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WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY 6.00PM.

SUNDAY 8.00AM AND 11.15AM

Our Vision

We are a Catholic Community who profess, celebrate and witness that Jesus lives, and to whom the Father sends His Spirit. We express that belief by living out and spreading the message of the Gospel.

16th and 17th of March 2019

2nd Sunday of Lent - Year C

Just as we always hear the story of Jesus' testing on the first Sunday of lent, so we always hear of his transfiguration on the second. One way of interpreting this choice is to see the story of the transfiguration as a source of encouragement for us on our Lenten journey. If we were disheartened by the challenge, of last Sunday's Gospel, then we might be refreshed today by the vision of Jesus' glory. The story of the transfiguration follows on from Paul's assurance of our future heavenly transformation, a promise of glory that we might well welcome after the strangely dark story of the covenant with Abraham. Appealing as it is, the Gospel story makes it clear that we can't escape into an imaginary paradise as Peter was tempted to do. Jesus must come down from the mountain and continue on his way. This is the choice he makes. He faces up to the fate that awaits him in Jerusalem. What about us? Will we continue to follow him to Calvary and beyond?

SPARC Worship Night

You are warmly invited to a very special Lent Worship Night!

**Saturday 30th March – 6.00pm Mass and starts at 7.15pm
At Ss Peter and Paul's Church**

Lent is a season in which we are called to stop whatever it is we are doing, no matter how important it might be, and intentionally enter into prayer, self-examination and repentance with the sole purpose of returning to God with all our hearts. This goes beyond the usual "What am I giving up for Lent this year" and really exhorts us to ask ourselves "How can I give all of myself: my dreams, my hopes, my fears, my life, my heart, to God?"

As we prepare for Easter, we invite you to carve out some time to join us in preparing our hearts for this truth
- that God loves us so much that He gave His all through Jesus that we might be saved.

Ladies Afternoon Tea

Our next ladies afternoon tea will be held on Wednesday the 20th of March at 2.00pm in the drop in centre. This is a great opportunity to get together with your fellow parishioners, catch up for a natter and a cuppa. Please bring a plate to share.

Lenten Reflection and Discussion Afternoon

Our parish Lenten Reflection and Discussion program this year will be held every Tues 2pm to 3.30pm, beginning March 12th. Please put your name and contact details on the sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to attend.

Donation of Palm or Olive Branches for Palm Sunday

This year, Palm Sunday falls on the 14th April. If you have palms or olive branches you'd like to donate to the parish for this occasion, please contact Cheryl at the parish office on Tues, Wed or Fri (9am – 3pm) by 29th March 2019.

Stations of the Cross

Just a reminder that Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent here at Ss Peter and Paul's at 7.30pm. Look forward to seeing you there.

LENT PODCAST SERIES: THE LENTEN PILGRIM | WEEK 2—The Transfiguration

In this second episode of The Lenten Pilgrim podcast series, we hear from Tricia Murray who reflects on the significant moment of the Transfiguration. Tricia says, 'Icons have often been referred to as "theology in colour".'

We see Jesus in this icon of the Transfiguration, we see him in his full glory, radiant in white. Jesus has taken his three disciples to experience his divine nature. The idea of going up the mountain to this high point and then coming back down the mountain is very significant because these are the three disciples who experience his suffering and his agony. And these same disciples who were thrown upside down by his glory were thrown upside down by his pain. There are the high points and the low points in all of our lives. That's the paschal mystery.'

Tricia works in the area of Faith Development and administration at the Catholic Parish of Brunswick and Brunswick East. For other resources to use during the Season of Lent, please visit the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation Melbourne website www.cam.org.au/evangelisation.

Sharing of Submissions to Plenary Council 2020

The Listening and Dialogue phase of Plenary Council 2020 closed on Ash Wed. If you have submitted a response to the Plenary Council and would like to share it with the parish community, please email it to Cheryl.tay@cam.org.au, or drop it off at the parish office by Sunday 31st March 2019. A compilation will be done and made available to the community thereafter.

MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE: WEEKEND OPEN DAY

Saturday 16 March, 10am–4pm
**Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert
Street, East Melbourne**

The Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre invites parishioners, families and friends to their first Weekend Open Day for 2019. Visit the Mary MacKillop Museum, the Chapel where Mary prayed, as well as the Gift Shop and refreshments area for morning or afternoon tea.

A Mary MacKillop walking tour will take place at 11am. Everyone welcome. Entry is free.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Second Sunday of Lent 17th March 2019



Tati lives in the remote forest of Indonesia with her husband and children. Earning an income working in a local rubber plantation, her Dayak culture has relied on the rainforest for generations. However, due to land clearing, many indigenous people are losing their land and livelihoods. Through eco-tourism training supported by Caritas Australia, Tati can now afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment Tati aspires to a future free from poverty for her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty, and give them hope to protect our common home.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

This weeks Gospel

This Sunday, we see Jesus reveal the un-created light of his true identity and we hear the Father say, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." We experience Christ's deepest identity every time we listen to him and allow the Holy Spirit to enlighten our understanding of his words and guidance. By listening to him, we let his uncreated light consume the darkness that still lingers within us. Then, the people around us experience more of him, because they meet him in us in our actions, in our compassion, in our forgiveness, etc. This is evangelization! Lent is a time of concentrating on our need for Christ to shed his light into our areas of darkness. When we let Jesus enlighten us so that we repent (which means change), seeking and receiving forgiveness and the Holy Spirit's way to get to Easter! Our trials are his blood being shed again. Our pains are his pains. We're already on the cross with Jesus! So why not embrace this extreme intimacy with him for the sake of those who've scourged us and betrayed us? By loving those who don't love us, forgiving those who mistreat us, and working hard to replace evil with the kingdom of God, we reveal the light of Christ to those who live in darkness.

LADIES LUNCHEON GROUP

DATE FUNCTION

18 MARCH: Morning Melodies at Cherry Hill Tavern – Reynolds Road, with Vincent O'Connor presenting "All Irish Affair". This includes Morning tea, lunch & show for \$15 - 10am morning tea (be there early for parking), 10.30am show with 3 course lunch at 11.30am. If you enjoy Irish music, a lively Irish jig and would like to join us, please contact Muriel on 0417 055 617 asap. Limited bookings.

3 APRIL: Stix & Stones Restaurant, 410 Main Road, Lower Plenty (9439 4888). Lunch Menu 1 course with choice of wine, beer or soft drink is \$25 and 2 course \$35 with a drink.

Anyone interested please book with Muriel on 0417 0550617.

We are looking forward to trying new venues and sharing great fellowship together. Come and join us.

The Holy Cross Centre, 2017 Serpells Road, Templestowe

Recruiting for the twenty third Annual Melbourne Passion Play is now under way. Here is your opportunity to be part of the re-enactment of the Ministry of Christ that has been enjoyed by thousands over the years. No acting experience is necessary. Only six rehearsals. Men and women are urgently required to fill the various roles. Crew members are also required. To take part in this fantastic production, contact the Director, Robert Durai. Enquiries: Robert Durai, 0422 130 014. Details: www.passionplay.info.

Parish Groups

VISITATION GROUP

The next Visitation Group meeting is scheduled for Friday 5th April 2019 at 10.15am in the Parish Centre. New members are always welcome.

SUPPORT GROUP-

for widows, widowers and separated

We will advise of the new date for this meeting in due course. For enquiries, please contact Peter - 0413 015 061 or 9840 6248 or padess53@gmail.com

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The next collection is due on Sunday the 31st March 2019 for the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion Jerusalem and the Palestinians.

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Meet every second Tuesday of the month in the Drop In Centre from 7.30 – 9.30pm. New members always welcome.

Ladies Afternoon Tea:

Every 3rd Wednesday of the Month at the Drop In Centre at 2.00pm. Call Bernadette for more information on 0414 879 270

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 2nd April 2019** at 9.30am..

MEN'S COFFEE CLUB

Men of the parish who are shift workers or have retired, on holidays or simply have time on their hands, are invited to meet for a Men's Coffee Club Gathering. camaraderie! Meetings are held every Tuesday at 11.00am in the Drop In Centre. Tel: Kevin on 9848 7858.

DROP-IN CENTRE

Open every Monday morning from 11.00am - 2.30pm **except during school holidays.**

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday and Thursday: 9.00-5.00pm
Tuesday and Wednesday: 9.00-3.00pm
Friday: 9.00-4.00pm

Ladies Monthly Luncheon

Ladies Monthly luncheon will be held on the first Wednesday of the month. Please contact Muriel O'Gorman on 9840 7484 .

SUPPORTING MINISTRIES

Parish Priest: Fr Jerald Mariadas
 Email : gerald.mariadas@cam.org.au
Chairman of Parish Pastoral Council:
 David Ng: lipmian_ng@hotmail.com
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 e: principal@sppdcstr.catholic.edu.au
 Principal: Mrs Patricia Vandekolk
Pastoral Worker Cheryl Tay: Cheryl.Tay@cam.org.au
Rosary: Monday to Saturday after
 Mass/Communion Service

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays after morning Mass until 10.30am
Reconciliation: Saturdays 9.30am and 5.30pm
 and any weekday after Mass

Baptisms: On 2nd and 3rd Sundays of every month
 at 12.45pm by appointment

Weddings: By appointment

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

The next Divine Mercy Devotion will be held in our
 Church on Friday 5th April 2019 from 7.30-8.30pm.
 There will be Exposition, Divine Mercy Chaplet and
 Reconciliation.

23rd and 24th of March 2019
3rd Sunday of Lent

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| Genesis Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15 | | Projector Operators |
| 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12 | | |
| Luke 13:1-9 | | |
| 6.00pm Readers Commentator | Boriz Diaz Nikki Jansson | Marie de Kretser |
| 8.00am Readers Commentator | Trish Villanueva Lin Thomson | Greg Sleeth |
| 11.15am Reader Commentator | Carmel Armiento Carmel Nigro | James Ting |
| Altar Servers | 6.00pm | Maja and Ben |
| | 8.00am 11.15am | Volunteer Mitchel and Gabriel |
| Money Counters | Group 3: Angela Stuart Bernadette Mithen | Dawn Pratley Ann Wetherall |

Children's Liturgy On the 1st and 3rd Sundays, at
 the 11.15am mass, except
 during school holidays.

Our Prayers are asked for those **who died**
recently: Joy Oxley and for those whose **anniversaries**
 occur at this time: Yolanda Gholam, Anna Massarotti, 
 Molly Veale, Carole Stacey, Nunzio Di Battista, Carole Stacey,
 Robert Morison, Danny Cregan, James Heraud, Mary Sullivan,
 Marion Larkin, Sandra Hannahan and children , Conchetta Di
 Censo, Winnie Briggs. **For those who are sick:** Madeline Gilmore,
 Dan McMahon, Teresita Leung, June Webster, Ann Tobin, Joel
 Pemberton, Angela Selva, Anthoula Miras, Danny and Alice
 Zanon, Margaret Jansen, Teresa Talia, Gaetano and Inez Paolini,
 Mong Kee Lim, Mary Ritus, Lois Norton Old, Caroline Tang,
 Salaka Hewamaduma, Priyanthi Perera, Josh Davis, Maree
 Spinks, Joyce Foo , Peter Wilkinson ,Pamela Bruce , Anthony
 Calcagno, Imogen Giffening , Chin Lan Chan , Audrey
 O'Connor , Monica Hiew, Tai Thomas , Maraka Stilo, Philip Tay
 ,Petrina Tay , Pat Carty, Marie Simpson Khek Hong Tan, Choi
 Yeng Chew , Marie and Graham Simpson , Joseph K Y Lee
 Catherine Poon and Anthony Formosa.

MASS TIMES for partner Parishes of
Our Lady of The Pines, Donvale
& Ss Peter & Paul, East Doncaster

| <i>NB. "CS" indicates Communion Service only</i> | OLOP | SSPP |
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| Monday | - | 9am CS St Patrick |
| Tuesday | - | 9am Mass St Joseph |
| Wednesday | 9.00am Mass – Rosary after morning mass | 9.00am CS |
| Thursday | 9am CS | 9.00 Mass |
| Friday | 9am Mass | 9.am CS 7.30pm – Stations of the Cross |
| Saturday | 5pm VIGIL | 9am Mass- 6pm VIGIL |
| SUNDAY | 9:30am | 8am, 11.15am |

Communion Minsters

| 6.00pm | 8.00am | 11.15am |
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| Judith Clark Lorraine Lednar, Nevisa D'Souza | Grace Biviano Paul O'Hanlon, Harry Martin | Verna Carter, Frank Burke Nicole Morabito |

Did You Know

Lent, a time of fasting, prayer and giving for all
 Christians, also runs for forty days and is a special time
 of final preparation for people who will be receiving
 the sacraments at Easter.