

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.

Communion Antiphon **Matthew 17:5**
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.



Prayer for Renewal

Blessed are You, Father, who, in Your infinite love sent us your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, that we may have life, and have it in abundance.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, renew our Eucharistic communities. May they be places of encounter with the living Christ, centres of evangelisation and outreach to our community in love and mercy. Grant us the gifts of faith, hope and love to be faithful disciples of Jesus and radiant witnesses to the people of Sydney. Amen

Our Lady, Help of Christians, *pray for us.*
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelisation, *pray for us.*
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, *pray for us*

Prayer for Ukraine

O Lord our God, look down with mercy on the Ukrainian people. Protect and save them from the unjust aggressors who seek to subdue them. Grant them steadfast trust in your mercy and protection.
O Mother of God, who gave them your miraculous icon at Zarvanytsia, intercede for the Ukrainian people, who run to the shelter of your mercy in their times of need.
O Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on them. Give them strength and courage to defend what is good, right and holy. Keep them safe from harm and provide for all their needs, both temporal and spiritual. Amen

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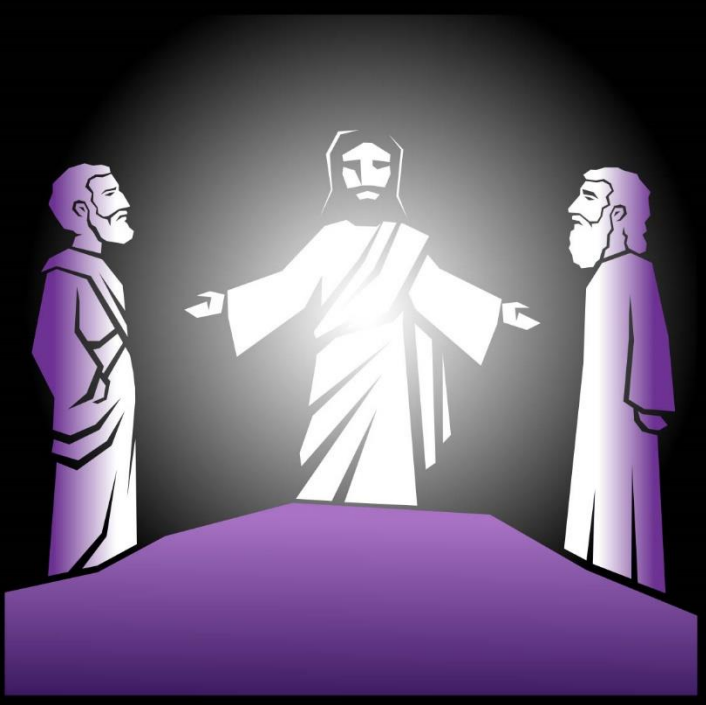
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Entrance Antiphon **Cf Psalm 24:6,2,22**
Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

First Reading **Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18**
A reading from the book of Genesis
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 **Romans 8:31-34**
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
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 **See Matthew 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 **Mark 9:2-10**
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.
Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led



Parish Administrator—Reverend Father Christopher Higgins
(available Tuesday to Sunday)
Parish Permanent Deacon – Reverend Mister Alfredo Bouroncle
Parish Secretary—Bernadette Hickey
(Office hours—Tuesday 8-3pm & Thursday 8-5pm)



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MASSES AND SACRAMENTS

Masses	Tuesday – 7:00pm Wednesday to Friday—9:15am Saturday—5:00pm – (6:30pm – Portuguese) Sunday—9:30am – (12:00 noon - Indonesian)
Church Open	Mondays & Fridays – 3:00-5:00pm
Confessions	Saturday 4:15—4:45pm or by appointment
Adoration & Benediction	Mon 3:00 – 3:50pm, Tues to Fri 8:00 – 8:50am & Sun 9:00—9:25am
Baptisms	By appointment—about 1 month’s notice required
Marriages	By appointment—about 6 months’ notice required

COLLECTIONS for weekends of 10/11 & 17/18 February 2024

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$	\$	\$	\$
(supports the priest’s expenses)	(for running of parish)	(part of 2nd collection)	(part of 2nd collection)

Masses for: John Vu to have the grace to heal the sick, Sr Losa Mafi & Silongo Mafi (birthdays), Suzana Jesus, Conceicou Vasconcelis & Gabriel Aulson (RIP), Sr Therese’s deceased family members & all Holy Souls in Purgatory, thanksgiving to the Lord God.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. (Archdiocesan permanent notice)
Safeguarding Children information can be found in folder at the back of the church.

Legion of Mary two volunteers will be coming next weekend to speak to parishioners about joining. Please pick up an A4 leaflet at the back of the church to read about member requirements.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation will take place in the parish on **Saturday 2 March 2024 at 1:30pm**. Any interested candidates in year 2 or above, please see Father Chris.

We thank Victor from the Portuguese community for all his efforts gardening and painting.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays of Lent at 9:45am

Lenten Penance Notice from the Archbishop to be found on noticeboard. All who have completed their 18th year & not begun their 60th are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain. 1. Abstinence from meat, and fasting *must* be observed on Good Friday.
2. On all other Fridays of the year, including Lent, penance is fulfilled by any one of: (a) prayer, (b) self-denial & (c) helping others.

Lenten Group “Repent & Believe” on Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30pm in the presbytery. Please see or call Caroline 0422 961 922.

Lenten Working Bee Easter is coming up. We would like to have a cleaning bee to polish all the silver and brass on Saturday 16/3 from 2pm till 4.30 when the rosary will be said. I would love to see as many people as possible. Either ring me on 0422961 922 or just turn up for all or some of the time. Caroline

Adoration & Benediction are available Mon 3:00 – 3:50pm, Tues to Fri 8:00 – 8:50am & Sun 9:00—9:25am

Sydney Vocations Events Calendar 2024 See noticeboard

Men’s Discernment Retreat 8-10 Mar 2024 Visit sydneyvocactions.org

Sydney Catholic Youth Region B Newsletter available at the back of the church

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes may be collected from the back of the church.



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. **Please donate to Project Compassion.** Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *for all future generations*. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

“JOB VACANCIES” DIOCESAN OUTREACH ASSISTANTS – AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN)

Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across Sydney, Broken Bay, Perth and Maitland-Newcastle. For more information and to view the full job ad go to www.aidtochurch.org/work

Healing Mass, St Joseph’s Enfield, Friday 1 March See noticeboard for details

Open Day Casimir Catholic College Marrickville, **Friday 8 March 2024**, 3:00pm – 7:00pm. 200 Livingstone Rd Marrickville. 9558 2888. *All welcome.*

God the Beautiful: An Introduction to Theology *God is forever revealing Himself to us. Have you ever been curious to find out more? Don’t miss this unique opportunity!* Join Chris Wolter online for a thought-provoking short course that will make learning about God both enjoyable and accessible. Dates: **Mondays 4, 11 and 18 March 2024** Time: **7:30pm – 8:45pm** Mode: Online via Zoom Cost per course: \$35 for individuals or \$100 per Parish Group for an in-person gathering (+ *booking fees*). To find out more and to register, visit gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko

Fr Richard Rosse would like to invite you for an 14-day pilgrimage departing on 21st May 2024. This pilgrimage features Fatima, Valladolid, Lourdes, Nice, Siena, Rotondo and Rome for all-inclusive price of \$8190. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For enquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.