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Second Sunday of Lent, Year A 4 - 5 March 2023

MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER for Lent 2023

Lenten Penance and the Synodal Journey

Continued from First Sunday of Lent bulletin....

Dear brothers and sisters!

The disciples' experience on Mount Tabor was further enriched when, alongside the transfigured Jesus, Moses and Elijah appeared, signifying respectively the Law and the Prophets (cf. Mt 17:3). The newness of Christ is at the same time the fulfilment of the ancient covenant and promises; it is inseparable from God's history with his people and discloses its deeper meaning. In a similar way, the synodal journey is rooted in the Church's tradition and at the same time open to newness. Tradition is a source of inspiration for seeking new paths and for avoiding the opposed temptations of immobility and improvised experimentation.

The Lenten journey of penance and the journey of the Synod alike have as their goal a transfiguration, both personal and ecclesial. A transformation that, in both cases, has its model in the Transfiguration of Jesus and is achieved by the grace of his paschal mystery. So that this transfiguration may become a reality in us this year, I would like to propose two "paths" to follow in order to ascend the mountain together with Jesus and, with him, to attain the goal.

The first path has to do with the command that God the Father addresses to the disciples on Mount Tabor as they contemplate Jesus transfigured. The voice from the cloud says: "Listen to him" (Mt 17:5). The first proposal, then, is very clear: we need to listen to Jesus. Lent is a time of grace to the extent that we listen to him as he speaks to us. And how does he speak to us? First, in the word of God, which the Church offers us in the liturgy. May that word not fall on deaf ears; if we cannot always attend Mass, let us study its daily biblical readings, even with the help of the internet. In addition to the Scriptures, the Lord speaks to us through our brothers and sisters, especially in the faces and the stories of those who are in need. Let me say something else, which is quite important for the synodal process: listening to Christ often takes place in listening to our brothers and sisters in the Church. Such mutual listening in some phases is the primary goal, but it remains always indispensable in the method and style of a synodal Church.

On hearing the Father's voice, the disciples "fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and do not be afraid.' And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone" (Mt 17:6-8). Here is the second proposal for this Lent: do not take refuge in a religiosity made up of extraordinary events and dramatic experiences, out of fear of facing reality and its daily struggles, its hardships and contradictions. The light that Jesus shows the disciples is an anticipation of Easter glory, and that must be the goal of our own journey, as we follow "him alone". Lent leads to Easter: the "retreat" is not an end in itself, but a means of preparing us to experience the Lord's passion and cross with faith, hope and love, and thus to arrive at the resurrection. Also on the synodal journey, when God gives us the grace of certain powerful experiences of communion, we should not imagine that we have arrived – for there too, the Lord repeats to us: "Rise, and do not be afraid". Let us go down, then, to the plain, and may the grace we have experienced strengthen us to be "artisans of synodality" in the ordinary life of our communities.

Dear brothers and sisters, may the Holy Spirit inspire and sustain us this Lent in our ascent with Jesus, so that we may experience his divine splendour and thus, confirmed in faith, persevere in our journey together with him, glory of his people and light of the nations.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 January, Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul

PARISH CALENDAR.

Sun 5 Mar: First Sunday Cuppa - PPC
Fri 10 Mar 10-11am: Exposition & Reconciliation. **11.00m:** Mass
Fri 10 & 17 Mar 5pm: Lenten Reflections
Fri 10 & 17 Mar 6pm: Stations of the Cross
Wed 15 Mar 6pm: Final First Communion Workshop & Practice

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

FIRST COMMUNION The final Parent/Child workshop and practice for First Communion will be held on **Wednesday 15 March at 6pm** in the Assembly area of the Cathedral. For those children not attending Catholic schools the Catechist session will be held at **5.00pm on Wednesday 15 March** prior to the final workshop and practice.

ELECTRONIC BULLETIN If you would like to receive an emailed bulletin each week please send an email to Sale@cdsale.org.au.

31 CLUB REMINDER 6 to 12 March. Please pray for vocations

LEGION OF MARY meet in the Chapter House from **10.30am each Wednesday**. New members are very welcome.

CATHEDRAL LENTEN REFLECTIONS You are all invited to an evening of Lenten Reflections with Frs Francis and Jithin in the Cathedral gathering space on **Fridays of Lent**. Our reflections will be centred on the Scripture texts for this season of Lent. Come with a copy of the Bible. Time is **5.00pm** (this will then be followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6.00pm).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place in the Cathedral every **Friday of Lent at 6pm**. To be involved in Lenten reflection please come to the Cathedral at 5pm.

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: This **Sunday 5 March**, the PPC will be our host for the 1st Sunday Cuppa in St Mary's Cathedral assembly Area. Everyone is invited to stay after Mass to enjoy a cuppa. Please bring a plate to share.

EXPOSITION AND FRIDAY MASS From Friday **10 March** Exposition and reconciliation will commence from **10 to 11am** and will be followed by **Mass at 11.00am**. Please note this change for future Friday's.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED is asking for support to provide sisters in Romania with a new heating system. The Sisters of the Mother of God are the oldest congregation of sisters in the Romanian Greek Catholic Church. The history of their community has long been one marked by persecution, particularly when Romania was under communist rule. Today the sisters continue to aid their local community with youth groups, spiritual support and counselling, as well as providing the poor with basic necessities. But they are facing a major problem. Their ancient heating system has finally broken down and needs to be replaced, but they cannot afford the cost. The sisters need your help! To make an offering and learn more visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES and/or receipts will be available for collection at all parish churches this weekend. **If you would like to join our Planned Giving program please contact Clare or Mark at the Parish office on 5144 4100.** You can use cash, direct debit or credit card for your planned giving.

ROSTERS for welcomers, readers and commentators in the Cathedral continue until Easter when we will call for volunteers once again. The new roster will commence on **15-16 April**. If you believe this is a way you can provide a service to our Parish Community please call Clare on 5144 4100. Training will be provided for all volunteers later this year.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 4 Mar 5.30pm: Tom Read (RD)
Sun 5 Mar 9.30am: Gina & Giulio Ravagnolo (A's)
Wed 8 Mar 10.30am: Neville McLeod (A)

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.*

HEART OF LIFE CENTRE for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation welcomes 2023 with interesting seminars, events and reflection weekends. A Contemplative Space (monthly via Zoom with two in-person sessions), 2nd Friday of month starting March-November from 10 am – 12pm (AEDT) with Leslie Hanger. An invitation to take time out and nurture your soul in a contemplative space. These monthly gatherings offer opportunities for meditation, personal reflection and time for sharing. The sessions will be held online except for May and November when the group will meet in-person at Heart of Life. This is a great opportunity to develop connections with others and support each other's contemplative journey. Join us for individual sessions or book for the entire 9 sessions commencing with 10 Mar 2023. Cost: \$25 per session or \$200 for the series. Book and pay by 6/3/23 via www.heartoflife.melbourne. Understanding Your Personality Type: Gifts Differing (in-person event), Saturday 18 March from 10 am – 3.30 pm with Peter Malone msc. Our graced selves, praying, communicating... This is a Myers Briggs reflection day. Attendees can complete the Personality Type Indicator form on the day. Cost: \$60 (BYO lunch). Book and pay by 15/3/23 via www.heartoflife.melbourne.

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office phone 5144 4100.

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday after Mass 11.30am – 12.00noon
At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am – 10.30am

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday 11.30am after Mass, **Saturday** 10.00 – 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.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$1,187.30
Presbytery: \$1,097.90
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With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week
Second Sunday of Lent, Year A
4 - 5 March 2023**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 4 March	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
Sunday 5 March	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Stratford Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKDAYS		
Monday 6 March	NO	MASS
Tuesday 7 March	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 8 March	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 9 March	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 10 March		
Reconciliation & Exposition Mass	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
Lenten Reflection	5.00pm	Cathedral
Stations of the Cross	6.00pm	Cathedral
WEEKEND		
Saturday 11 March	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 12 March	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Briagolong Cathedral Cathedral

Date & Time	Sat 4 Mar 5.30pm	Sun 5 Mar 9.30am	Sun 5 Mar 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Vince Beer	Claire Everard
Commentator	Sandra Smolenaars	Kate Meehan-Oxford	Please offer
Reader	Marietta Dykun	Margaret Shirreffs	Lyn Althaus
Counter	John & Clare (Tues)		
Date & Time	Sat 11 Mar 5.30pm	Sun 12 Mar 9.30am	Sun 12 Mar 5.30pm
Welcomer	Marietta Dykun	Dalia Ellison	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Brenda Burditt	Nick Hall	Veronica Stewart
Reader	Liz Tabuteau	Vince Beer	Lyn Althaus
Counter	Sue H & Mary C		

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Tom Read, Rodrigo Morales (Chile)** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Gina & Giulio Ravagnolo, Neville McLeod, Bernard Peavey, Jim Gray, Mgr Dan McCartan**. We pray for those who are sick **Rebecca Duck, Maureen Cunningham, Jacobus Toonen, Andrew Lyon, Madeleine Evans, John Schroeder, Jim Clottin, Priyantha Welgama, Nimal and Vajira, Dushyanthi, Robert Bailey, Helen O'Kane, Andrew Geary, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Bill Harkin and Maureen O'Kane**. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

RITE OF ELECTION
Sunday 26 February 2023

The Rite of Election for Catechumens and the Formal Recognition of Baptised Candidates was celebrated Sunday afternoon at St Mary's Cathedral, Sale with Bishop Greg Bennet and parishes and communities across our diocese. Congratulations to Bishop Greg and the many catechumens and candidates from across the Diocese. Including our five...Let us pray for our catechumens and candidates as they enter into a covenant relationship through participation in the sacramental life of the Church. Thank you to our RCIA team and those who helped in the hospitality for the day. We wish the Elect every blessing for their journey and we look forward to your active participation in parish life post Easter.



Sale Elect and RCIA team

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Enrolments are still open for Semester 1 at Catholic Theological College.

We have many areas of study that may be of interest such as

***John Henry Newman and the Church in the Nineteenth Century,
Pastoral Leadership for a Safe Church and many online options***

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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 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

SECOND READING:

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

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.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!



GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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

While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said

**This is My beloved Son. I take
delight in Him. Listen to Him**



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**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral
Every Friday 10 - 11am**

**RECONCILIATION: Cathedral
Friday 10 - 11am Saturday following Mass 10 - 10.30am**

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Third Sunday of Lent, Year A

1st Reading: **Exodus 17:3-7**

2nd Reading: **Romans 5:1-2, 5-8**

Gospel: **John 4:5-42**

WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)

Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm

Saturday: Rosedale - 5.30pm

Sunday: Cathedral - 9.30am and 5.30pm

Sunday: Stratford - 9.30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month)

Sunday: Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)

Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.