



The Parish of St Matthew's North Fawkner
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March 5 – 2nd Sunday of Lent (Year A)



The Transubstantiation in the Holy Mass is the source of our strength. In each Holy Mass our offering of bread and wine becomes the Body and Blood of Jesus under the appearances of bread and wine. Hence, just as the Transfiguration of Jesus strengthened the Apostles in their time of trial, each Holy Mass should be our source of Heavenly strength for resisting our own temptations and a source of grace for renewing our lives during Lent. In addition, communion with Jesus in prayer and especially in the Eucharist should be a source of daily transformation of both our minds and hearts, enabling us to see Jesus in every one of our brothers and sisters with whom we come in contact each day. *(frtonyshomilies)*

II Domenica di Quaresima (ANNO A)

Nelle Scritture, la montagna è sempre il luogo della rivelazione. Sono gli uomini come Mosè (Es 19) e Elia (1Re 19) che Dio incontra. Si racconta anche che il volto di Mosè venne trasfigurato da quell'incontro: "Quando Mosè scese dal monte Sinai - le due tavole della Testimonianza si trovavano nelle mani di Mosè mentre egli scendeva dal monte - non sapeva che la pelle del suo viso era diventata raggianti, poiché aveva conversato con il Signore" (Es 34,29). La magnificenza della rivelazione divina si comunica anche a coloro che la ricevono e diventano i mediatori della parola di Dio.

Gesù si mette a brillare come il sole sotto gli occhi di tre discepoli: questo lo individua come colui che è l'ultimo a rivelare Dio, come colui che oltrepassa tutti i suoi predecessori. Ciò è sottolineato ancor più dal fatto che Mosè ed Elia appaiono e si intrattengono con lui.

Essi rappresentano la legge e i profeti, cioè la rivelazione divina prima di Gesù. Gesù è l'ultima manifestazione di Dio. È quello che dimostra la nube luminosa - luogo della presenza divina (come in Es 19) - da dove una voce designa Gesù come il servitore regale di Dio (combinazione del salmo 2, 7 e di Isaia 42, 1). A ciò si aggiunge, in riferimento a Deuteronomio 18, 15, l'esortazione ad ascoltare Gesù, ad ascoltare soprattutto il suo insegnamento morale. *(LaChiesa)*

Do you want to fast this Lent? (In the words of Pope Francis)

- Fast from hurting wordsand say kind words
- Fast from sadnessand be filled with gratitude
- Fast from angerand be filled with patience
- Fast from pessimismand be filled with hope
- Fast from pressuresand be prayerful
- Fast from bitternessand fill your hearts with joy
- Fast from selfishnessand be compassionate to others
- Fast from grudgesand be reconciled
- Fast from wordsand be silent so you can listen

So maybe this Lent is a chance to ponder and reflect on and pray about and listen to what brings us life; to seek out that life for ourselves, and also to bring life to others To let God, once again, breathe life into our hearts, and to remind ourselves that God is always with us on our journey.

(Lys Crowe)

The sick in our parish: Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, John Markis, Miriam Markis, Elda Taranto, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Krys Herrmann and Family, Bob Brown, Angela Barto, Diana Nash, Patrick Brennan, Sonia Taranto, Evelyn McDonough, Laurence, Amelia Testa, Floriano Pivetta, Bruna Zando, Rita Paladino, Joe and Monica Zahra, Cathy Taviane, Emma and Tony Mallozzi, Nina Garoffolo, Giovanna Gamberale, Josie, Mark, Mary Theuma, Lori.

Recently deceased: Lucia Giangrave, Dario Della Valle, Saydeh Souaid, Teresa Facciolo, Lucia Giangrave, Maria De Sensi, Mary Kukola, Ubaldo D'Alessandro, Maria Simonetti, Pietro Mobicri, Pietro Paolo Falcone, Pina Troise, John Privitera, Dario Della Valle, Roberta Rossetini (Italy)

Anniversaries: Francesca Buccheri, Nino DiGuglielmo, Domenico Lumbaca, Peter Rayner, Shirley and Sherine Adolphus, Herbert and Myrtle Eliyathamby, Alice Weerasinghe, Rosemary Jayawardena, Michele Malarbi, Fe Cabarrubias Turner, Clara Carosella, Margarita Tangcay, Marian Cunado, Horst Reinbold, Domenico, Carmelo, and Nazareno Malivindi, Salvatore and Nazareno Raco, Eustacchio and Giannina Quattrocelli, Gino Provenzano, Iolanda Capulli

We especially pray for all the deceased St. Matthews parishioners, those whose names are on the Church pews & the

Mass times

Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday: 9.30 am

Wednesday: Novena mass: 6.00 pm

Friday (during Lent):

Stations of the Cross/Mass: 6.00 pm

Weekend:

Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm

Sunday 9.00 am ; Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

Reconciliation: Saturday: 5.00 pm. Bookings are essential. Contact the Parish Office

Mass times

St. Marks, Fawkner

Weekday:

Monday-Saturday: 9.00 am

Weekend:

Saturday: 6.00 pm ; Sunday: 10.00 am ; 6.00 pm

Hope Café: Thursday: 5.30 pm (free dinner for the needy)

Reconciliation: Saturday: 9.30 am and 5.30 pm or phone Fr. Colin (9359 3111)

Lenten Pilgrimage to Bacchus Marsh Shrine: March 13, 2023. Departure: 9.30 am.

Bookings through the St. Mark's 93593111

Rosters for weekend masses (Mar 12/13)

Lectors: Saturday 5.30 pm: J. George / Sunday 9.00 am: J. Butera ; 10.30 am: C. DiGiulio

Bus driver: P. Capasso

Sacramental preparation

Any students from government schools in Grade 3 and up wishing to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation in 2023, please contact Anna Proud on 0402741258.

Project Compassion

Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

As St Pope John Paul II said, "The future starts today, not tomorrow."

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

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