

2nd Sunday of Lent

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Sunday 16th March 2025

First Reading *Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18*

A reading from the book of Genesis

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 Chaldaeans 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.'

The word of the Lord

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 *Philippians 3:20 – 4:1*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

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

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.

The word of the Lord

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 *Luke 9:28-36*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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

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.

The Gospel of the Lord

St. Mary's Parish Cowes Three Churches—One Parish

St Mary's—Cowes

Our Lady Star of the Sea—San Remo

St. Joseph's—Bass

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Mass/Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion Times



Star of the Sea—San Remo

Tuesday 9.15am Mercy Prayer followed by the Rosary & Mass at 10am. Saturday 6pm Mass.

St Mary's—Cowes

Mass 9am Thursday & Friday.

Reconciliation Saturday 10am-11am

Mass Sunday 9am

St. Joseph's, Bass Mass Sunday 11am. Liturgy of the World with Holy Communion Wed 9am. Adoration & Prayer Wed 9.30—10am & 7-8pm

Anniversaries: We remember and pray for Antoinette Tenel, David Hall, Richard Schmeiszl, Mgr. Dan McCartan, Mgr. Joe Daly

Solemnity: St. Patrick, Monday 17th March, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Wednesday 19th March.

Bible Study 2025. Bible Study on Wednesday 19th March at 10am St. Mary's Church Hall. New participants are welcome. For further information ring Nicholas on 0409 582 012



Bass Prayer Group on Monday 17th March at 7pm. Contact Wendy Power 56 782271. All Welcome



Lenten Group on Thursday 20th March at 7pm at St. May's, Cowes in the Parish Hall



Project Compassion Boxes and Envelopes are available at the back of the Church.



Parish Lunch—Instead of our usual lunch in April, we are organising a lunch at the RSL on ANZAC Day. It is a carvery. We have booked for 40. If you would like to attend please ring Marilyn 040 325 8317 by Monday, April 21.



News from Our Lady Star of the Sea



We hope you all enjoyed the long weekend. We enjoyed ours after our huge audit last Friday. This week was another big week with our Yr 3 and Yr 5 students as it was NAPLAN week. The students participated in Reading,

Writing, Numeracy and Language convention tests. All our 5/6 students participated in lawn bowls lessons on Thursday, and from this, a team of 14 will be chosen for the actual competition.

Easter Raffle—This Easter the Parish will hold a Easter Raffle. Donations will be greatly appreciated. Baskets are now available at the back of the Church.



REFLECTION

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Transfigured Bodysouls



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, *bodysoul*. 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

Prayer of Intercession.

We pray for all those whose access to food and water is insecure. May the whole human family respond generously in creating lasting justice in the distribution of life's necessities. May we respond to opportunities such as those presented by Project Compassion this Lent to Unite Against Poverty. May we all be one.



Lenten Prayer - 2nd Sunday of Lent

God of our journey we are all pilgrims of hope brought together by your love and your wish that we may all be one.

We pray that in this Year of Jubilee when we are called to greater justice and care for our common home that we may *Unite Against Poverty*.

May we work in unity for the freedom of the oppressed and the renewal of creation.

May our compassionate minds and generous hearts help bring about a world where all can live in peace.

May our Lenten pilgrimage of fasting, almsgiving and prayer bring us closer to your loving heart.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen



We are a child safe parish. Any children, young persons and adults at risk have a right to feel safe and be safe. If you are concerned about any form of abuse, or believe that someone is at significant risk, you should immediately raise your concerns with our Parish Safety Officer. He can be contacted through the Parish Office. Ph 03 59 525 418

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