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**February 25 – 2nd Sunday of Lent (Year B)**

**II DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA (ANNO B)**

La trasfigurazione occupava un posto importante nella vita e nell'insegnamento della Chiesa primitiva. Ne sono testimonianze le narrazioni dettagliate dei Vangeli e il riferimento presente nella seconda lettera di Pietro (2Pt 1,16-18).

Per i tre apostoli il velo era caduto: essi stessi avevano visto ed udito. Proprio questi tre apostoli sarebbero stati, più tardi, al Getsemani, testimoni della sofferenza di nostro Signore.

L'Incarnazione è al centro della dottrina cristiana. Possono esserci molti modi di rispondere a Gesù, ma per la Chiesa uno solo è accettabile. Gesù è il Figlio Unigenito del Padre, Dio da Dio, Luce da Luce, Dio vero da Dio vero. La vita cristiana è una contemplazione continua di Gesù Cristo. Nessuna saggezza umana, nessun sapere possono penetrare il mistero della rivelazione. Solo nella preghiera possiamo tendere a Cristo e cominciare a conoscerlo.

“È bello per noi stare qui”, esclama Pietro, il quale “non sapeva infatti che cosa dire, poiché erano stati presi dallo spavento”. La fede pone a tacere la paura, soprattutto la paura di aprire la nostra vita a Cristo, senza condizioni. Tale paura, che nasce spesso dall'eccessivo attaccamento ai beni temporali e dall'ambizione, può impedirci di sentire la voce di Cristo che ci è trasmessa nella Chiesa.

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**Practice of Penance during Lent.**

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

- Prayer - for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways.
- Self-Denial - for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere; or in other ways. Project Compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.
- Helping Others - for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened; or in other ways.

All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain (Canon 1252).

- The Season of Lent is a time of penance. During this season the faithful are exhorted to devote themselves in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny themselves.
- Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, 14 February 2024 and Trinity Sunday, 26 May 2024 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year.

The wonderful gift of the Lord's merciful love is offered in a special way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is a most appropriate time to receive this Sacrament.

All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

*((Fr. Joe Caddy, Vicar General))*

**RCIA**

Any students from government schools in Grade 3 and up wishing to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation in 2024, please contact Anna Proud on 0402741258.

**Lenten dates**

**Stations of the Cross** : Fridays at 6.00 pm. (Mass then stations).

**The sick in our parish:** Teresa Lamonaca, John and Miriam Markis, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Angela Barto, Sonia Taranto, Evelyn McDonough, Laurence, Floriano Pivetta, Joe and Monica Zahra, Cathy Taviane, Josie, George, Tony and Maria Mallozzi, Aiden Agius, Maryanne, Adam Peric, Meldon Richardson, Susanna, Luise, Andrew, Patrick, Helmet Kolb, John Bussutil, Vicenzina, Mark, Elda Taranto, Alfredo Pannunzio.

**Recently deceased:** Vince Bianco, Salvatore Murabito, Libera Mitrone. Carmen DeBono, Angela Bernardo, Antonella Mammoliti, Giuseppina Palmieri, Vito Merlo, Giuseppe Ferraro, Giovanna Di Rocco (Italy), Beatrice Fernando, Margaret Van Langenberg,

**Anniversaries:**

Giuseppe and Maria Impduglia, Sebastiano Barresi, Youssef and Nagibie Lebnan, Marija and Svetko Masina, Pietro Capparelli, John Privitera, George Abdallah, Maria De Sensi, Tanios and Saydeh Souaid. Domenico Lumbaca, Peter Rayner, Domenico, Nazarena, Carmelo and Grazia Malivindi. Salvatore Raco, Filippo Lazzaro, Nino DiGuglielmo, Assunta and Domenico Testa, Filomena, Vincenzo, and, Clara Gamberale, Gabriele Rotlolone, Tony Masciotra, Salvatore Carosella, Paola Cutello

**Mass times**

**Weekday:**

Tuesday-Friday: 9.30 am. Wednesday: 6.00 pm Novena mass

**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 (Lee Street, 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)

**Rosters for weekend masses (Mar. 8/9)**

**Lectors:**

Saturday 5.30 pm.: B. Proud

Sunday 9.00 am: J. Butera

10.30 am: G. Gamberale

**Bus driver:** J. Butera



**Project Compassion 2024**

Kirsty Robertson, Caritas Australia CEO, said, “During Lent, we are invited to take up the call to fast, pray and give alms. From natural disasters to widespread conflict, the events of the past year mean that many communities need your support.”

**Church Bus**

There are seats available on the bus for the 5:30 pm mass every Saturday.

If you would like a lift to church, please contact Frank Falvo on 0411 707 047.

**Preghiera di San Matteo Dio nostro**

Padre, ti ringraziamo per tutti i doni che hai conferito sulla nostra famiglia parrocchiale. Concedici la Sapienza per cercare la tua volonta' in ogni cosa. Circonda le nostre famiglie con la tua protezione amorosa.

Dona salute e gioia ai nostri genitori, sapienza e coraggio ai nostri giovani e fede ed allegria ai nostri figli.

Per intercessione di San Matteo, benedici perche' diventiamo una famiglia piu' fedele ed amorosa e di cuore e mente unici. Amen

**St. Matthew's Prayer**

God Our Father, we thank you for all the blessings you have bestowed upon our Parish Family. Give us the wisdom to seek Your Will in everything. Encircle our families with Your loving care.

Give good health and happiness to our parents; wisdom and courage to our youth; faith and cheerfulness to our children.

Bless us, through the intercession of St. Matthew, to grow stronger in faith and love, as a family of one heart and one mind. Amen

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

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