



## **SS PETER AND PAUL'S CATHOLIC PARISH,**

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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.*

**16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of March 2019**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.passionplay.info).

## Parish Groups

### VISITATION GROUP

The next Visitation Group meeting is scheduled for Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:padess53@gmail.com)

### 1 in a 100 Appeal

The next collection is due on Sunday the 31<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
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**Chairman of Parish Pastoral Council:**  
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 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 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019 from 7.30-8.30pm.  
 There will be Exposition, Divine Mercy Chaplet and  
 Reconciliation.

**23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2019**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

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

Children's Liturgy	On the 1st and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays, at the 11.15am mass, except during school holidays.
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**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
Monday	-	9am CS <b>St Patrick</b>
Tuesday	-	9am Mass <b>St Joseph</b>
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 – <b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Saturday	5pm VIGIL	9am Mass-  6pm VIGIL
SUNDAY	9:30am	8am, 11.15am

**Communion Minsters**

<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>11.15am</b>
Judith Clark Lorraine Lednar, Nevissa 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.