

FIRST READING: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

A reading from the Book of Genesis

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 24:4-9

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living. Lord make me know your ways.

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.

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.

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: Romans 8:31-34

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

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: 1 Peter 3:18-22

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: Mark 9:2-10

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

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.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 18:8-11

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel: John 3:16

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR MORNING
TEA AFTER THE 9.30AM MASS
TODAY**



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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We follow the words of our patron, St John Vianney, who said "He is here".

We recognise Christ is in the Word, the Eucharist, and in us His people, with a special reverence for Him in the poor and marginalised.

We are called to make Christ present through our prayer and charity. We seek to grow in our spiritual lives and create a community

where everyone is welcome; the young and the old, together to experience the loving presence of God.

We believe He is here amongst us and we joyfully go out to make Him present to all.

24/25 February 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Let Us Pray:

Thank you for the moments of joy in the midst of trials, Lord! Those are the moments that strengthen me and transform me every day, so that I become more like You and less like me. Amen.

The 'Mountaintop Experience' of Lent

Think of a "mountaintop experience" you've had. What was the peak moment of that? What generated it? What did it mean for you? Did it change your life forever or was it just a momentary high? In Biblical symbolism, a mountain represents getting close to God. Did your mountaintop experience bring you closer to God? It was at the top of Mount Tabor where Jesus revealed the glory of his Godliness to his closest friends. Called a "high mountain" in scripture, Mount Tabor is, in reality, not huge. What was huge is the event that took place there -- and why. Some of the most significant moments in our spiritual lives might not have felt like a mountaintop experience, but indeed they were. The three disciples who witnessed Christ's transfiguration greatly benefited from seeing his glory revealed, because someday they would be commissioned to take over his earthly ministry.

The Father told them, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." As we listen to Jesus, it is we who are now transfigured. Lent is meant to be a mountaintop experience for each of us. If we follow Jesus up the mountain, his light will consume any darkness within us. The more we listen to his teachings and apply them to our daily lives and ministries, the more we become like him. And the more we become like Jesus, the more our lives are transfigured by his light, and the more our lives then transfigure the world around us. As the first reading tells us, Abraham did not withhold his son from the Lord, just like God the Father did not withhold his Son from us. Likewise, we are faithful to the responsibilities of Christian living if we do not withhold the Son from the people we encounter. Whether it's through an evangelizing word or a helping hand, or a compassionate and attentive ear, or the generous giving of mercy and forgiveness or money or time, we are Christ's hands and feet and voice in the world today. We are his earthly body. We are the answers to people's prayers. We have been empowered through our baptisms to shine with the glory of Christ's love. We have all been commissioned to continue his earthly ministry. May the experience of Lent take us to new heights of union with Christ and his mission!


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We acknowledge and pay respect to Traditional Custodians on whose land we walk, live and worship.

FOR YOUR DIARY FEBRUARY	
26 Mon	No Mass
27 Tues	3:30pm Reconciliation Class WK2 6pm Mass
28 Wed	9:00am Rosary 9.30am Mass 7.30pm Rosary on-line via ZOOM
29 Thurs	No Mass
01 Fri	No Mass 6.30pm Stations of the Cross
02 Sat	10.30am Baptism - BERNEY 3:30 Reconciliation Class WK3 4:30pm Reconciliation 5.00pm Mass (SJV)
03 Sun	7:00am Mass (St Jude's) 8:00am Reconciliation Class WK3 9:30am Mass (SJV)

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
 Please note that parish office will be **closed on Friday the 1st of March.**
 Thank you for your understanding and patience.

HOLY WATER
 A container of Holy Water is now available in the foyer of SJV church Parishioners are invited to bring their own bottles or use the small bottles provided at a donation of \$4. Please leave your money in an envelope for the collection.



MASS COORDINATORS NEEDED
 There is a new volunteer opportunity available for a mass coordinator/s. The role would include the organisation of mass proceedings and assisting with the set up of the church. Training will be provided. This position is open to multiple candidates. For more information please contact the parish office.

OF YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR:
RECENTLY DECEASED: Jillian Rideout Belletty, Phillip Hunt, Tyler Whitton, Rose-Marie Dickson, Margaret Ewers, Ellen Snell and Trevor Rose.
ANNIVERSARIES: Sharon Watson, Martin Ball, Russell Barton, Robert Bishop, Murray Bradley, Flynn Brown, Fran Brennan, , George Campbell, Molly Campbell, Sr Denise Candy, Eileen Cook, Leonard Cunnington, Maria Cybulski, Ernie Erzetic, Mary Forbes, John Edward Harrison, Robert Hooper, Ivan Katic, Jamie Kaden, Fletcher McCormack, Peter Martin, Blanche Mahoney, Kai Mathie, Franklin Pankhurst, Valerie Smith, Warren Smith, Mary Thornthwaite, Geoffrey Peake, John Pease, Jill Pleming, Frederick Ward, Kathleen Wellington, John Trevor Gillespie, Audrey Gillespie, Ronald Gillespie, Rosalina Manso Barot, Inda Yeng Malinao, Christopher Leese and John Derrick.
WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Jack and Mary Beard, Jocelyn Barron, Dell Chapman, Emily de Looze, Anne Dixon, Irene Gavrilla, Maureen Handcock, David Schilling, Leesa Scott, Richard Pook, Violet Maureen Phillips, Joanne Small, Barry Smith, Emma Walters, Natasha Skitmore, Stacie Stonier, Patrick Nofokifolau & Brian Prove.
To include a name in our 'Of Your Charity' list, the Privacy Act requires the personal permission of the nominee or a close relative. Names on the recently deceased, anniversaries and our sick parishioners. Lists are reviewed at the end of each month.

FR RAY SANCHEZ
A TALK ON PRAYER
 Coinciding with Pope Francis', '2024, The Year of Prayer' we have insightful speaker Fr Ray Sanchez giving a special talk on Prayer on **Sunday March the 17th at 11am**, St John Vianney's. For more information please contact the parish office.

	Welcomer	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Servers	Counter
Sat 24 Feb	Denis H	Gerardina R	Colleen S	Mikaela, Alison, Jen B	Anjoline	PS-K	G
Sun 25 Feb	Carolina C-V	Katherine McK	Kennedy C	Donna, Margaret, Sonia,	Nola	HS, EM, SCV	
Sat 02 Mar	Laura F	Sacramental Candidates		Colleen, Alison, Denise	Anjoline	DH, LF	A
Sun 03 Mar	Jasser N	Sacramental Candidates		Margaret H, Mark, Adeline	Donna	HS, EM, LN	

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CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME
 We congratulate and welcome:
Ivy Forward
 who was Baptised in our Parish this weekend.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS TRAINING SESSION!
 If you are currently/or would like to become an Extraordinary Minister please come to the training session on **Sunday the 3rd of March at 11am**
 Register your interest via the sign-up sheet or contact the parish office.

RECONCILIATION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
 Classes are held in the parish hall at 3.30pm on Saturday or 8.00am on Sunday

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
 Come and join a wonderful day of prayer reflecting upon the theme of
 "To bear with one another in love."
Friday the 1st of March at 9:30am,
77 Charlotte Street, Wynnum, 4178
St Peter's Anglican Church.

CCR BARDON HEALING MASS
Fri 1 March 7:30pm
St. Mary Magdalene's Church
51 Cecil Road, Bardon
 Anyone needing healing prayer or a spiritual boost in their lives, is invited to attend the first Friday monthly Healing Mass. The Sacrament of Healing will be administered during Mass. Personal prayer will also be offered after Mass. Sponsored by CCR Bardon. For more information please contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or lenpatairey@gmail.com

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS
 This year we will be offering Lenten Reflection Groups on Saturday morning.
Every Saturday at 9:00am during Lent
 If you would like to join a Lenten Reflection Group please add your name to the Sign-Up Sheet in the church foyer.
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 Following helpful feedback from parishioners the time of the Stations of the Cross has been altered to **6:30pm every Friday** during lent. If you would like to volunteer, please add your name to the Sign-Up Sheet or contact the parish office.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2024
TO DONATE PROJECT PLEASE COLLECT YOUR
 - Lenten Envelope
 - Easter Envelope
 - Money Box
 Located in the foyer of the church.

KIDS HOLIDAY CLUB!

 An exciting event for children to come and explore faithful Bible heroes with stories, songs, interactive games and yummy food! The cost is **\$5 per child** for the whole programme. At the conclusion of the programme there will be a free family sausage sizzle! Come along on the **24th-26th of June** from **9am-12pm at Wynnum Christian Community Church, 161 Preston Road Manly West.** For more details please contact Nola on 0412 345 752 or at sjvsacramental@bne.catholic.net.au


CHILDREN'S LITURGY TODAY
Sunday 24 February 2024

For the Children

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Trust Me
 Abraham was a good man, and like Noah, he had complete faith and trust in God. God put this trust to the test when he asked Abraham to kill his son Isaac.

LET US PRAY
 Lord, give us the faith and courage of Abraham to do whatever you might ask of us. Make our trust and love for you grow stronger each day. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
 Amen.

