

# ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

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**24 - 25 February 2018**

## ***Meaning of the Tabor Experience***

*Without doubt the transfiguration is a beautiful story. Set on a mountaintop, the name of the mountain is not given, however, there is a tradition that connects it with Mount Tabor in Galilee.*

*This story which is found in all three synoptic Gospels, is clearly a contrived story. Not to be taken literally, yet clearly something happened on the mountain, because years later Peter remembers it as he tells us in his letter: 'We were eye-witnesses of his glory on the mountain'(2 Peter 1:17-18).*

*In St Mark's version of it the whole event takes place for the sake of the three disciples. There they were granted a glimpse of Jesus in his glorious state. This was meant to strengthen them for what was to come, namely his passion and death.*

*What did this experience mean for Jesus? The incident came at a crucial time in Jesus' ministry, having just begun his journey to Jerusalem. Prior to this he had been working mainly in Galilee. Even there he had met with a lot of opposition from religious leaders. But in Jerusalem he was walking into the lion's den, sensing and fearing the same fate that befell the prophets – a violent death. The most important thing in Jesus' life was his relationship with his heavenly father. That relationship was the ground beneath his feet all life long.*

*We don't know exactly what happened on the mountain, we can be sure he heard again the words of affirmation he had heard at his baptism: 'You are my Son, the beloved, my favour rests upon you' (Mk 1:11). On Tabor, Jesus felt himself comforted and affirmed. He knew the Father was pleased with him - with the Father on his side he could face anything.*

*The story means a lot for us too - like Jesus we too can experience rare moments of light and joy. In his love for us, God allows us to taste on earth the joys of the world to come. We also have dark times - in those dark moments we must do what Jesus did – we must seek the face of God in prayer.*

*If we do, we will hear a voice whispering to us in our hearts: 'You are my beloved son', or 'you are my beloved daughter.' When we hear that inner voice, we know that we are at home with God and have nothing to fear. We are upheld with the goodness of God.*

*Those who walk humbly with their God, know they can face anything on the strength of the heavenly Father's love for them.*

*May our Lenten prayer bring us closer to the heart of the Father.*

*With every kind wish  
Dean Peter.*

**FR SOLOMON'S MOTHER Christina Okeh** passed away suddenly on Monday 19 February. Please keep Fr Solomon, his Mother and their family in your prayers. Parishioners are invited to attend the Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Christina which will be held in the Cathedral on Monday 26 February at 10.30am. Would you kindly support a leaving collection to assist Fr Solomon to defray the cost of all expenses.

**RCIA PRAYER REQUEST** The RCIA team encourages all Parishioners to pray for our Catechumen, Ross Shaw, and our Candidate, Louise Cheshire. They were accepted at the Rite of Election to receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil and enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. Thank you all.

**ST. MARY'S BEREAVEMENT GROUP** We invite all new and existing members of the Group to attend a meeting at the Chapter House at 7 p.m. on Wednesday February 28th. **The Group desperately need more Helpers!** This would lighten the load on the ladies who have been involved since we formed in 2005. We also desperately need more ladies to help out with the supply of cakes and/or slices when we have funerals to cater for. This meeting will report on the number of funerals we have catered for and our financial position at this time. The work done by the Bereavement Group is an invaluable service to our bereaved in the Parish and is also our chance to help supplement the Parish income by donating funds to our Parish. If you cannot attend this meeting, but would like to help out or gain more information, please contact me on the numbers listed below. This is our chance to help Father Peter and Father Solomon to secure funds for any work or equipment needed within our Parish.

**Please attend this meeting if at all possible. Thank you - Brenda Burditt: 5144 1995 or 0407 441 995.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Parishioners are welcome to participate in the Friday night 6.00pm Stations of the Cross service during Lent.

**SERRA CLUB:** The Serra Club will gather in the Cathedral on Thursday 1st March at 4.45pm for Rosary and 5.00pm Mass followed by their meeting in Chapter House. All welcome.

**31 CLUB REMINDER** 27 February - 5 March 2018.

**PRAYING FOR THE SICK** Could all parishioners please review the list of those who are sick and notify the Parish Office if there are changes needed. As we have had limited feedback on most names we will remove names from this list unless we are notified otherwise.

**FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA:** Next weekend, Sunday 4 March, St Mary's school will be our hosts for the 1st Sunday Cuppa in St Mary's Cathedral assembly Area. Everyone is **invited to stay awhile after Mass to enjoy a cuppa and a chat with fellow parishioners.**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE** is at **St Paul's Anglican Cathedral Cunninghame St on Friday 2nd March at 7pm. All welcome.** Since 1887, on or near the first Friday in March every year, millions of Christians have gathered worldwide to pray for the issues of family violence, child abuse, human trafficking, and other forms of injustice. In 2018 that prayerful support will be directed at the 540,000 inhabitants of the Republic of Suriname, on the north-eastern coast of South America. You are invited to join us in prayer for the needs of Suriname and its people at this World Day of Prayer service.

**CATHOLIC LIFE** is available at all Churches this weekend. Please take a copy for yourself and for anyone else who may like to read this paper.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** 2018 Melbourne weekend dates: 16-18 March, 1-3 June, 17-19 August and 9-11 November 2018. Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.

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**STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS** Ann Broberg is requesting that Parishioners please save their used stamps for Missions. Stamps can be left at the Piety Stall in the Cathedral. Ann can be contacted on 5144 6631.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** will be meeting at the Chapter House on Tuesday 6 March at 1.30pm.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

**Briagolong Sunday 25 Feb 9.30am:**  
Ursula McCarthy (A)

**COUNTERS: February 25: Team 3:**  
Mary Cooper, Pat Dowd, Pat Lord  
**March 4: Team 4: Reg & Pat Carmody**

#### **COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:**

**Planned Giving: \$2,076.50**  
**House: \$863.10**

**With thanks from a grateful parish.**

**SACRISTY: Team 5: (2 March)** Mary Cooper, Sue Harvey, Therese Cooper  
**Team 6: (9 March)** Lenie Smolenaars, Sue Harvey

**BAPTISMS:** By arrangement through the Parish Office or with Veronica, phone 5144 4100.  
**ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament,** Friday after Mass 1130am—12.00noon **First Friday of the Month** 11.30am-4.00pm At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am-10.30am **RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday** 11.30am after Mass, **Saturday** After the 9.30am Mass—10.30am **Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening:** Before or after Mass or anytime by arrangement with the priest. **MARRIAGES:** Not less than six months notice please.

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**Mass Timetable this week  
Second Sunday of Lent, Year B  
24 - 25 February 2018**

| Day/Date   | Time  | Place   |
|--|---|---|
| <b>Saturday February 24</b>  | 5.30pm<br>7.00pm                                | Cathedral<br>Rosedale   |
| <b>Sunday February 25</b>  | 9.30am<br>9.30am<br>6.00pm                      | Cathedral<br>Briagolong<br>Cathedral  |
| <b>Monday February 26</b><br><i>Mass for the Respose of<br/>Christina Okeh's soul</i>          | 10.30am   | Cathedral   |
| <b>Tuesday February 27</b><br><i>Liturgy of the Word</i>                                       | 9.30am  | Cathedral   |
| <b>Wednesday February 28</b>   | 9.00am<br>10.30am                               | Stratford<br>Ashleigh House   |
| <b>Thursday March 1</b><br><i>Serra Mass</i>   | 9.30am<br>5.00pm                                | Cathedral<br>Cathedral  |
| <b>Friday March 2</b><br><br><i>Stations of the Cross<br/>World Day of Prayer<br/>services</i> | 9.30am<br>11.00am<br>6.00pm<br>7.00pm<br>7.00pm | St Thomas'<br>Cathedral<br>Cathedral<br><u>St Paul's Cathedral</u><br>Stratford |
| <b>Saturday March 3</b>  | 9.30am<br>5.30pm<br>7.00pm                      | Cathedral<br>Cathedral<br>Rosedale  |
| <b>Sunday March 4</b>  | 9.30am<br>9.30am<br>6.00pm                      | Cathedral<br>Stratford<br>Cathedral   |

**PARISH PRAYER.**

*God our loving Father, we give you thanks and praise  
for our Cathedral Parish of Sale, for your people and  
your Creation.  
Nourish us by your daily Word and Eucharist.  
Enrich us in our faith, hope and love.  
Strengthen us with the spirit of your mercy and grace.  
Make us grateful for your gifts as we journey through  
our lives together.  
May we be a welcoming and serving community,  
always discerning and doing your will for one  
another.  
We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen*

**HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE 2018**

| Day/Date  | Time  | Place  |
|---|---|--|
| <b>Sat March 24</b>   | 5.30pm<br>7.00pm                                    | Cathedral<br>Rosedale  |
| <b>Sun March 25</b><br><b><u>PALM</u></b><br><b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>                               | 9.30am<br>9.30am<br>6.00pm                          | Cathedral<br>Briagolong<br>Cathedral   |
| <b>Mon March 26</b>   | 9.30am  | Cathedral  |
| <b>Tues March 27</b>  | 11.00am   | Cathedral - <i>Mass of Holy Oils</i>   |
| <b>Wed March 28</b>   | 10.30am<br>5.00 - 6.00pm<br>7.30pm                  | Ashleigh House<br>Cathedral - Reconciliation<br><b><u>Uniting Church - Tenebrae</u></b><br><b><u>/Service of Shadows</u></b>   |
| <b>Thurs March 29</b><br><b><u>HOLY</u></b><br><b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>                           | 9.30 - 10.30am<br>5.00 - 6.00pm<br>7.30pm           | Cathedral - Reconciliation<br>Cathedral - Reconciliation<br>Cathedral - <i>Mass of the Lord's<br/>Supper. Prayers till 10.30pm</i>   |
| <b>Fri March 30</b><br><b><u>GOOD FRIDAY</u></b><br><br><i>Ecumenical Walk<br/>of the Cross</i> | 9.30am<br>9.30am<br>9.30am<br>10.30am<br><br>3.00pm | Cathedral - Stations of the Cross<br>Rosedale - Stations of the Cross<br>Stratford - Stations of the Cross<br><b><u>St Mary's to St Paul's</u></b><br><b><u>Cathedral</u></b><br>Cathedral - <i>Solemn<br/>Commemoration of the Lord's<br/>Passion</i> |
| <b>Sat March 31</b><br><b><u>HOLY</u></b><br><b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>                             | 10 - 11.00am<br>7.30pm                              | Cathedral - <i>Reconciliation</i><br>Cathedral - <i>Service of the Light</i>   |
| <b>Sunday April 1</b><br><b><u>EASTER</u></b><br><b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>                           | 9.00am<br>9.30am<br>9.30am<br>11.00am<br>11.30am    | Loch Sport<br>Cathedral<br>Stratford<br>Community Hall - Seaspray<br>Rosedale  |

We remember those who have died **Christina Okeh, Pauline Bransgrove, Glenys Dolan** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr Gerard Coffey, Fr E G Curran, Fr E Halihan, Fr Patrick McDonnell, Ursula McCarthy, Peter Hargreaves.** We pray for those who are sick **Raquel Waite, Luke Packham, Rosa Maria Santos, Jaxon Kent, Kevin Kelly, John Cunningham, Valda Armstead, Caroline Robinson, Aussie Boyd, Rosie Carroll, Noreen Lyttle and Maureen O'Kane.** We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.

| Date 4/03/2018         | Welcomer       | Commentator   | Reader                           | Offertory Procession | Extraordinary Minister of Communion          |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| <b>Saturday 5.30pm</b> |                | Liz Tabuteau  | Ann Neville<br>Brenda Burditt    |                      | Bryan Leak, Frank Fidge, Sue Harvey          |
| <b>Sunday 9.30pm</b>   | Lorel Donnelly | Sue Mattson   | Clare O'Brien<br>Carmel Kuizenga | Pam Edgely           | Brian Donnelly, Bill Smolenaars, John Cooper |
| <b>Sunday 6.00pm</b>   |                | Nelly Coomber | Kath Telling<br>Colin Coomber    |                      | Anna Allen, Len Althaus, Lyn Althaus         |

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**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.

### **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.'

The Word of the Lord.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**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.

The Word of the Lord.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Glorify and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:  
This is my beloved Son, hear him

**Glorify 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

#### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

##### **Cathedral:**

Friday after Mass from 11.30am -12noon  
1st Friday of each Month 11.30am - 4.00pm

##### **Reconciliation:**

##### **Cathedral: Saturday:**

Following Mass: 9.30am to 10.30am.



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#### **READINGS NEXT WEEK Third Sunday of Lent Year B**

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17  
Second Reading: I Corinthians 12:22-25  
Gospel: John 2:13-25

#### **SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE**

**Saturday:** Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil  
**Saturday:** Rosedale - 7:00pm Vigil  
**Saturday:** Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th)  
**Sunday:** Cathedral - 9:30am  
**Sunday:** Briagolong 9.30am (2nd & 4th)  
**Sunday:** Stratford -9.30am (1st,3rd & 5th)  
**Sunday:** Cathedral - 6.00pm (DST) 5.00pm (EST)

#### **NEW IN THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?**

Please let us know we'd like to meet you! If you complete the form below, you could place it on the plate at Mass or hand it in to the Parish office. We'll hope to catch up soon.

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