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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD, Year A 5 - 6 August 2023

The Transfiguration— illuminating hope

In 2002, Pope John Paul II reviewed the mysteries of the Rosary and added the five Luminous mysteries. Recognising the Christo-centric nature of the Rosary, the Pope wanted Christians to meditate on five more critical moments in the life of Jesus that illuminate hope and faith. The fourth of the luminous mysteries is the transfiguration, the others being: the baptism, the wedding at Cana, the proclamation of the kingdom, and the institution of the Eucharist.

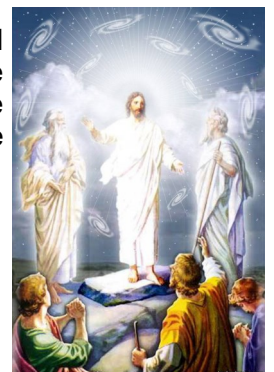
In today's first reading from Dan 7, the prophet gazed into the visions of the night and saw one like "a son of man." On him was conferred sovereignty and glory and kingship and a kingdom that is eternal. Daniel, in this vision, encouraged the Israelites of his day that evil will not prevail forever. No. Rather, the vision points out that evil will soon be destroyed (Dan 7:11-12), and the reign of God will be established (v 14). His contemporaries having experienced evil firsthand under different regimes, looked forward to the coming of this reign of God. This is hope reignited.

Peter (in 2 Peter 1:16-19) draws the attention of the early church to Daniel's prophecy and asserts that with the coming of Jesus the Son of Man, the reign of God has begun. Peter emphasises that they heard the voice of "the Sublime Glory" (cf. Dan 7:9) address Jesus as my Son, the beloved. In this affirmation, Peter evokes and reminisces the Transfiguration experience on the mountain with Jesus. Matthew recalls that Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. Peter's recollection of this experience encourages the church to meditate on the message of revelation—hope. Prior to this revelation, Jesus had just told his disciples that the "son of Man" was to undergo the cross. This prediction resulted in a dashed hope for the disciples (cf Luke 24:21). So, the transfiguration in a way reassured them that beyond the cross, there is the glory of the resurrection. Again, like the vision of Daniel, evil will not prevail, death is not the end, the cross is not the end of the road. I love it when Peter affirms that their testimony is meant to serve as "a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes, and the morning star rises in your minds" (2 Peter 1:19).

Though the disciples would soon see the body of Jesus shattered and battered on the cross; they have seen the beauty and the glory of the transfigured Jesus. Jesus, however, draws their attention away from the glorious scene to the reality of life at the foot of the mountain. This is where challenges of all kinds meet. Amidst all these, Jesus admonishes them and us, "do not be afraid." How is it even possible to not be afraid? The recipe is to "listen to him." It is a specific instruction to attend carefully to what Jesus has been saying and continue to say... The instruction is for us today as it was for the first disciples of Jesus.

The text invites us, dear friends, to listen to Jesus. Listening, in obedience, is a mark and quality of true discipleship. So, while the event is primarily the revelation of the divine glory and majesty of Jesus, fundamentally the revelation invites us to trust in Jesus, to be obedient in following Jesus, and above all, to listen trustingly to Jesus. Therein lies the renewal and sustenance of hope and faith.

Fr Francis



PARISH CALENDAR.

Sat 5 & Sun 6 Aug: Catholic Care Appeal
Sun 6 Aug 9.30am Mass: First Sunday Cuppa
Wed 16 Aug 5.15pm: PPC Meeting
Sat 19 Aug 5.30pm: Youth Mass
Sun 20 Aug 12.00pm: Parish Lunch at Legends

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS: We are currently planning for a Parish Assembly, Adult Formation Groups and a leaders retreat. Stay tuned for updates. Next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 12 August at 5.15pm**. See one of the members listed in the banner of the bulletin if you have an issue to raise.

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: On **Sunday 6 August**, Catholic College Sale 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.

MARK, our business Manager, is currently on leave. This means the office will not be opened on Wednesday's until **Wednesday 16 August**.

CATHOLIC CARE APPEAL collection will be held in all Parish churches this weekend **5 & 6 August**. As our parish community's social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish or donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

HEART OF LIFE Retreat in Everyday Life – **MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION** – Saturday, 28 August 2023, 10 am – 3.30 pm (in-person) When we are present to the 'now', centredness and relaxation become a natural part of life, and we know how to act from a heart of love. Facilitated by Paola Cheng who is a Spiritual Director, mental health social worker and meditation teacher, this is a day of prayer in the practice of Mindfulness and Meditation. We invite you to bring an open mind and heart to journey with others and within oneself. Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/mindfulness-meditation/> or email info@heartoflife.melbourne. Cost: \$60 (BYO Lunch)

VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE- FROM PORTLAND TO PENOLA In the Footsteps of Mary McKillop: Come on a visual pilgrimage by experiencing the images of the landscape that traces the journey that Mary herself made from her home in Portland to take up the invitation to open a school in Penola. At St Michael's Traralgon, Mary McKillop Room, on **Tuesday, 8 August 2023**. Morning tea after mass 10.00am and Wine and Cheese 7.30pm

The Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry has published a document on evangelisation, offering a scriptural and theological reflection on the proclamation of the Gospel through the lenses of encounter, discipleship and mission. It draws on seminal documents on evangelisation from recent decades, including the teachings of Popes Paul VI, John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis. Evangelisation can be downloaded directly from <https://bit.ly/Evangelisation2023>.

COME AND SEE: Bishop Greg has called for the young men of our Parishes of the Diocese to come to St. Joseph's Parish, Warragul on **Sunday, 13 August at 2:00pm** particularly those who sense a call from God to life as a priest. Or, who simply want to come and enquire. It will be an opportunity to meet and greet those living the life, to pray with them and have all your questions answered. And, remember, "the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it" Mt13:45

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.

DAILY PRAYER Short daily Gospel reflections with access to readings and prayers of the faithful can be found at <https://www.pray.com.au>

A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend is for YOU... "Live Your Best Married Life in Love" Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can easily cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This weekend gives married couples time to nurture your relationship and some tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, supportive environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. Every married couple deserves a Marriage Encounter weekend!! The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome. Please check our website for more details. Date: **3-5 November 2023** in Melbourne **BOOK NOW** Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wme.org.au



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

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday before Mass 10.00am — 11.00am
At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am — 10.30am

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday 10.30-11am before Mass.

At Other times: Available on request

Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening: Available on request.

MARRIAGES: Not less than six months notice please.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving:	\$1,385.00
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Mass Timetable this week
THE TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD, Year A
5 - 6 August 2023

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 5 August	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
Sunday 6 August	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Cathedral Stratford Cathedral
WEEKDAYS		
Monday 7 August	NO	MASS
Tuesday 8 August	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 9 August	9.30am	Cathedral
Madeleine Evans Funeral	1.00pm	Cathedral
Thursday 10 August	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 11 August		
Exposition & Reconciliation Mass	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKEND		
Saturday 12 August	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 13 August	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Activity tubs and books are available in the youth corner for any children attending Mass.

As the ministry to our young ones continue to develop in our parish, the youth ministry team is soliciting the assistance of parishioners who are willing to help with conducting children's liturgy. This will be during the 9.30am Sunday Mass only. Interested volunteers should please contact the Parish Office. A WWCC and Parish Code of Conduct is required. Our next Youth Mass will be at **5:30pm on Saturday 19 August**.

If you have any questions about youth ministry or would like to be involved, please call the Parish Office on 5144 4100 or Shari, Youth volunteer on 0430 932 220.



'Remember your creator in the days of your youth'
Ecclesiastes 12:1

Date & Time	Sat 5 August 5.30pm	Sun 6 August 9.30am	Sun 6 August 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Marie & Nick Centra	Claire Everard
Commentator	Veronica Stewart	Amanda & Maya V	Brenda Bowden
Reader	Shari & Paige	Ann Neville	Faye Flint
Eucharist	Carmel Wade	Anna Allen	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Counter	John Dykun & John Vermaelen		

Date & Time	Sat 12 August 5.30pm	Sun 13 August 9.30am	Sun 13 August 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Margaret Shirreffs	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Emma Morrison	Vince Beer	Adam Collins
Reader	Brenda Burditt	Susan Mattson	Veronica Stewart
Eucharist	Tim Morrison	Dalia Ellison	Doug Waite
Counter	Sue Harvey & Mary Cooper		

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Madeleine Evans, Robert Bailey**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr John McGirr**. We pray for those who are sick Jim Durrant, Emma O'Hare, Moira Petrie, Hubert Somasiri, Rebecca Duck, Andrew Lyon, Jim Clottin, Nimal and Vajira, Dushyanthi, 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.**



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
let all the coastlands be glad.
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;
his throne, justice and right. **(R.)**

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.
The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. **(R.)**

For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth
exalted far above all spirits. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the second letter of St Peter 1:16-19

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight:
listen to him.

Alleluia!

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:

**When Christ appears, we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.**



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**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral
Every Friday 10 - 11am
RECONCILIATION: Cathedral
Friday 10.30 - 11am**

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st Reading: **1 Kings 19:9, 11-13**

2nd Reading: **Romans 9:1-5**

Gospel: **Matthew 14: 22-33**

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.