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MASS TIMES

Weekday Mass Times

Monday :	No Mass
Tuesday	9.00am
Wednesday	9.00am
Thursday	9.00am
Friday	9.00am
Saturday	8.00am

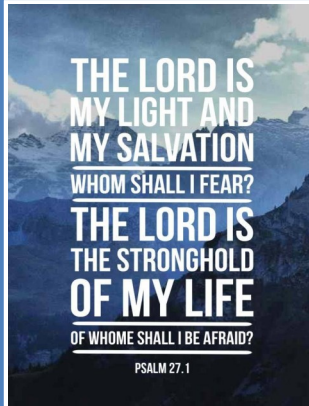
Reconciliation

Saturday 5.00pm - 5.30pm
or by appointment

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday : 6.00pm
Sunday : 8.00 am & 9.30 am

Second Sunday of Lent : 17 March 2019



Reflection.....

The readings of the second Sunday of Lent narrate events and situations where several significant biblical characters experience a state of uncertainty and confusion, and are rescued from it by divine or apostolic intervention.

The first reading builds on Gen 15:1-4 which reports how God appeared to Abram with the promise of making him a great nation. Moving away from doubt, Abram responded with faith

which was reckoned to him as righteousness. Biblically, righteousness means being in the right relationship with another person. Thus, this important statement means that the right relationship with God is built on faith and trust.

In the second reading, Paul writes to ask the Church in Philippi to fight against false teachers who were confusing and misleading his converts there. These teachers were certain Christians who insisted that the continuing practice of the Jewish laws and customs was a necessary condition for being righteous before God, and, therefore, necessary for salvation. Paul states clearly that the demand for continuing practice of the Jewish law was contrary to the Gospel. The core of Christian faith is the belief that righteousness comes from faith in Jesus alone, and that salvation was made possible by Jesus' death on the cross.

In the Gospel account on the Transfiguration, the appearance of Moses, Elijah, and Jesus' changed appearance, utterly confuses Jesus' closest disciples; Peter and his companions were unclear about the meaning of what they witnessed. They were unable to understand who Jesus is. God resolved their confusion by making a powerful and public statement. First, God declared Jesus his Son, someone infinitely greater than Moses and Elijah. Then, God declared Jesus his "chosen one", meaning that Jesus is the Messiah, chosen and sent by God into the world for a special mission. Finally, God commanded the disciples to listen to Jesus. This declaration and command by God removed the disciples' uncertainties and cleared their confusion regarding the meaning of the Transfiguration and the identity of Jesus.

The greatest weapon in the fight against uncertainty is submission to the Word of God. It can be likened to a person making a journey on an unknown road using GPS. An unknown voice speaks through the gadget at decision-making moments on the journey suggesting the direction one ought to take. In the end, submission to that voice leads the person to his/her destination. In relation to God, we can be confident that the Lord has the complete map of our lives in his hands. He knows the beginning and the end of every life. Going through a dark tunnel can be frightening but the light of faith in the heart gives hope and certainty.

Adapted from: <http://lectioyouth.net>

DATE CLAIMERS / REMINDERS

**Fri. 22 Mar: Stations of the Cross @ 7pm
led by Rosary Group**

COMBINED CHOIR

Fr. Yon will be leading the Combined Choir for the up-coming Holy Week (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil). All are welcome to join this three combined choir. Please put down your names on the list at the entrance of the church if you are interested in participating this choir. The choir leaders will be coordinating their respective groups to join in this combined choir.

Fr. Sunil

Catholic Leader News

- ◆ Pro-life advocates to campaign against Labor abortion policy;
- ◆ The Brisbane archdiocese celebrates International Women's Day on March 8;
- ◆ Political parties ramping up their pledges to combat domestic violence;
- ◆ Church and state coming together in the euthanasia debate – palliative care is the true form of assisted dying;
- ◆ New Catholic brand recaptures the spirit of early learning;
- ◆ Brisbane parish offers 'ashes to go' to commuters at Springfield;
- ◆ Blind Eye invites the community to drop-in for Mass at "Home";
- ◆ Camino pilgrimage inspires priest to journey with the joy and pains of others.

Buy your copy for \$ 2.00 from the piety shop

Second Sunday of Lent: Readings 17 March 2019

First Reading: Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 26: 1, 7-9, 13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading: Philippians 3: 17-4:1

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

Gospel Acclamation: Mathew 17:5

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice heard"

This is my beloved Son, hear him.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: Luke 9: 28-36

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Please pray for the sick in our Parish:

D&R Kasipale, J&A Pale, F Bowden, L Seeto, J Collins, M Dunlop, M Pierce, R Henwood, D Curtis, V Reid, V Gspejon, V Dancey, S Daniel, A Purkis, L Guadez, K & S Talatonu, B Hodgson, T Canty, K Bellette, M Finnerty, L Guadez, M Glorioso, D Hall, R Bakker, J Lachlan, A Van Uitregt, N Cutuk, V Toalepai, G & K Brown, Y Carter, M Trehane, B Vandenberg, J&J Beechey, John Maloney, Elizabeth Kruger, Chad Madsene, J&A Dent, Gladys Tongia, Gladdis & Mario Gorosito, Asiata J. Lealaitafea, Annie Carter, K. Bakker, E.B Sebuano, Pona Vai, Nigel Dunmore, Claude Rodrigues, Tiliola Niumagumagu

THANKSGIVING: Week Ending 10 March. 2019

No. of Envelopes Issued	:	115
No. of Envelopes Received	:	44
1st Collection	:	\$ 961.85
2nd Collection	:	\$ 783.70
TOTAL	:	\$ 1,745.55

ROSTER FOR WEEK ENDING 23 — 24 March 2019

Day/Date/Time	Saturday, 23 Mar.	Sunday, 24 Mar.	
	6.00 PM	8.00 AM	9.30 AM
Mass Coordinator	Luiz Vasquez	Irene Marooth	Kelemete Tito
Readers	Noreen Audley Emani Petelo	Wilda Fernandes Regina Taua	Erin Kennedy Flower Donohue
Extra Ordinary Ministers	Rosemarie Ordonez Paul Simpson Wendy Simpson	Rachel Matijasevic Repeka Kasipale Bob Clapp	Kelemete Tito Elisapeta Tito Doris Deurloo
Altar Servers	Avasa Petelo Jihn Paul Tevaga	Jeresse Timo Stebelle Timo	Leilani Taofinu'u Duli Silva Taoa Kepu
Choir	Saturday Night Choir	St. Peter's Choir	Divine Mercy
Counter's Roster	Regina Taua, Christine Lapalapa		
Cleaner's Roster	Petaly Tootell, Mafuli & Tua Niumagumagu, Ekalesia Group		



Children's Liturgy will recommence on **Sunday 3rd March 2019**. Sessions will be held in the Maryfields Hall at 9.30am every Sunday.

Parents with children aged 5 up to early teens are encouraged to send their children to attend these faith-forming, fun filled and learning sessions.

For further enquiries contact:

Tileasa Vaigafa @ 0434 570 123



The Sacrament of Baptism is available by pre-arrangement, every Sunday.

Please contact the Parish Office to make further inquiries.

Our Baptism Minister for **April, 2019**:

Helen Swindells

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All youth aged 13 and above are welcome to join our dynamic SMK Youth Group...we are the Church of today! For further information regarding our Youth Group, please call:

Christine Lapalapa on 0420 02 712



The Rite of Adult Christian Initiation (RCIA) Program is the Catholic Church's process of engaging and educating a catechumen (an adult who has expressed his/her interest to become a Catholic). From our Parish, we have the following R.C.I.A catechumens who are preparing to enter our faith community at Easter.

Sio Arauli

Lahiru Samaratunga

Tua Niumagumagu

Ashante Verannie Selu

Kien Lawrence Selu

As a community of believers, let us keep each one of these catechumens in your prayers as they continue to listen for and respond to God's call. God willing, they will receive the sacraments of initiation this Easter!

Loving God, please bless all of these your children who are seeking to come into full communion with you and your Holy Church. Keep guiding their catechists and network of supporters who faithfully dedicate their hearts to lighting the path for all these seekers of the truth which is ever present in Christ's divine love for all of us.

PROJECT COMPASSION



Second Sunday in Lent: 17 March 2019

Tati lives in the remote forest of Indonesia. She is a mother of three who was earning an income working in a local rubber plantation. Since taking part in eco-tourism training with Caritas Australia and its partners, Tati can now afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment Tati aspires to a future free from poverty for her family. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty, and give them hope to protect our common home. Lives change when we all give 100%.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



Sacramental Program 2019

We will begin our Children's Sacramental Program for 2019 very soon. This would be for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** and the **Sacrament of First Holy Communion**. If you want your child/children to receive either one of these sacraments, please enrol their names by **10 March 2019**; the enrolment forms will be made available by **1st February** at the entrance of the Church and in the parish office.

1st session with parents will be held on Sunday 31st March @ 10.45am

2nd Session: Sunday 28 April @ 10.45am, 3rd Session: Sunday 5 May @ 10.45am

4th Session: Sunday 12 May @10.45am, 5th Session: 19 May @10.45am

Confirmation Rehearsal : Saturday 25 May @10am



Our wonderful Parish Ministries'

Over the past few Sundays, Fr. Sunil has always included in the Parish notices, an invitation to our Parishioners to become involved in our Parish Ministries. In last month's Newsletter, we learned of the journey of our new Catholic Chaplains, their beginning, the pathway through the course and their final commitment to our local hospital.

This month, we tippy-toe into the world of our **Care and Concern** group of volunteers, and have a closer look, at what they do for our elderly, home based or nursing home based Parishioners.

You may be aware, that on the second Tuesday of each month, Fr. Sunil has organized, a special Anointing Mass, stating at 10.45am. However, before that time, there is a group of beautiful people, let's call them carers, who are extremely busy, preparing everything to ensure, that this day is memorable for the large group of people who attend. If it were a case of many hands make light work, the numerous tasks of preparation, ensuring that all went well, and the cleaning up afterwards, would, be little more than a breeze. Good organization never just happens, it is the creation of hard work from all involved. Let's take a closer look:—

Getting elderly and unwell people to the site of the Mass. While many are independent, there are others who rely on friends or volunteers to bring them. This is the first step. "Who will pick up Mr... Mrs...? Who will ensure that they are welcomed into a suitable place in the church? Who will ensure that they are accompanied to a seat in the hall afterwards? Who will take them safely back to their homes? On the average, more than fifty people attend our Anointing Mass, the luncheon and entertainment afterwards. Does the coordinator (Sue Barrett) just simply ring up the carers and order the delicious meals? No! All the group attend regular meetings, and well thought out plans are drawn up. Then, the all too few volunteers, agree to make this, that and the other delightful dishes.

When all the dust is settled and the very satisfied Parishioners have long departed, if you were to take a peep into our Parish Hall, you would find, the very same ones:- washing up the dishes, sweeping and mopping the floor; packing up the tables and chairs; returning all to its pristine state. Weary...yes, but delightful that once again, so many Parishioners have been blessed with the Anointing of the Oils; have received their God and Lord into their hearts; have been replenished with a variety of very good foods; and have laughed away their sorrows and pains in the company of so many friends. All made possible by the selfless wonder of a few truly selfless people, who know so deeply that in serving others, they are in fact truly serving their Lord and Master. Jesus did say, "*Whoever gives a cup of cool water in my name, they give it to me.*"

Now...There is not a healthy retired man or women in our Parish who could truly say they could not spare just one morning a month to help in the work of serving our wonderful elderly Parishioners. There is the putting out of tables and chairs and the packing of them away; the sweeping and the mopping of the floor; the washing up on the dishes; the preparation of meals; the transport of individuals . Where can you fit in? Give Sue a ring on 0421 740 814.

A Journey Through Lent

2019-Parish Lenten Program

Lenten Reflection Sessions scheduled during Lent:

- ◆ **Every Thursday from 6.30pm to 7.30pm, led by Divine Mercy Group**
- ◆ **Every Friday from 9.30am to 10.30am, led by Fr. Yon**
- ◆ **Stations of the Cross : Every Friday during the Lent @ 7.00pm**

Holy Week

Palm Sunday	:	April 14, 2019
Holy Thursday	:	April 18, 2019
Good Friday	:	April 19, 2019
Easter Vigil	:	April 20, 2019
Easter Sunday	:	April 21, 2019