



# St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 16 MARCH 2025

**First reading:** Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

**Responsorial Psalm: 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.

*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:** Luke 9:28-36 As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

We are going through the grace-filled period of time in our spiritual journey as we renew the life of the Gospel within us. We all wish to live the life that is free from slavery to sin, passing through darkness towards the light in Christ. Each year the Lenten Season offers us this special period of time for us to spend seriously in order to get closer to God - to repent - and to change our lives.

On the Second Sunday of Lent the Gospel is about the **Transfiguration of Jesus at Mount Tabor**. This passage assures us that Jesus is the Lord and Redeemer. He is the Lord of hope, joy and salvation for all who believe and follow Him.

**What does the happening at Mount Tabor give us?** It certainly gives us no theological knowledge. The incident not only affirms the glory of Jesus and His nature as God. From the Transfiguration we can also learn a lesson that is useful for our spiritual journey. At Tabor when the three disciples, Peter, James and John pray with Jesus they have gained a special and marvelous experience. Prayer leads them to feel the presence of God. And what follows is that they start to understand how the way of the cross is the way that leads to life. Praying gives the disciples a new vision. When they pray, their hearts are transformed.

As we make our spiritual journey this Lent the Transfiguration of Jesus reassures us and reminds us to give more significance to our prayer life. Let us also realize that it's not only the three disciples at Mount Tabor who have such marvelous experience, but whoever prays to God and truly follows His path will also be blessed with God's marvelous experience.

*Throughout the past week my thoughts and heart have been focused on Thailand at the Pattaya Orphanage where my mission is, as we celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This is a big event on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February, especially with a thanksgiving Mass celebrating "50 years of Care for Orphan's Lives and Future". We have cared for more than 1,200 orphans until now and have helped more than 700 children to be adopted to several countries in Europe and the rest have been educated and are able to support themselves. Please pray for Pattaya Orphanage in this special occasion and also include our prayers during holy lent for all the children in need throughout the world.*



Download and view "50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Book of Pattaya Orphanage"



*Father Francis Kritsada*

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Helen Warren, Peter Carlton, Peggy Mitchell, Harry Barakat.

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Harry Le Clercq.

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community:** Mary Boland, Stewart Frater, Michael Luce, Clive O'Kelly, Claire Seymour, Sharon Keats, Bernard Bartetzko, Vicky Coccozza, Jibrán Mardini, Richard Stritzel, Rita Irwin, Kate Gibbs, Christine 'Saus' Barron, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Bev Smith, Sheryl Grunke, Noel Roshan Francis, Therese Odri, Kath Smith, Freddy Nield, Ray Frelek, Blake Cusato, Braxton, Greg Coddington, Jamal Abraham, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Madeline Gray, Dorothy Marsh.

**MASS TIME CHANGE:** Please note that on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April, there will be a St Saviour's Harmony Day Mass at 9am, which you are welcome to attend, however there will also be a **7.00am Mass** that morning for those who are unable to come at 9.

**Maronite Mass:** Fr Fadi Salami, Maronite Priest from Brisbane will be Celebrating Mass in the Maronite Rite on 23<sup>rd</sup> March at St Anthony's Church in Memory Street at 11.00am. Father is offering the Mass for all the members of the Lebanese Community who have died since the beginning of last year. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend. Please bring a plate of finger food to share over lunch and a chat after Mass.

**SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION** in preparation for Easter will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 5.30pm and at St Thomas More's on the same day at 9.30am.

<b>Sunday 16 March</b> <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> [SPC St Patrick's STM St Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. <b>Live Stream 9am</b>	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Monday 17 March</b> <b>Saint Patrick</b>	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	9.30am Rosary Group – Cathedral grounds
<b>Tuesday 18 March</b>	9am Mass SPC	5.30pm Liturgy Meeting SPC
<b>Wednesday 19 March</b> <b>Saint Joseph</b>	7am Mass SPC	4pm or pm First Reconciliation Practice 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 20 March</b>	7am Mass SPC	7.30am – 8.30am Adoration 6pm Parish Council Meeting SPC in Presbytery <b>6pm – 7pm Choir Practice in the Cathedral - Cancelled</b>
<b>Friday 21 March</b>	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	6pm Celebration of Reconciliation 9am Friendship Group 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 22 March</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am <b>Stations of the Cross</b> at SPC 8am – 9am Reconciliation SPC 10am Celebration of Reconciliation SPC 11.30am Baptism Colbie Jackson Cleary 2pm Altar Servers Practice
<b>Sunday 23 March</b> <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>	7am, 9am, 5.30pm <b>Live Stream 9am</b>	11am Baptism Aurelia Anne Stewart 12pm Baptism Mila Mae Dawson 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

**Planned Giving:** Thank you for your donations. Loose \$1465 Planned Giving \$737 Donation Point \$1060 Money Counters this weekend: Pat Power, Leo & Maureen McMahon Money Counters next weekend: Sam & Fina Ginardi, Wendy Heelan

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