



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

28 FEBRUARY 2021

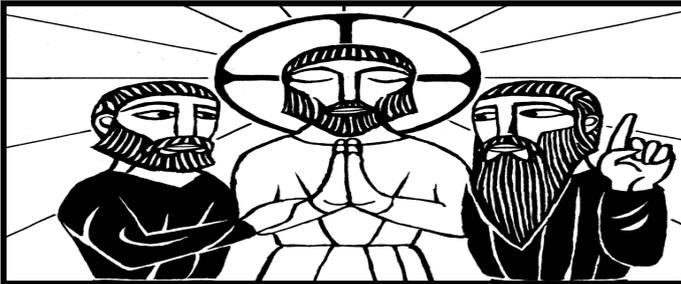


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Entrance Antiphon | Cf. Ps 26: 8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

First Reading | Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

The sacrifice of Isaac was not just a test of Abraham's faith. It was also a dramatic foreshadowing of the sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary.

A reading from the Book of Genesis

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 their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

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

Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 115(116):10,15-19

Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted,'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.

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.

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.

Second Reading | Romans 8:31-34

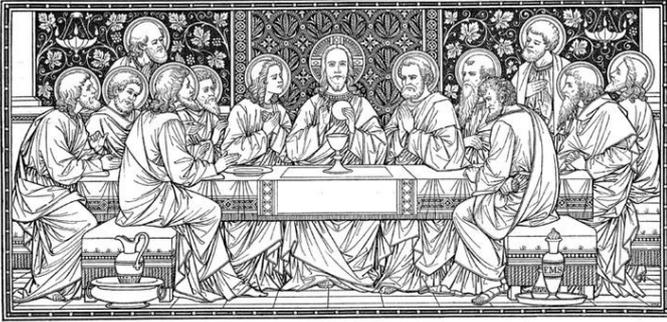
*To those afflicted by tribulations of all sorts,
Paul proclaims his unshakable conviction:
God's love for them and all of us is boundless.*

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans

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

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PARTS OF THE MASS



Penitential Rite

✠ Have mercy on us, O Lord.
✠ For we have sinned against you.
✠ Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
✠ And grant us your salvation.

Credo | The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*At the words that follow, up to and including
'the Virgin Mary', all bow.*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Orate fratres

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours...

The people will stand and reply:

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Mysterium fidei

Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

Libera nos

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days...

The people conclude the prayer, acclaiming:

For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

After the Lamb of God, the people kneel.

Ecce Angus Dei

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

And together with the people, the priest adds:

Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Prayer for the Year of St Joseph



*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace,
mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil.
Amen.*

TV / ONLINE MASS

TV Mass - Channel 10, every Sunday 06.00am
St Mary's Cathedral (Sydney) | Sunday 10.30am
<https://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/>

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

08 December 2020 to 08 December 2021
150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of
Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church



NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sacramental Preparation | 1st Confession

Open to all Catholic students from Year 2 and up. For students other than St Edward's School please contact Deacon Paul Manvell at 02 6762 0569.

Invitation | World Day of Prayer 2021

Our Parish is hosting World Day of Prayer 2021 on Friday 5th March at 10.00am. Organised by the Australian Church Women Inc., World Day of Prayer is a combined church service. This year's country of focus is Vanuatu with the theme: "Build on A Strong Foundation." All are invited to come and pray with our brothers and sisters from other churches. There will be a morning tea following the service.

Invitation | St Patrick's Day

This the season of the Irish and the wearin' o' the green and we are looking for a reason to celebrate, and we think you know what we mean. You will be sure to find a ton of friends and fun at our St Patrick's Day dinner on Wednesday 17 March, 6.00pm at Family Hotel cnr of Bridge Street and Belmore Street. Meal from \$16. RSVP by Sunday 14 March.

Save the Date | Men's Gathering

St Nicholas' Parish is hosting a men's Event on Saturday morning, 20 March 2021. The Programme will be led by several outstanding presenters from the 2020 Gathering. This is open to all men of the Diocese. For more information please contact: Patrick Mahony 0427 851 651 or Bruce Stewart 0419 011 096.

Census Jobs Current Vacancies

For details please visit: <https://censusjobs.adecco.com.au/applications>

LENTEN SEASON

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday 9.00am

Parish Lenten Reconciliation

St Edward's Parish South Tamworth	Wednesday	24/03	12.00noon
St Nicholas' Parish East Tamworth	Wednesday	31/03	06.00pm

Lent 2021 with Bruce Downes

Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed! Come on a 40 day journey with me and I know this will be a powerful and prayerful Lenten journey together. Receive a short inspiring video each day during Lent. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent> Call 1300 734 880 for more info.

LENTEN PENANCE

During Lent and on the Fridays of the year, we do penance, not only on our own account, but also in the name of the Church and of the world. We must take seriously our penitential obligations and be sure to carry them out. The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference has not restricted our penance to fast and abstinence in all cases, it has left room for our own responsible choices. We should carefully select the form of penance that we consider most appropriate for our own circumstances and growth in the Christian life.

1. Abstinence from meat, and fasting, are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain.

2. On all other Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

(a) 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.

(b) 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.

(c) helping others – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

*In your charity,
please pray for*

Our sick

Fr John Willis
Chris Fardy
Petrina (Fardy) Keys
Baby Isabelle Mathew
Addison Peachy
Narelle Albans
Julien Ryan
Patricia Owen

Our Deceased

+ Bishop Luc Matthys, DD
+ Fidelma Kennedy

Roman Martyrology

28/02 St Romanus, *abbot*
01/03 St Eudoxia, *martyr*
02/03 St Simplicius, *pope & confessor*
03/03 St Cunegundes, *empress*
04/03 St Lucius, *pope & martyr*
05/03 St Adrian, *martyr*
06/03 St Marcian, *bishop & martyr*

*Omnes sancti Mártyres,
oráte pro nobis*

MASS THIS WEEK

1-7 March

Monday	07.00am
Tuesday to Thursday	09.30am
Friday	07.00am
Saturday	05.30pm
Sunday	8am, 9am, 5.30pm

BAPTISM

by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

by appointment

CONFESSIONS

Saturday & Sunday 04.45 - 05.15pm

Weekly Collection

21 February 2021

1 st Collection	\$ 635.30
Envelopes PG	\$ 592.00
Loose	\$ 27.00

Home Visitation

If there is a parishioner in hospital, nursing home, or homebound who you know would appreciate a visit from our priest or deacon please contact the Parish Office.

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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.

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

Gospel Acclamation | 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

*In the episode of Jesus’ transfiguration,
we have the revelation of who he is (the Son of God).
The voice from the cloud tells us also
what our attitude to him should be (“Listen to him!”).*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon | Mt 17: 5

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



LITURGICAL NOTES

6 Liturgical No-No's During Lent (Part 1)

1. Instrumental music with no singing

In some parishes, instrumental music is used at certain points during Mass. A passage will be played on an organ or on another instrument or instruments, even though nobody is singing.
But not in Lent (with a few exceptions).

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) states:

313. In Lent the playing of the organ and musical instruments is allowed only in order to support the singing. Exceptions, however, are *Laetare* Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), Solemnities, and Feasts.

2. Singing or saying the Gloria

Just after Sunday Mass begins, it is common to sing or say the *Gloria* (“Glory to God in the highest”).
But not on the Sundays of Lent.

The General Instruction states:

53. The *Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest)* . . . is sung or said on Sundays outside Advent and Lent, and also on Solemnities and Feasts, and at particular celebrations of a more solemn character.

3. Singing or saying the Alleluia before the Gospel

During most of the year we sing or say the *Alleluia* before the reading of the Gospel.
But not in Lent.

The General Instruction states:

62. a) The *Alleluia* is sung in every time of year other than Lent. The verses are taken from the Lectionary or the *Graduale*.

b) During Lent, instead of the *Alleluia*, the verse before the Gospel as given in the Lectionary is sung. It is also possible to sing another Psalm or Tract, as found in the *Graduale*.

4. Flowers on the altar

It is common for the altar to be decorated with flowers during most of the year (that is, there will be flowers around the altar, though not on top of the altar table itself). But not in Lent (with a few exceptions).

The General Instruction states:

305. During Lent it is forbidden for the altar to be decorated with flowers. Exceptions, however, are *Laetare* Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), Solemnities, and Feasts.

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<https://www.ncregister.com/blog/6-liturgical-no-nos-during-lent>*

WEEKLY ROSTER

3rd Sunday of Lent B | 07 March 2021

		Reader	EMHC	Piety	Counters this week
Saturday	5.30pm	A Hatton	P Tighe	R Stortenbeker	R Gorman & G Crocker
Sunday	8.00am	B Bruccoleri	-----	J MacRae	
	9.00am	D Sullivan	P Long	R Evans	Counters next week
	5.30pm	S Cunneen	-----	L Hearne	G Tighe & F Gooley