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In just a few weeks' time we will hear the shocking accounts of Jesus' arrest, his torture, his passion and his death on a cross. But today, early in our Lenten journey, we recall one of the moments in his life when his divine identity is revealed to his closest disciples. There, up a high mountain, before Peter, James and John, Jesus was transfigured. His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. Moses and Elijah also appeared, conversing with Jesus. What an amazing sight for those three disciples: Jesus in his dazzling glory. It is a moment of sheer ecstasy. No wonder they wanted to stay in that moment forever. Peter exclaims: "Lord, it is good that we are here." Wanting to stay there, he suggests building three tents, one each for Jesus, Moses and Elijah. But a voice from heaven speaks, as at Jesus' baptism at the start of his public ministry: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." It is a gentle but firm correction for Peter! There was to be no staying there; rather there is a mission to accomplish. Listen to him! Jesus, his identity as Son of God now so clearly revealed to them, is destined to suffer and die. How Peter struggled to listen and to hear that the Messiah would suffer. The Church always recounts this story of the transfiguration on the second Sunday of Lent. This year we hear Matthew's account. As for the disciples, the transfiguration reminds us of who Jesus really is. He is the Son of God, truly and fully divine. He is God with us. We are to remember this when he is tortured and crucified, all for our sake and for our salvation. We too will have the occasional mountain-top experiences in our lives, those precious moments when we are our very best selves and life is blissful. However, just as surely, suffering and hardship will also come our way, as it did for Jesus. But the message that resounds through the gospels, and especially in the Easter liturgies, is that God works in and through suffering. Suffering is no aberration or obstacle on our journey to the fullness of life and to the glory that is promised to us. So it was for Jesus. His resurrection is not just as a moment of triumph "after" his suffering and quite separate from it, but a mystery born in and of his suffering. So too for us. So let us live each day in faith, hope and love, with courage and trust that God does not desert us, but is truly and steadfastly with us, through hard times and good. As The Letter to Timothy reminds us today: "Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." Anne Hunt © Majellan Media 2023

Our Sick: Pat Thornton

Anniversaries In March: : Charles Boyle, Jeff Lathouwers, Michael Dodd, Matthew Delaney, Robert Maslin, Mary O'Keefe, Coleman O'Keefe, Brian Smith, Perc Roberts, Carmel O'Connor, Paul Couch, Geoff Gale, Martin Van Duynhoven, Park Conheady, Barry Risdale, Kathleen Noonan, Herman Dickmann, Albert Van Es, Rose McMeel, Maria Townsend, Frank Vogels, Riley Hutchinson, Mary Pouw, Jessie Giblett, Carmel Bruce **Recent Deaths:** Maureen Isobel Younis, Greg McKenzie.



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Advance Notice

Mass of the Oils 2023: Monday, April 3, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 6.30pm. Supper will follow in the Hall. The Mass of the Oils will take place on Monday, April 3, 2023. Can you please advise if your catechumens and candidates would be available and/or willing to participate in this Mass.

Sacramental Program 2023

Today Ester Couch will enroll to commence preparation for the Sacraments after Baptism. Over the next few weeks she will complete a series of lessons at home with her family. Please remember them in your prayers.



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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 5th March 2023

Second Sunday in Lent Year A



First Reading

Gen 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

(Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22)

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Tm 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**



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.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Mt 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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World Youth Day will be held from 1-6 August, 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal. Anyone interested in attending can register with the Archdiocese of Melbourne to join with them in pilgrimages they have on offer. More information at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/-adult-ministry/world-youth-day/>

Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Patchewollock Final Mass

An invitation to people of the diocese to attend the Final Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Patchewollock on Saturday, March 18, 2023. Bishop Paul Bird CSsR and Fr Anthony Nagothu, Parish Priest, will celebrate Mass at 3.00pm. Following Mass there will be a gathering at the Patchewollock Community Centre. Please bring food to share and drinks of your choice. Flyer is on the Ouyen Parish webpage <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/parish/ouyen/>

We pray for all who are suffering and bereaved. At this time of sorrow, incomprehension, and tragedy, we stand together. In this crisis, we pray for God's mercy and healing for the sick and for health and strength for all who care for them. Amen.

Lenten Program Books

Contact Katrina Currell if you wish to order a booklet From ashes to Hope. \$5 each.

Round Table Ecological Theology Sessions: The recent Plenary Council committed the Catholic Church in Australia to developing and committing to a culture of life-long faith formation. For some years now, Fr. Barry Ryan and Sr. Veronica Lawson have been offering regular adult theology classes. A new series of six sessions begins on Wednesday, February 22 (1-3pm or 7-9pm) at Mercy Centre, 16 Gent St. Ballarat East. Then (March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26). For more info please send your mobile number and email to Sr. Veronica on veronica.lawson@mercy.org.au

General Finance Committee Meeting will be held on the 8th of March at 6:30 p.m. in the presbytery.

My sincere and grateful thanks to everyone in our parish for their prayers, care, kindness and support shown to me and my family during my recent hospitalisation and recovery. The lovely messages, phone calls, cards, flowers and food were very much appreciated and helped to keep me positive and focused on recovery. May God continue to bless and guide us. Catherine Marr

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 – view at www.thepopevideo.org.

Pope's intention for March :- In his prayer intention for March 2023, Pope Francis prays for victims of abuse, and says the Church must serve as a model of safeguarding and must offer safe spaces for victims.

The Bishops Commission for Evangelization, Laity and Ministry is inviting Catholics to register for an online national sports consultation to be held on February 28. The consultation will include a keynote address from Santiago Pérez de Camino, head of the Church and Sport Office in the Vatican's Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life.

Lenten Prayer Group Friday 10:30 a.m. During Lent
Stations of the Cross Friday 12:00 noon During Lent.

Timboon 2023	5th March	Closed	12th March 9:00a.m Assembly W&C	As-	19th March Mass
Welcome			K Currell		G Vogels
Leaders			E & T O'Connor		
Statue	G Townsend		P Haugh		P Haugh
Reader			J McInerney		S Jayakody
POF			L McInerney		A Vogels
E.M.H.C.			P Martin		
Bulletin	Denny Family		Denny Family		Denny Family
Slides	A McMeel		A McMeel		A McMeel
Cleaners					
Simpson	Mass 9:00am		Assembly W&C 9:00am		Closed