

Gospel Mk 9:2-10

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

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 from 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.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

St Thomas Aquinas famously said: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.' And yet many Christians do think that our ultimate goal is, by the grace of God, to end up as souls in Heaven.

No, I am a human being, bodysoul. If I am to be saved, then this stardust, this fraction of material creation, this earthling, needs to be immersed into Divine energy and light.

The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ, especially as recounted in the other gospels, shows what happens when human nature is in total communion with God. Every molecule of his body was evidently pulsing with Divine energy and light. The amazing truth is that God ardently desires that each one of us should share in the transfigured life of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

For this to occur, we must play our part, accepting that Jesus of Nazareth is indeed the Beloved Son of God, listen to him, and put into practice what we hear.

We could take a moment to pray that after the "repose of the soul" after death, we may participate as bodysouls in the transfigured humanity of the Risen Lord.

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WELCOME TO ST BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY GREYTHORN

St Bridget's Greythorn is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

Second Sunday of Lent, Year B

28 February 2021

First Reading Gn 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

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 bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham 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 your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9

(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 Rom 8:31-34

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.

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!

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Mass times at our affiliated Churches for this week:

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
St Bridget		9.00am		First Friday 8.30am	5.00pm	10.00am 5.30pm
St Bede	9.15am		9.15am		9.00am 6.00pm	9.00am 11.00am
St Anne		9.30am		9.30am	5.00pm	10.30am
St Joachim						8.30am

Please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass so you have time to register or be assisted.

Door marshals are required to monitor numbers and assist parishioners who may be having registration problems. If you can assist, please make yourself available when at Mass.

Rosters for March 6 & 7

	Saturday @ 5.00pm	Sunday @ 10.00am	Sunday @ 5.30pm
Lectors	V Borg	E Kelly	R Stewart
Minister of Holy Communion	Sr P Keogh	M Stewart	R Stewart
<i>Note: For the time being only one Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion is required at Mass.</i>			

Housekeeping:

- 1) Just a reminder to wear gloves when you are disinfecting your pew, in particular when handling and exchanging the disinfectant bottle. Do not use sanitiser on the pews.
- 2) The Presbytery and Stewardship Collections will commence again this weekend at the usual time during Mass. The collectors will politely pass the plate in front of you. Do not take the collection plate from the collector and pass it around.
- 3) A small number of newsletters are available in the narthex for those parishioners who do not receive one by email. If you take one, please take it home do not leave it in the church or return it to the holder.

We Remember in our prayers Stan Parfrey, Christopher Parfrey and Moira McDonald whose anniversaries occur at this time: may they rejoice forever with our Risen Lord. We also pray for the sick and housebound; may they come to know the healing power of God's love.



PROJECT COMPASSION 2021

Theme for 2021 is "BE MORE"

Our Week 2 story we meet Margret, a 39 year old teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands. Last year, Margret's school faced a triple threat – no access to clean water, devastation from Tropical Cyclone Harold and the Covid-19 pandemic. With Caritas's support, Margret's school and community now has access to water tanks on-site and has received much needed assistance to rebuild after the cyclone. With access to clean water, the community has been able to better manage the pandemic.

Virtual immersion presentations by Bernard Holland via Zoom are scheduled each week covering one of the featured stories. Details are attached, and web site is below and click on the date/time link on the schedule.

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Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are available in the narthex. Collect yours today and return them at Easter.

"it's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving"

Meditation Group continues on Wednesday morning at 9.30am, and the combined **Scripture Reflection Group and Lenten Group** meet on Sunday morning at 11.15am. Both groups are via Zoom. Please contact Susie Hii for further information or connection details on: 0410981080 or susiehii@gmail.com

LENT 2021 – Lenten Small Groups: Lenten Groups have commenced across our affiliated Churches. The groups are a wonderful preparation for the Joy of Easter and also provide opportunities to share different perspectives and ideas with each other. The Comfort Lenten Program 2021 from Wollongong is being used. You can still join a Lenten Group, please contact Susi Hii on 0410981080 or susiehii@gmail.com for further details.

CATECHETICS PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING ONE OF THE AFFILIATED PARISHES' SCHOOLS of ST BRIDGET, ST BEDE OR ST ANNE.

Introductory Catechesis:

This programme is for Grade 3 children or above who intend to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation later this year, and First Communion in 2022, at any of the four affiliated churches. This introductory catechesis needs to be completed before beginning the sacramental programme. The programme will run for the Saturdays of 1, 8, 15 and 22 May, at 5.00pm and then participating in 6.00pm Mass at St Bede's.

Confirmation Programme

Students in Grade 6 or above who are not in any of the affiliated parish primary schools can now enrol for the Confirmation programme. Catechesis will take place on Mondays at 4pm beginning on 12 July. There will also be a full day retreat with the affiliated parish primary schools on a date to be finalised. Confirmation will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 15 August at 2.00pm for candidates from the affiliated parishes.

Enrolment forms for both programmes are now available from the parish offices at St Bede's or St Bridget's, and must be returned to either Parish Office by 26 March 2021.

Forms are also available on St Bridget's web page: www.stbridgetsgreythorn.org.au - under the Sacraments tab.

VIRTUAL IMMERSIONS FOR PARISHES



Join us via Zoom to learn about our overseas development work as featured in Project Compassion

PROJECT COMPASSION
BE MORE

WEEK 1: JAMILA'S STORY (BANGLADESH)

Tuesday, 23 February

Thursday, 25 February

- 7.30pm (NSW/ACT/MIC/TAS)
6.30pm (QLD), 7.00pm (SA), 6.00pm (NT)

- 7.00pm (WA)



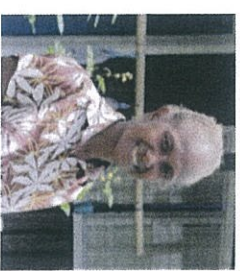
WEEK 2: MARGRET'S STORY (SOLOMON ISLANDS)

Tuesday, 2 March

Thursday, 4 March

- 7.30pm (NSW/ACT/MIC/TAS)
6.30pm (QLD), 7.00pm (SA), 6.00pm (NT)

- 7.00pm (WA)



WEEK 3: OLIVA'S STORY (TANZANIA)

Tuesday, 9 March

Thursday, 11 March

- 7.30pm (NSW/ACT/MIC/TAS)
6.30pm (QLD), 7.00pm (SA), 6.00pm (NT)

- 7.00pm (WA)



WEEK 4: ARSAD'S STORY (INDONESIA)

Tuesday, 16 March

Thursday, 18 March

- 7.30pm (NSW/ACT/MIC/TAS)
6.30pm (QLD), 7.00pm (SA), 6.00pm (NT)

- 7.00pm (WA)



WEEK 5: HALIMA'S STORY (BANGLADESH)

Tuesday, 23 March

Thursday, 25 March

- 7.30pm (NSW/ACT/MIC/TAS)
6.30pm (QLD), 7.00pm (SA), 6.00pm (NT)

- 7.00pm (WA)

