



*The Parish of St Matthew's North Fawkner*  
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**2nd Sunday Lent Yr A. March 8, 2020—The Transfiguration**

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**Parish Mass Times  
SUNDAY**

Vigil (Sat) 5:30 pm  
 9:00 am English  
 11:00 am Italian

**KNANAYA  
COMMUNITY**

Sundays 4:30pm

**WEEKDAY ROSARY**

20 mins prior to Mass

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday, Thursday, &  
 Friday 9.30 am  
 Wednesday 10.30am

**CONFESSION**

Sat, evening 5 pm or by  
 appointment

**EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION**

1ST THURS OF THE  
 MONTH @ 7 PM

1ST FRI OF THE  
 MONTH @ 8.30 AM

**BAPTISMS &  
WEDDINGS**

By appointment

**Parish Ministries  
St Matthew's Prayer  
Group Tues  
10.30 am**

**Perpetual Novena  
Our Lady of  
Perpetual Help  
Every Wednesday  
@ 7pm**

**Every Friday  
during Lent  
Mass & Stations  
of the Cross @  
7.00 pm**

**"Lord, give me the grace for transformation."**

The word transfiguration means a change in form or appearance. Biologists call it metamorphosis (derived from the Greek word *metamorphoomai* used in Matthew's Gospel), to describe the change that occurs when a caterpillar becomes a butterfly. (Holo-metabolism, also called complete **metamorphosis**, is a form of insect development which includes four life stages – as an **embryo** or **egg**, a **larva**, a **pu-pa** and an **imago** or **adult**). As children, we might have curiously watched the process of the caterpillar turning into a chrysalis and then bursting into a beautiful Monarch butterfly. Fr. Anthony De Mello tells the story of such a metamorphosis in the prayer life of an old man.

"I was a revolutionary when I was young, and my prayer to God was: 'Lord, give me the grace to change the world.' As I approached middle age and realized that half of my life was gone without changing a single soul, I changed my prayer to: 'Lord, give me the grace to change all those who come in contact with me; just my family and friends and I shall be satisfied.' Now that I am old and my days are numbered, I have begun to see how foolish I have been. My one prayer now is: 'Lord, give me the grace to change myself.' If I had prayed for this right from the start, I should not have wasted my life.

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE:**

In the Footsteps of Jesus  
 IN THE LAND OF THE BIBLE with  
 optional Egypt Tour.

**October 16-27 2020**

**Chaplain Rev Fr Florentino  
 (Boy) Galdo with Biblical  
 Catholic guide \$5640 per person  
 twin share.**

**\$1699 Egypt. Extra.**

For further information contact

**Philippine Tours:**

**9384 1844.**

**Geraldine: 0412663699**

**or email:**

**Pilgrims@discount  
 flights.com.au**

**RELIGIOUS  
 INSTRUCTION FOR CHILDREN  
 AT NON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN  
 PREPARATION FOR THE  
 SACRAMENT OF  
 RECONCILIATION  
 IN APRIL 2020**

If you would like your child  
 to receive the  
 Sacrament of  
 Reconciliation please  
 contact the office  
 on 9359 2369

*We welcome into our  
 Parish family  
 Scarlett Rose  
 who will be  
 Baptised this  
 Weekend.*

**Recently Deceased:** Joe Galea & Jonas Montealegre

**Anniversaries:** Rita Vaina, Nina Iwaniak, Maria Klaric, Bartolo Natoli, Joanne Farrugia, Antonia & Giuseppina Vesnaver, Giuseppina Leo, Elisabetta Pieri, Michele Milanese, Rocco Panno, Ludovico Soccio, Marian Cunado, Horst Reinbold, Giuseppi Mobrici, Eda Ogiano, Benito, Pietro, Concetta, Antonio & Saverio Vangeli

*Please pray for the Sick :* Maura, Robert, Joe, Adam, Rosa, Diana, Gina, Nola, Tony, Emma, Teresa, Steve, Michael, Paul, Giuseppe, Emmanuel, Mary, Michelle, Lucia, Leanne, Raemond, Muriel, Peter, Raphaela, Natalina, Daniella, Christian, John, Anthony, Jessie, Con, Teresa, Rita, Gabriella Gino, Jason & Giovanni

**YOUTH UPDATE**

In February's youth group sessions, we explored the fact that our Faith is not just a story in the Bible about a man 2000 years ago. It is about having a personal relationship with Jesus, our Saviour who loves each of us and who is alive today supporting and guiding us. Prayer is essential to our lives.

**MARCH YOUTH GROUP  
 DATES:**

Year 7&8 - Fri 13 March  
 6.30-8.30pm, old Family Room  
 Year 9+ - Fri 20 March  
 6pm-8pm, old Family Room  
 Newcomers are welcome!

**RISE**

Saturday 21 March, 9am-4pm,  
 Emmaus College One-day  
 Melbourne Catholic youth festival  
 (Year 7 - 30 years). Explore the  
 faith with workshops, expo,  
 games, talks and prayer. Cost  
 per person: \$20. We are organis-  
 ing a group to travel there on the  
 parish bus. Please see Adrian  
 0403 211 890 and  
[stmatthewsparish.org.au/youth](http://stmatthewsparish.org.au/youth)  
 for more details.  
 Please keep our young people of  
 our Parish in your prayers.  
 Youth Leaders - Adrian,, Anna,  
 Angelo, Stephanie and Jennifer

**Humour: Lenten penance:** There is a story of a father trying to explain Lent to his ten-year-old son. At one point, the father said, "You ought to give up something for Lent, something you will really miss, like lollies." The boy thought for a moment, then asked, "What are you giving up, Father?" "I'm giving up liquor," the father replied. "But before dinner you were drinking something," the boy protested. "Yes, but that was only sherry," said the father. "I gave up hard liquor." To which the boy replied, "Well then, I think I'll give up hard lollies!"

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

**LENTEN REFLECTION  
 Every Thursday @  
 7.00pm in the Presbytery**

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**ANOINTING MASS  
 Wed April 1 @ 10.30 am**

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**CONFESSIONS  
 Thurs April 2 @ 7.00 pm  
 English & Italian**

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**PALM SUN April 5  
 Sat Vigil @ 5:30 pm  
 Sun 9.00am & 11.00 am**

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**HOLY THURS Last Supper  
 April 9 @ 7.00pm**

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**GOOD FRI April 10**

**Stations of the Cross  
 9.30am  
 Solemn Service 3.00 pm**

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**EASTER SUN April 12  
 Sat Vigil 7.00 pm  
 Sun 9.00am & 11.00 am**

**POPE FRANCIS ~  
 TWITTER**

I ask you to remember  
 me in your prayers and  
 also the members of  
 the Roman Curia, who  
 this evening begin a  
 week of Spiritual  
 Exercises.

**THANKSGIVING  
 OFFERING**

**March 1, 2020**  
 Thanksgiving: \$837.45  
 Presbytery: \$583.75

*Thank you for your support*

**ROSTER  
 March 14 & 15**

**Lectors:**  
**5.30 pm** J.George  
**9.00 am** S.Peake  
**11.00 am** F.& R.Penco

**Special Ministers:**  
**5.30 pm** J.Butera  
**9.00 am** K.Herrmann  
**11.00 am** G. Gamberale

**POWERPOINT**

**Church Cleaning**  
 K.Goro

**Altar & Sanctuary**  
 V & P. De Fazio

**Bus Drivers**  
 J.Butera & F.Falvo

**Altar Servers**  
 T.Siegafo & Z.Proud

**Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all  
 children and vulnerable adults.**