

# **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

28TH FEBRUARY 2021.

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING** GENESIS 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18A  
READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS. THE SACRIFICE OF ABRAHAM, OUR FATHER IN FAITH. God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.' The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** PS 115:10, 15-19

**R.** I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

1. I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.' O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.

**R.**

2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

**R.**

**SECOND READING:**

God did not spare his own Son. With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and

there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## **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.

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## **GOSPEL**

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said '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 to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean. The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## **RESPONSE TO PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:**

**LORD, KEEP UP FAITHFUL**

## **PROJECT COMPASSION...2021 'BE MORE'**

Jamila is a Rohingya refugee living in a camp in Bangladesh with her elderly mother and baby daughter. With the support of Caritas Australia, and through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila has been able to access emergency food, shelter, counselling, and vocational training  
"Aspire not to have more, but to be more." – Saint Oscar Romero.

**VINNIES:** (Urgent) Volunteers required at Vinnies to work on any Saturday. Hours 10am-2pm (whatever is possible). Either in the shop or the back of the school. Ph: 5231 2738 (Business hours 9am-5pm).

## Welcome to the Parish of Cororooke

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**Child Safety Officer:** Leanne Eastman  
**St Brendan's:** 9.30am Sunday/ 5pm 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
**St Joseph's:** 10:30am Lay-led/Mass 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

### ST BRENDAN'S: 7<sup>th</sup> March 9.30pm

**Commentator:** J. Miller

**Reader:** M. Finn

**Leaders:** M. McCarthy/A. McCarthy

**Communion Minister:** M Carmody

### ST JOSEPH'S: 7<sup>th</sup> March 10:30 am

**Family:** Manson/Everett

**Minster:** R Manson

**Leaders:**

### ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES:

*St Brendan's: 7<sup>th</sup> March: S. Russell/E.McGuane.*

*14/21<sup>st</sup>: M. O'Shea/K. McKay.*

*St. Joseph's: March: Whytcross.*

**Counters:** 28<sup>th</sup> Feb                      N. McKay

14<sup>th</sup> March:                                J. Finlay

### RECENT DEATHS:

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jim DeLorenzo, Stephen Darcy, John Donovan, Brian Donovan, John Gerard Donovan, Ted McGuane, Ed Finlay, Bernie Russell, Isabel Holland, Dorothy Bourk.

**SICK:** Leah Spokes, Geraldine Finn, Ross Suares, Goldie Elsum, Josie Paatsch,

### Dates:

**Mass today followed by BBQ. All welcome.**

**Praying with Pope Francis** The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The

Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. This video, published to Facebook and YouTube, includes a personal message from the Pope as he asks us to pray for each monthly intention. You can find it at [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org).

Pope's intention for February: **February Universal intention - Violence against women:** We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

**Lenten Resources - Week 2:** The Sandhurst Diocese kindly shares their Lent 2021 leaflets which invite reflection on excerpts from Pope Francis' "Let us Dream", together with insights and suggestions for action from one of the Australian Plenary Council Thematic Discernment papers. The leaflets are for individual reflection or small group reflection and discussion. The theme for week 1 is, 'How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is humble, healing and merciful?' These leaflets are available for download from the diocesan website Liturgy Resources page <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/liturgy-resources/>

### THANK YOU:

- Father Dan sends his belated but sincere thanks to all in the Cororooke Parish for birthday greetings. You are all constantly in my thoughts and prayers.
- Bill and Veronica thank the Parish for their prayers and condolences expressed to us on the passing of Tarlea. We especially thank the care group for catering after the funeral. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

