



Holy Spirit Parish, Lavington

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16th March 2025 - 2nd Sunday of Lent



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First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12,17-18

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can.' 'Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

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

Responsorial Psalm. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do

not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

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

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!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, 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 he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Stations of the Cross: Lavington: 7pm every Friday during lent at Holy Spirit Church. Jindera: 7pm every Friday during lent at St Mary's Church.

Together Newspaper March issue available in church entrance, collect yours today.

Project Compassion Caritas Australia; unite against poverty this lent by collecting your donation box, in the church entrance.

Course on The Triduum: A course run by Father Byrnes to assist parishioners in entering deeply into Holy Week liturgical celebrations: Palm Sunday, The Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday), The Veneration of the Cross (Good Friday) and the Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday) Dates: 25th March, 1st April, 8th April, 15th April. Time: 7pm. Location: Holy Spirit Meeting Room.

Ordination of Bishop-elect Peter Murphy: Ordination has been set for 8th May 2025 at Armidale Cathedral. A sheet at entrance to the church for registering your interest in a collective bus/coach up to Armidale.

Mass of Chrism at St Michael's Cathedral Wagga Tuesday 15th April 2025, 11am, all welcome, Celebrated by Most Rev Mark Edwards OMI, see poster in church entrance.

Young Adult Men's Group (18+): Next young adult men's group held on the 27th of March at 6pm.

Volunteer Needed to help with **SRE (Special Religious Education)** in public schools. 1hr a week. Please see Fr Byrnes or Cathy Moriarty for more info or to express interest.

Singers Needed for choir on the 3rd Sunday of each month at St Mary's, Jindera. All ages and abilities are welcome. Contact Therese for more details 0475 470 249.

Adoration Chapel needs more support and people to fill the early hours 0478416635.

Dawsos for all Electrical Needs; Electrical Contracting, tel. Daniel 0438732976.

Sacramental Candles ideal as special gifts, sacredcandles.com.au Contact 0403619044.

Jindera Storage Sheds spaces available. Contact Ian Ritchie Real Estate 60259260.

Autoscreen Buy your next windscreen from Brosolo Brs, Lavington, 60252443.

Accounting Suryan Chandrasegaran of Albury Accounting Pty Ltd for all tax and accounting needs, alburyaccounting.com.au Contact 60412010.

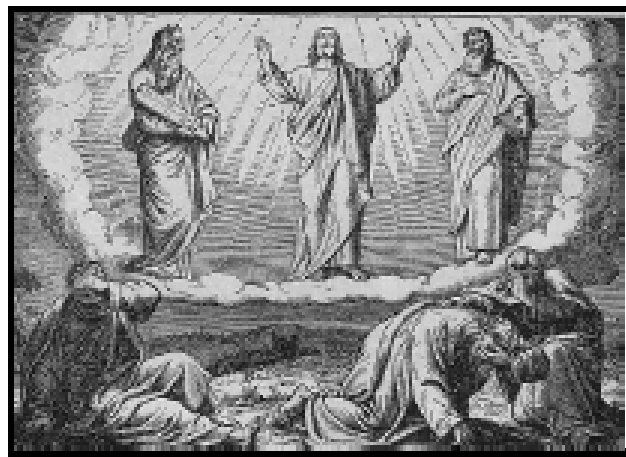
Planned Giving

Direct Deposit to BSB 640-000

1st Collection: Holy Spirit Presbytery 111031654

2nd Collection: Holy Spirit Parish 111056699

Total Transfiguration



Jesus' transfiguration has two aspects to it. Firstly, it confirms our Lord's divine identity as the second person of the Holy Trinity. We see this through the theophany that takes place on Mt Tabor: The Son's humanity becomes radiated with the glory of divinity, the voice of the Father is heard speaking and the Holy Spirit (typically represented by a cloud) overshadows the Son.

Secondly, the Lord chooses three of his apostles to bear witness to the Transfiguration, so that, having seen his glory, they would remember his words about resurrection and not lose all hope when he is tortured and crucified.

There are significant old testament foundations behind the event of the transfiguration. We can draw a parallel between Matthew 17 (the transfiguration) and Exodus 24 (God's self-revelation to Moses). In both encounters Jesus and Moses ascend a mountain, both take three companions, both experience a physical transformation due to the glory of God. Where the 2 chapters part ways, is that what Moses experiences is the result of Divine revelation being communicated to him. Whereas Jesus' transfiguration is the revelation of his own Divine state to the apostles. Jesus thus shows himself to be the new Moses - the one to whom all the prophets and the law point.

Anagogically, we can say that the light that shone around the disciples on the Mount of the transfiguration prefigures the contemplation of God in eternity.



The Jubilee Year Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

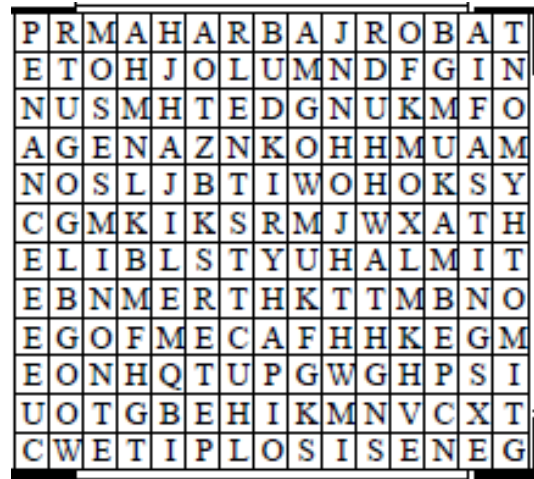
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the
Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen



FIND THE WORD PUZZLE

Tabor, Elijah, Abraham, Timothy, Genesis,
Moses, Peter, James, John, light, face,
Lent, penance, fasting, confession, truth

DO IT YOURSELF

When the printer failed, the man went to the shop to buy more toner. The new toner, however, didn't solve the problem. So the owner went again to the shop to make enquiries. The technician kindly informed him that the printer probably needed to be cleaned. If he brought it in they would only charge \$85 for cleaning. Then, he added, that he could attempt to clean the machine himself after carefully reading the manual. The customer, oddly surprised that such a suggestion was made, said: "Does your boss know that you discourage business?" "Well, yes, I'm the boss and it's my idea." He added, "the more you meddle with the machine the better... the more we can charge you to fix it up!"

FROM THE CATECHISM - CCC 539

The evangelists indicate the salvific meaning of this mysterious event [Jesus' Temptation]: Jesus is the new Adam who remained faithful just where the first Adam had given in to temptation. Jesus fulfills Israel's vocation perfectly: In contrast to those who had once provoked God during forty years in the desert, Christ reveals himself as God's servant, totally obedient to the Divine will. In this, Jesus is the devil's conqueror: He "binds the strong man" to take back his plunder. Jesus' victory over the tempter in the desert anticipates victory at the passion, the supreme act of obedience of his filial love for the Father.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Lavington: 6 pm Vigil, Sunday 8 am, 10 am

Jindera: Sunday 9 am

Weekday Mass Times	Lavington	Jindera
Mon 17 St Patrick	7am	7am
Tue 18 Lent	7am	7am
Wed 19 St Joseph	7am	8.30am
Thu 20 Lent	7am	8.30am
Fri 21 Lent	7am	9.15am
Sat 22 Lent	9.15am	8am

* *Latin Mass 1962 at 5.30pm Friday Holy Spirit*

Lavington: 16th March - 2nd Sunday of Lent

6 pm Lect: V.Mertens Cant: M.Brosolo

8 am Lect: M.Fletcher Cant: L.Amarant

10am Lect: B/T.O'Brien Cant: Lav Choir

Cleaner: Evans/Dawsons

Lavington: 23rd March - 3rd Sunday of Lent

6 pm Lect: M.Brosolo Cant: B.Collins

8 am Lect: M.Hensel Cant: L.Amarant

10am Lect: A.Cramer Cant: Richards

Cleaner: Clergy

Jindera: 16th March - 2nd Sunday of Lent

9 am Lect: J.Wright Cant: Choir

Cleaners: Irwin/Bell

Jindera: 23rd March - 3rd Sunday of Lent

9 am Lect: P.Elias Cant: Choir

Cleaners: Peoples/Stewart

ADORATION / NOVENA

Saturday morning at Holy Spirit Lavington

8:00 am: Holy Rosary

8:20 am: Confessions

9:00 am: Novena & Benediction

9:15 am: Holy Mass

MOTHER'S GROUP meets to pray on

Thursdays at 2 pm, contact Barb 0419617101.

LEGION of MARY - two groups: Tuesdays 1pm

and Wednesdays 3:30 pm - Lavington

MAJELLAN for MUMS - on Tuesdays 10:45 am

during school term: Lavington.

CATECHESIS of the Good Shepherd - Mondays

contact Cathy Moriarty.

SACRAMENT PENANCE / CONFESSIONS

Saturday 8:20 - 9am, 5 - 6pm & before all Masses.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

FOR THE SICK *that they may be comforted and helped by God's healing power, let us pray to the*

Lord - Damian Griffin, Lynette Holmes, Kathy Millin, Brian Munk, Lisa Chandra, Annie Gosstray, Deirdre Miles, Kaye Hallcroft, Kerry Kirley, Jan Szakacs, Enid Doherty, Lorraine Mullavey, Jeremy Adeney, Anne Jones, Audrey King, Elizabeth Faye, Greg Jackson, Glen Conway, Anna Di Bisceglie, Pat McCormack, Clare Packer, Rodney Blatchford, Frances Blatchford, Natasha Faanunu, Frank Sullivan, Fr. Reece Beltrame, Emma Meade, Leo Sullivan, Ray Byrnes, Elizabeth Young, Melissa Moodie, Maurice Richards, Stephen Hitchings, Grahame Miles, Carol Collins, Norma Oates, Andrew Ryan, Jeffrey Dean, Jovit Genato, Sheleagh Walker, Gary Harris, Matthew Mander, Anne Weisner, Suesanne Trevaskis, David Williams, Jim Edmondson, Mary Cooper, Brian Cooper.

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

that they may be granted eternal peace, let us pray to the Lord for - Genevieve Black, Henry Corveau, Anta Vidovic, Ben Astorga, Esther Boniface, Lucas Slee, Angela Collins, Fr Jim McGee, Charles Peoples, Pat Mills, Fr Tony Loth, Kevin Andrews, Rhonda McCormack, Neale Taylor, Lyons Hart, Anne Munk, John Rains, Mike Egan, John Muldoon, Rick Murphy, John Suidgeest, Noreen Langtry, Patricia Saunders, Ardre Menheese, Eng'r Santiago Castro, Shane Dickinson, Peter Rudd,

Milica Jankovic

ANNIVERSARIES: Mel Murphy, Mary Dalton, Teresa Miklaszewicz, William Clarke,

Richard Dale, Olive Upshall, Joan Sattler, Cathay Hindry, Kevin Gordon, Jacqueline Woods, Robert Woods, Irene Morrow, Joel Leonardo, Sr Janet Heath, Kevin Gordon, Wayne Boyd, Brent Pollard, William Currie, Anna Kristd, Suzanne Bennett, George Sattler, Ian Hogg, Mark West, Nora Davern, Wal Locke, Esme McGrath, Ruth Dick, Leo Dick, Francis Sheely, Beryl Nicholson, Brent Pollard, Lil Munk, Petar Kupresak, Leo Schneider, Max Scherleitner, Beryl Nicholson, Mary Riddington, Peter Hawkins, Paul Holmyard, Ursula Gordon, Nancy Trevascus, Cyril Hutchings, Luigi Grelli, Carmel Burke, John Lynch, Joel Leonardo, Darren Woodward, Esme Allen, Nicola, Villani, Joyce, Oglesby, Henry Bevan, Mary Greene, John Wise, Phyllis Woodward, John Nicholson, Hank Pleiter, Sylvia Zenta, Tony Laszuk, Ursula Gordon, Irene Thomas, Kaganowski Kazimierz, Allan Doyle, Kathleen Senczak, Ann Maree Percy, Nareen Brooker, Mary Allen, Francis Yudzeky, Barbara Groch, John Nicholson, Dorothy Keighran, Pat Mullavey, Geoffrey Allen, Francigka Mastalerz, Reginald Sparkes, Esma Newton, Patrick Miller, Julia Moir, Stephen Ratcliffe.