



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of this place, the Jarowair and Giabal peoples.



Second Sunday of Lent

5 March 2023

First reading: Genesis 12:1-4 The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

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

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10 God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

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: Matthew 17:1-9 His face shone like the sun.

Transfiguration / Metamorphosis

What if we, too, were transfigured?

Early in my English literature studies, they introduced us to *Metamorphosis* (*Die Verwandlung*) by Franz Kafka (1915). The story covers the sad end of its protagonist, Gregor Samsa, who wakes up one morning to find himself changed into a giant insect. As one could but imagine, this was rather a shock to his family. It also meant he was unable to work, unable even to roll over, and eventually unable to gain the sustenance required for life.

It's a kind of horrible story with a (spoiler alert!) tragic end; certainly not the kind of transformation that I would like to happen to me. Yet the work did capture my attention. This speculative narrative challenged me to think about how we all change through life. Not only the idea of change – also what effect this has on the ways we might function, our relationships, how we are seen by others, and from where and what we draw life.

The Transfiguration of Jesus shows us something quite different to the metamorphosis of Gregor Samsa. Here, Jesus' clothes became radiant, His place among the law and the prophets was explicit, and His relationship with the Father proclaimed for those present to witness. Peter reacts in an almost Kafka-esque way with surprise. But he also makes mistake of thinking that the transfiguration should stay as it is.

What kind of metamorphosis are we experiencing this Lent? It's meant to be a time of growing towards the life of Easter, a light glimpsed at the transfiguration. We certainly hope not to undergo the transfiguration(/metamorphosis) of Gregor.

Yes, the change we undergo in Lent will affect our relationships, even with our families. It should change the way we engage with our work every single day. But it shouldn't stop us from being able to turn toward the light, correct our ways, and convert. And it should bring us closer to Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life.

I wish you every peace and blessing on your metamorphosis this week!



✚ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Brian Musundi (Kenya), Audrey Bothwell, Kathleen Lawrie (Ipswich). May perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.

✚ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Daniel Gainey, Fr Hector Thomas Sheeran [2017], Fr Joseph Skelly [1970].

✚ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially:** Bernadette Farrell, Greg Coddington, Gloria Hayes, Gayle Christoffel, Stanley Poon, Pat Murray, Jamal Abraham, Pam Cavalachini, Madelaine Morris, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Rodolfo Umipig, Bev Smith (Boodle), Addison McEwan, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Madeline Gray, Maria Brown, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Rita Blacker, Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, Joanne Essey [Sydney], Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marie Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Andrew Supple, Mary-Ann Hine, Kathy Allan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Teresita Pamulaklakin.

RECONCILIATION – 1st Rite available every Saturday morning between 8am and 9am.

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS: There will be the opportunity to be part of a Lenten Reflection Group each Tuesday during Lent following 9.00am Mass. If you would like to be part of this group, simply remain after Mass and join with Gabrielle who is coordinating the sessions.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to assist at St Pat's. If you are still willing to volunteer, you will find the sheets on the table.

PALM SUNDAY – If you, or your neighbour, or friend are willing to allow us to cut some palms from your large palm trees could you please let us know. Usually we get them from the Bishop's backyard, but the supply is pretty low. So please call the office with details if you are able to help – 4637 1500 or email admin@stpats.org.au Thanks!

Fundraiser for Türkiye/Syria. St Thomas More's Sewing Group will have a sewing and craft stall at the Neil St entrance of the Cathedral, at Masses next weekend, 11/12 March. All funds will go towards victims of the earthquake. We will have lots of great gift and household items, including some wonderful gifts for Mothers Day. Cash or cards welcome.

Holy Name Church – A part time Parish Secretary position exists at Holy name Church. Enquiries and for a position description please email holynameparishtmba@bigpond.com

SOME DATES TO NOTE:

- St Patrick's Cathedral **Anointing Mass** will be combined with St Thomas More's on Friday, 17th March at 9.30am, at St Thomas More's.
- **2ND Rite of Reconciliation** – St Thomas More's on 22/03 at 9.00am and St. Patrick's Cathedral on 22/03 at 5.30pm.
- Ecumenical **Blessings of Palms** on 02/04 at 8.15am, followed by Mass at St Patrick's at 9.00am.
- **Chrism Mass** on Monday, 03/04 at 5.30pm at St Patrick's.

Sunday 5 March [SPC – St. Patrick's] [STM – St. Thomas More's]	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	11am Baptism of Fleur Whyatt Rogers 12pm Baptism of Dontae Alexander Frid, Harper Faith Page, Roman Douglas John Frid and Mackenzie Kay Frid 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 6 March	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	10am Rosary making group in Parish Centre
Tuesday 7 March	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	9am Docesan Inservice 5.30pm No Choir Practice 6pm Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 8 March	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 9 March	7am Mass SPC	Adoration SPC 7.30am – 8.30am
Friday 10 March	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 11 March	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Pat's 8.00am – 9.00am Reconciliation
Sunday 12 March	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. 9am Live Streaming	12pm Isabella Grace Case 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

Planned Giving: Thank you for your generous donations. Planned Giving \$1057 Loose \$1798 Donation Point \$810
Money Counters this weekend: Pat Power with Leo and Maureen McMahon.
Money Counters next weekend: Wendy Heelan with Sam and Fina Ginardi.

Planned Giving Options: Envelopes available from parish office. For direct debit/credit card please contact Celia at the Parish Office on 4637 1500. You may simply like to do a bank transfer: St Patrick's Cathedral, BSB 064-786, Account Number 100014072, reference envelope number. Thank you.