karl Grlica, Alvin Horn, Kate Cox, Patricia Hamill, Zoltan Tar, Catherine Mead, Charles Francis, Will Carland, Maureen Fields, Patricia Barber, Ian Walters, Des O'Meara, Ben Harper, Bess Harris, Gregory Cummins, Patricia Bourke, Joseph Doran, Nicholas Hetherington, Effie Ray, Bob Woods, Sandra Varrasso, and Marie Cook.

Grant eternal life to:

Pat Murray, Paul McCormack (Malasia), Brian McGee, Noel Flanagan (Fr Kevin's brother), Sr Emily Watts and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Frank Kelly, Marie Hanrahan and all our loved ones whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Lorraine Hill and all our dear ones deceased.

LORD HEAR US

FOR YOUR DIARY

WELCOME

We welcome Damian Jellett, a 4th year seminarian from Vianney College Wagga Wagga who will be with us until 22nd June as part of his pastoral preparation for ordination to the priesthood.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held in St Patrick's Church at 7.30pm each Friday evening during Lent.

ST PATRICK'S PRAYER GROUP

St Patrick's Prayer Group meets each Tuesday evening at 8.00pm. For details please ring Kath Ryan on 6021 3821 or Maree Sobolewski on 6021 5433.

YOUTH GROUP (12-17YRS)

St Patrick's Youth Group meets on the first Sunday of the month after the 10.30am Mass. Contact Fr Brendan Lee: 6041 2588 or Miriam: 0400 419 981.

LENTEN STUDY GROUP FOR 16-35YRS

A Lenten Study Group for 16-35yr olds meets weekly on Wednesday night at 7.00pm in the upper room of St Patrick's Hall. **For** more information, please contact Miriam Kirley on 0400 419 981 or email mizmim@gmail.com John Burton 0400 574 958 or Marcus Shaw 0418 463 952.

ST PATRICK'S DAY CONCERT

Our St Patrick's Day Concert to be held on Saturday 14th March at 7.30pm in St Patrick's hall. Our exciting programme will include the Xavier School Choir and the children from Blessed Mary MacKillop College who will perform a play, "The Story of St Patrick." Donation \$8.00 per adult, children free. A plate for supper would be appreciated.

A VOICE FOR WOMEN

Sacred Heart Church, Koorinal, Saturday 28th March 1.30-3.30pm. Melinda Tankard Reist is an author, researcher and commentator with a special interest in issues affecting women. She is coming to Wagga Wagga at the request of the Council for Australian Catholic Women to speak to the women (and interested men) of our Diocese about her work with Women's Forum Australia.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of St Patrick's Parish Council will be held this Thursday 12th March at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

Read the interesting report on the commissioning of Dr Dan White as the new Director of Catholic Education Office in the Archdiocese of Sydney.

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GRACES OF ITALY

A 14-day pilgrimage - Padua to Rome - with Fr Michael Kennedy, departing 29th June 2009. See noticeboard for details.

SNIPPET

Since you speak with other persons, why must words fail you more when you speak with God? Don't believe they will; at least I will not believe they will if you acquire the habit. (St Teresa of Avila)