

**Emergency Evacuation Procedure**

Parishioners are advised that the Holy Family Church has an EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE, a FIRE BELL and EXIT POINTS. In the case of an alert, parishioners should remain calm and look for the nearest EXIT sign in GREEN. Everyone should move in an orderly fashion to the FIRE ASSEMBLY AREA outside the Church carpark and along Simbai Street.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLANS are located on the walls throughout the Church. They have been modified due to changes on the school grounds.

Weekly Diary : 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2024—3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2024		
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	: 9.30am	Mass followed by Stations of the Cross/Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual help
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	: 9.30am	Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group-Parish Board Room
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	: 9.30am	Communion Service followed by Stations of the Cross (Parishioners to lead)
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	: 4.30pm	Confession
	5.00pm	Vigil Mass—3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year B/2
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	: 7.00am + 9.00am	Family Mass—3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year B/2
	10.00am	Baptism preparation

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED**

**PRAYER:** O Lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love’s sake. Amen.  
(St Augustine)  
Prayers have been requested for the following :

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Astrid Johnson, Vincent Thomas Johnson, Albert (Albi) Henry Dooley, David Rosset, Mari Eileen Purcell

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Michael Penridge, Peter Michael Donellan, Peter Crowe, Gregory Brian Kehoe, John Grasso, Harold & Helen Regan, Juliet Bosch

**SICK LIST:** Beverley Robinson, David Charlton, Elsie Charles, Jacques Charles, Christopher Holley, Sophie Mitchell, Elizabeth Allanson, Ann Woodman, Carter Ford, Val Hutton, Bernard Molina, Sharon Harris, Mark Devlin, Margaret Cotton, Rico C. Cadayona, Evelyn Tan, Vicky Umythy, Tessa Woodward, Gerry Boerlage, Gay Frazer, Angela Byron, Renee Wood, Gerard Brennan, Jan Dodds, Gabriel Cabral, Keith Murphy, Victoria Scotchford, Michael Murphy, Ryder Forbes, Geoffrey Eaborn, Margaret Cotton, Frank Balinas, Lavinia Azucena, Marta Szysz, Riley Dodds, Kayden Chong, Ruth Stretton, Peter O’Rourke, Fr. David Wilson S.M., Sasha Whelan, Marie Roberts, Orazio Smeralda, Darren Pascoe, Peter Smith (Ashmore), Madeline Hodgetts, Marie Turnbull, Christine Kyriakides, George Kyriakides, Morris Lynch, George Docherty, Christina Ang, Sofia Bean, Sonia D’Angiolo, Riany Chandler, , Marie Dupois, Abigail O’Donell, Terry Owsnett, Courtney Blount, Simon Stretton, Philomena McAloon, Margaret Kwong, Marilyn Rodgers, Frank Hewitt, Anthony Donellan, Dolores Kilian, Mary Ann Boeheme, Maureen Currie, Nancy Kelly, Bernie Pack, Elizabeth Norris, Ken Hannam, Gail Callaghan

**Acknowledgement of Country - This is Kombumerri Country - The Traditional Custodians of this region.**

We respectfully acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the First People of this country. We pay our respects to the Kombumerri people, who are the traditional custodians of these sacred lands that we live and work upon. We acknowledge Elders, past and present and emerging, as they hold the memories, traditions, culture and hopes of our Indigenous people.



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent B/2

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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**Hours:**  
8.30am—3.00pm  
**Monday—Thursday**  
**(closed FRIDAY)**

**Reconciliation:**  
Saturdays 4.30pm

**Baptisms**  
Every 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
after 9am Mass  
**Please contact the Parish Office.**

**St Francis Xavier School:**  
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**Parish Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR)**  
Michael Nicholson

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B**  
*Mark 9:2-10*

**Context Connection**  
In this Sunday’s Gospel, we have the wonderful account of Jesus’s Transfiguration, with Moses and Elijah standing on either side of him. Mark wants us to know that Jesus is a great prophet and giver of a new law, the law of love. Jesus brings together the whole of the law of the Old Testament and puts it before us in a prophetic way when he answers the question “Which is the first of all the commandments?” Jesus answers that the greatest commandment is to love God with our whole heart, our whole soul, our whole mind, and our whole strength. He says the second greatest commandment is to “love your neighbour as yourself” (Mark 12:29–31). Jesus’s answer encases the whole of the Ten Commandments.

Jesus takes Peter, James, and John with him to the top of the hill to witness the Transfiguration. In two other places in Mark’s Gospel, Jesus singles out these three to accompany him. In Mark 5:37, Jesus brings Jairus’s daughter back to life in the presence of Peter, James, and John. In Mark 14:33, Jesus asks the three to keep watch with him in the garden at Gethsemane. Through these experiences and others, Peter, James, and John come to a special understanding of Jesus’s divine glory.

Peter, James, and John also come to the knowledge that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophets and of all the law. At the Transfiguration, Mark writes that Elijah and Moses appear alongside Jesus. Elijah is known as the greatest of the prophets and Moses as the giver of the Law. Elijah and Moses act as witnesses, certifying that Jesus is the glorious fulfillment of the law and the prophets. For more about Elijah, see 1 Kings, chapters 17–19, as well as 2 Kings, chapters 1 and 2.

Of great significance in Mark 9:2–10 is the reoccurrence of the heavenly voice we first hear at Jesus’s baptism in Mark 1:11. In 9:8, the voice says: “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” By including this part of the scene, Mark reemphasizes that Jesus is the Son of God.

The Transfiguration event in Mark’s “Shema” is the climax of Jesus’s public life. From this point forward, Jesus is moving toward Jerusalem and his Crucifixion.

**Tradition Connection**  
Every year on August 6, the Catholic Church observes the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord and commemorates the event atop Mount Tabor, a mountain in the region of Galilee. This location has long been held by tradition, specifically through the writings of Origen (AD 185–232), to be the place where the Transfiguration occurred.

The Transfiguration was a way to prepare the Apostles for the coming of the death of Jesus. Jesus’s Crucifixion would be the culmination point and the fulfillment of the salvation of God. Both the Law and the prophets speak about the suffering the Messiah will have to endure and that the Messiah will, through suffering, obtain glory. As Catholics, we see the Transfiguration as a

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foreshadowing of the glorious Second Coming of Jesus, but before then, the Church will have to encounter many persecutions. The faithful, as the Body of Christ, will partake in the suffering of Jesus so they can also partake in the glory of the Resurrection.

**Wisdom Connection**

Mark writes about this event because of the hope it gives the disciples during the trial and Crucifixion of Jesus. Mark confirms that Jesus is the Son of God and the Son of Man, that he is both divine and human. As the Son of Man, Jesus knows intimately what it is like to be a human person. He knows the ups and the downs, as well as the happy times and the really challenging times. As the Son of God, Jesus reveals to us his divine glory through the Transfiguration. He shows us that he is the presence of God. He remains present in the whole of our lives. Continue to seek out his presence.

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Youth - Scripture Reflections 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent—Year B*

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING** Gen 22:1-2,9-13 **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.'

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

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** 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**

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice I heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia!

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**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 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.

**Family Mass**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March** is the next Family Mass. We are inviting all our families to come and join in the celebration of the Eucharist at 5pm with Monsignor Peter. At this Family Mass, the children will do the readings, Prayers of the Faithful, and they will bring up the Gifts of bread and wine. We would like to see as many of our families attending this mass. Mark it in your diaries and hope to see you then!

**Holy Week Roster**

If you are able to assist during the Holy Week, please write your details on the roster which is placed on the back table.

**Stations of the Cross**

Stations of the Cross will be led by Monsignor Peter after the 9.30am mass on Thursdays, except on the following dates :

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb : with Fr. Andrew

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March : with Fr. Andrew

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March : Parishioners to lead the stations

**Weekday Mass**

Please note the changes in weekday mass times :

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb : 9.30am Mass & Stations with Fr. Andrew

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Feb : Communion Service

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March : Anointing Mass & Stations with Fr. Andrew

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March : Communion Service

**\*Normal weekday masses will resume from Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March.**



**Second Sunday of Lent  
24 & 25 February**



After the birth of her children, 22-year-old **Ronita** was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.

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