



Gospel Acclamation Mt 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.

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Gospel Lk 9:28-36

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Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, 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 he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

One often hears the conventional wisdom: 'All religions are the same, with somewhat different packaging.' But, do they believe the same thing about the human person?

What if one believed that the most vital part of a person was 'the soul' which alone was destined for Heaven? This is not the Christian belief.

Today's Gospel recounts that Jesus' *body* was transfigured. This was no out-of-the-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' *body* was totally translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Every molecule of his materiality was reverberating in the halo of divine glory.

That is the destiny which God desires for us also. When we are really in harmony with God, when we really participate in the life of God, then that Divine Life envelops and permeates our whole person, *body/soul*. That is our *ultimate* destiny, but can it be anticipated in the lives of those close to God?

You might care to read the story of St Seraphim of Sarov from the Russian Orthodox tradition. A follower recounts the dazzling bodily transformation of the saint with the blaze of light spilling over onto the snow-covered meadow.

We might pause for a moment to affirm our Christian hope that, with God's grace, we will be radiant with Divine Light, our bodies immersed in translucent glory, filled with infinite joy in our hearts.

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The Living Word

Second Sunday of Lent, Year C

13 March 2022

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

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life
before whom shall I shrink? (R.)

2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' (R.)
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,
hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. (R.)
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's
goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

Second Reading Phil 3:17 – 4:1 or Phil 3:20 – 4:1 (shorter form)

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

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.



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DURING THE SEASON OF LENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during weekdays in Lent will take place after daily Mass, Tuesday to Saturday for half an hour.

Stations of the Cross during Lent, each Friday at 7:00pm in the church.

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Spanish Speaking Mass 12:30pm; Filipino Mass monthly 4th Sunday at 12:15pm
WEEKDAY MASS: Monday Communion Service 8:30am, Tuesday 7pm,
Wednesday - Saturday 8:30am **Public Holidays 8:30am**
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3rd Lent C: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9.

Fr Stan writes ...

On this, the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. In today's Gospel, the voice from heaven speaks to the disciples saying, "Listen to him." The Transfiguration was a focused moment for the disciples when they heard God speaking to them and experienced Jesus in glory. They most certainly left this focused moment with a new appreciation for the importance of Jesus' words even if they did not yet understand everything that he had taught them. During Lent, we are invited to consider our attentiveness to Jesus and to one another. In the pace and noise that often characterises modern life, how well do we listen to one another? What opportunities do we have for quiet prayer?

I encourage you to take part in some of the Lenten devotions such as the Stations of the Cross, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, reconciliation, and increased prayer time as well as trying to attend Mass during the week if possible. Also, please remember to take a Project Compassion Box home with you if you haven't already done so.



PLEASE NOTE! Next Sunday 20th March at 3:30pm in our church, there will be a time for special reflection, prayers, including the Rosary, for peace in war torn Ukraine as well as for all who have been devastated by the floods in NSW and Queensland. **PLEASE JOIN US IF YOU CAN!**

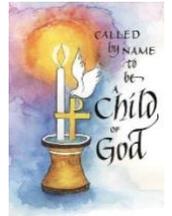
Prayer for Peace

Give comfort to those who suffer because of the violence. Give comfort to those who mourn their dead, and strength to neighbouring countries to welcome the refugees. Convert the hearts of those who resort to arms and protect those who work to promote peace.

God of hope, inspire leaders to choose peace instead of violence and to seek reconciliation with enemies. Inspire compassion in the universal Church for the Ukrainian people and give us hope for a future of peace based on justice for all. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace and Light of the world. Amen."

We welcome into our Christian community through the
Sacrament of Baptism

Arianna Maree Felton and congratulate her family.



Flame Gifts are looking for new volunteers. We have reopened this month and are in need of new volunteers so we can build up to being open 7 days a week again. If you have time and would like to join our great team of volunteers, please call Jenny on 0466 933 811. All training will be provided. No experience required

Fr Jacques Philippe to Address the Archdiocese of Sydney | Live Online | Wednesday 23 March 2022 | 7 – 8:30 PM

Fr Jacques Philippe, author, international speaker and spiritual director, will address the faithful of Sydney on the topic, 'Can we make disciples? Evangelising with the Holy Spirit.'

This third event in the *Reclaiming Evangelisation* series will explore the relationship between prayer, reliance on the Holy Spirit and living as disciples within our parishes.

Please register at www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events. Inquiries: parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org

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PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF: Minerva Santos, Josie Keen, Sonny Egan, John Thomas D'Silva recently deceased.

Also, Vincenzo & Caterina Cincotta, the Escalante & Venal families, Frank & Edgar Falzon, Carmela, Angelo, Paul Scicluna, Ignazio (Jim) Torrisi, Charlie & Melina Bietola, Dr Raphael Panetta, Rosina & Michele Panetta, Rosa & Raffaele Fazzolari, Mary & Sam Bietola, Frank Ientile, Maria Ientile, John, Annarita, Antonio Ientile, Natale Papandrea, Papandrea, Ientile, Cessario families, Angelo Fazzolari & Fazzolari family, Fortunato & Rosa Galluzzo & Galluzzo family, Rosina, Giuseppe, Salvatore & Bruno Panetta, Luigi, Rosina, Pasquale & Santa Genova, Mario & Dirce Gualdi, Antonino & Tindara Caravello, Alberto Tanzini, Angelina & Antonino Rando, Giuseppe & Maria Caterina Pupo, Baby Cove Rose Pupo, Emmanuela Delia, Josephine Keen, Pal Hanson, Helen Henclewski, Robert (Bob) Jones, Bob Brown, Marianna Cincotta, Nunziata Pirina, Janina & Anzelm Maciejczyk, Zofia & Mieczyslaw Machnio, Max Doohan, Anna Pelosi.