

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

Second Sunday of Lent - Year B

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Christ our Anchor

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Sunday Reflection by Fr John Thornhill sm



asked of Abraham, making him the model of all true believers. To the people of Abraham's world there was nothing more important in life than descendants who would remember and honour them. Long after the age when he could expect a child, God gave Abraham a son. If he gives up Isaac, he has nothing left but his trust in God. That trust is rewarded – those who will call him their father will be countless; all the peoples of the earth will be blessed in his name – through the salvation brought by the Cross of Christ.

This heart-rending story of the testing of a father's love is linked in today's liturgy with the basic truth of our Christian faith, proclaimed by St Paul, in the second reading. The eternal Father, who for our sake 'did not spare his own Son', will not refuse anything to his people in their need.

The destination of our Lenten journey is clearly to be seen in today's readings: the mystery of the Cross, in which the father 'did not spare his own Son', and the glory which was to be the Risen Christ's in his final triumph, glimpsed on the mountain.

The testing of Abraham is one of the masterpieces of the Old Testament. The story echoes a brutal age in which the sacrifice of children was not uncommon – in fact, the people of the old Israel were taught to sacrifice an animal in place of their offspring, to turn them away from this horrendous temptation.

But the real point of the story, made so wonderfully, is the absolute trust that is

The promise made to Abraham was to be fulfilled in the victory of the Saviour's resurrection. As he undertakes the journey towards the Cross and its glorious aftermath, he gives the chosen three among his followers a glimpse of the triumph in which he would fulfil the promise of the Law (Moses) and realise all the hopes of the prophets (Elijah). Again the Father's love shines through: 'This is my beloved Son – listen to him!'

It was a long journey from Abraham's testing to the final fulfilment of God's promises. We are privileged that the route our journey must take is so clearly marked out for us.

Margaret from Solomon Islands

Margret, 39, is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands. She was born deaf, so she knows the challenges it poses to education and employment. The school faced water shortages that often left staff and students without safe water for drinking, cooking, washing and growing vegetables.

Then Tropical Cyclone Harold damaged the school and its vegetable garden as the threat of COVID-19 loomed. With Caritas Australia's support, the school installed water tanks, provided cyclone-proof building materials, and helped to implement COVID-19 prevention measures.

Margret's school now has enough water for its students and the capacity to cater for more, and is now planning to boost food security through increased agricultural production.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home.

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SCHEDULES

Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm
Or anytime by appointment

Normal Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass
& 11.00am Chinese Mass

Normal Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service
Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass
(Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

Sacrament of Baptism

Welcoming & Naming

First Sunday at 9.00am Mass

Baptism outside Mass

Second Saturday at 10.30am

No Baptism during Mass in Lent

Third Sunday during 9.00am Mass

Other Time

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Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment with Fr Patrick

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New Principal 2021

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	Sun 7.30am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 9.00am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Pam Vincent	Jean Pavey
	Sun 7.30am	Les Price	Mitchelle Cota
	Sun 9.00am	Maria Fernandes	Annalise Herrmann
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 9.00am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
Counters		Terry & Meagan Scanlan	Sharon & Ryan Moore

PARISH CALENDAR

Feb Sat 27	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (2nd Sunday of Lent Year B) Church
Sun 28	7.30am	Sunday Mass (2nd Sunday of Lent Year B) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (2nd Sunday of Lent Year B) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (2nd Sunday of Lent Year B) Church
Mar Mon 1	8.00am	Communion Service (2nd week of Lent) Church
Tue 2	8.00am	Mass (2nd week of Lent) Church
Wed 3	8.00am	Mass (2nd week of Lent) Church
Thu 4	8.00pm	Mass (2nd week of Lent) Church
Fri 5	8.00am	Mass (2nd week of Lent) Church
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat 6	8.00am	Mass (2nd week of Lent) Church
	5.00-5.30pm	Confession - Church



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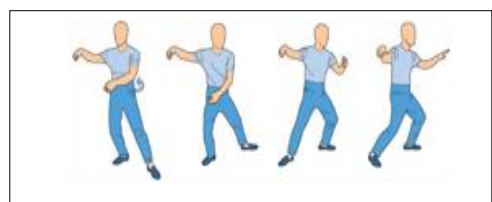
Donations to Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice.

We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through your prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion. Each family will receive a Project Compassion box and/or a set of envelopes for their donations or you can donate online via the Caritas Australia website at: lent.caritas.org.au

Saint Oscar Romero is our inspiration for Project Compassion 2021, so in his words let's "Aspire not to have more, but to be more."



Line Dancing Classes
 Every Wednesday 10am - 12noon
 \$5 per session
 All proceeds go to the Parish
 This is a community building initiative to keep you fit and active with the help of Francis & Hellen Tay
 All are welcome; no age limits!



Tai Chi Group
 In Manning Parish Hall
 Every Monday except holidays
 Starts 7:30pm and finishes at 8:30pm
 All parishioners are most welcome.
 For more information, please contact or text Stephen on 0403167838.

2021 Sacraments



Here are the Schedules for the celebration of the sacraments for 2021. Parents, if your child/children are attending State Schools you need to enrol for the Sacramental programs. Please contact the parish office to obtain an Enrolment Form or visit our website to get one - manningparish.org.au/sacraments - so that we can organise the preparation for them.

Confirmation
Saturday, 29 May 2021

First Holy Communion
Sunday, 5 September 2021

First Reconciliation
Saturday, 30 October 2021

Catholic Faith Renewal

Invites you, to bring your family & friends to enjoy this evening of :


- Songs of praise (7.30pm)
- Thanksgiving Mass (8.00pm)

Followed with a talk by Fr Jean-Noel Marie "Journeying towards Easter with St Joseph"

Fellowship & Light supper

Friday 5 March 2021 7.30pm
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STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Every Friday 7.00pm in Lent

First Reading

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.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

1. 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.)
2. 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.)
3. 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

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 17:5

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

Mark 9:2-10

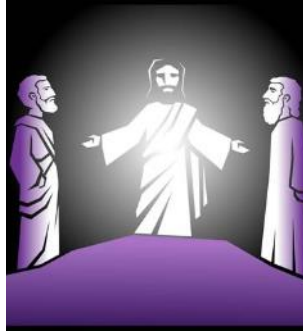
Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking 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.

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone Stewart



Have you ever experienced a place or situation that was breathtaking, incredible, glorious and awesome? something that filled you with joy and life and zeal? What was it like? Where was it? What made it so special? Were you alone or with others? Were you able to explain it to someone who was not there? Why or why not?

Why do you think Jesus wanted Peter, James and John to experience him as a glistening, dazzling, transfigured vision? How do you think that affected their faith? How would it have affected your faith? How does it affect your faith just reading about it?

Peter did not want to leave that mountaintop experience. He wanted to build some booths and just 'camp out' there for a while. Why was it better for Jesus and Peter and the others to come down from the mountain? Why is it important for us to enjoy and remember our 'peak' experiences, but leave them behind and come back to our everyday life?

Next Sunday Readings

Third Sunday of Lent Year B
7th March 2021

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

CHILDREN'S CORNER

The Transfiguration

One day, Jesus took Peter, James and John to the top of a high mountain. They then witnessed Jesus talking with Moses and Elijah and heard the voice of God. Draw a picture of the Transfiguration.

