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#### **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YR C**

#### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

#### **Transfigured Bodysouls**

One often hears the conventional wisdom: 'All religions are the same, with somewhat different packaging.' But, do they believe the same thing about the human

person?

What if one believed that the most vital part of a person was 'the soul' which alone was destined for Heaven? This is not the Christian belief.

Today's Gospel recounts that Jesus' body was transfigured. This was no out-of-the-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was totally translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Every molecule of his materiality was reverberating in the halo of divine glory.

That is the destiny which God desires for us also. When we are really in harmony with God, when we really participate in the life of God, then that Divine Life envelops and permeates our whole person, *bodysoul*. That is our *ultimate* destiny, but can it be an-

ticipated in the lives of those close to God?

You might care to read the story of St Seraphim of Sarov from the Russian Orthodox tradition. A follower recounts the dazzling bodily transformation of the saint with the blaze of light spilling over onto the snow-covered meadow.

We might pause for a moment to affirm our Christian hope that, with God's grace, we will be radiant with Divine Light, our bodies immersed in translucent glory, filled with infinite joy in our hearts.



# Second Sunday of Lent: 12th & 13th March



**Biru 30,** lives in a rural village in Jharkand State in India's east. He lost mobility in one of his legs, after contracting polio as a child, which makes it difficult for him to walk. With your generous support, Biru was able to access an entrepreneurship and livelihoods development program, run by Caritas Australia's partner, Caritas India. He gained the skills, support and encouragement he needed to establish his own bicycle repair business.

Now, Biru is able to provide a good life for his family – and an essential service to his community. He has discovered a sense of pride, confidence and hope which has inspired others living with a disability and paved the way **For All Future Generations.** 

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia.

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 <u>lent.caritas.org.au</u>, or by calling 1800 024 413.

# 12TH & 13TH MARCH 2022

#### **WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

SATURDAY VIGIL 6PM SUNDAY 7.30AM & 9.30AM

#### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday & Wednesday at 6pm
Thursday & Friday at 9.10am

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Corpus Christi Primary – ph 4726 2200 (Principal - Mrs Sarah O'Rourke)

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#### **Parish News**

MASS WILL NOT TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY 29TH MARCH & WEDNESDAY 30TH MARCH.

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER WILL TAKE PLACE HERE AT CORPUS CHRISTI ON TUESDAY 29TH MARCH AT 7PM.

#### Ministry Roster for Easter...

If you are able to assist in volunteering in the ministries **Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal** for the Easter Liturgies, please put your name on the list This Lent, the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal will be in the fover. Thank you!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE CELEBRATED DURING LENT EACH FRIDAY AT 7.00PM IN THE CHURCH.

Fr Chris is looking for families to lead Stations of the Cross (one family each week).

If you would like to participate please add your name to the list in the SACRISTY.

#### Call for Church Cleaners

A couple of people have come off the cleaning roster due to personal reasons. We thank them for their commitment and care over the past years. We are in need now for some volunteers to join the roster. It requires an hour of your time every 4 weeks on a Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. If you are able to join a cleaning team or would like more information, please contact the parish office. Thank You!!!

#### **Catechist News...** *Are you able to help???*

The Catechist Team is currently in need of volunteers to teach in our government schools in 2022.

If you can spare about an hour each week during school terms and would like to find out more about being a teacher or helper please contact the Parish Office.

Whether you are young, middle-aged or retired, a shift worker or at university we need you!!

#### New Ministry Roster for 2022

A huge thank you to all who continue to support our parish by way of the various Liturgical Ministries.

IF ANYONE WHO HAS TAKEN A BREAK FROM THE MINISTRY ROSTER ANDWOULD LIKE TO RESUME VOLUNTEERING PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.

ALTHOUGH RESTRICTIONS HAVE NOW BEEN EASED, COVID-19 IS STILL IN THE COMMUNITY.

YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE CARE WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS.

> ALTHOUGH FACE MASKS ARE NO LONGER MANDATORY PLEASE FEEL WELCOME TO CONTINUE WEARING ONE.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARISH OFFICE TELEPHONE IS STILL

NOT WORKING PROPERLY.

WE HAVE AN INTERIM PHONE TO WHICH THE OFFFICE NUMBER HAS BEEN DIVERTED. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO ANSWERING SERVICE ON THIS PHONE SO YOU CANNOT LEAVE A MESSAGE.

> You are welcome to email at parishteam@corpuschristi.org.au

raising funds for Catholic Care's Community Drop-In Centres across our Diocese of Parramatta.

With the help and support of our parish and faith communities, Catholic Care are working hard to reach people in need, and to reduce social isolation and loneliness throughout Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, and we are truly grateful for your compassion and kind-hearted support.

THE BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL WILL TAKE PLACE ON 26TH AND 27TH MARCH.

#### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

For a Christian response to bioethical challenges We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

#### **Planned Giving Envelopes**

IF YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM VIA THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM,

NEW ENVELOPES FOR APRIL - OCTOBER 2022 ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE FOYER.

#### If you are:

contributing to the Planned Giving Programme via the envelope system and would like to change to credit card or direct debit;

\* if you would like to join the Planned Giving Programme; please contact Marie at the Parish Office.

Your gift to Planned Giving does help cover the running of your parish and also contributes towards outreach in our parish community and beyond.

#### The Net

If you know of anyone who is not receiving The Net via email and they would like to, please ask them to email the Parish Office or write their details on the list in the fover.

#### Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

**Recently Deceased:** 

Vincent Bartolo (17/02/2022), Fr Spiro Galea (09/02/22)

#### For those who are sick:

Rosa Pronesti, David Wakeling, Don Reid, Peter Sinnett, Eleanor Albertyn, Kevin and Mary O'Connor



#### **Diocesan News**

#### **Synod of Bishops Local Submissions** close Sunday 13th March!

conversation about the Catholic Church. How are we service for all who wish to unite their prayer with the called to walk together as Christians? How can we listen to Sacred Liturgy and be spiritually nourished by the Word one another in making important decisions about our faith of God. Copies are now available from St Patrick's Gift and our mission? Find out more and share your Shop, located in the grounds of St Patrick's Cathedral, contribution at: <a href="https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch">https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch</a>

#### Youth Ministry Leadership Pathway

A new pathway for leadership in youth ministry is here! Duc In Altum is an initiative of Catholic Youth Parramatta designed to provide practical youth ministry training,

build community between youth leaders across the Diocese, and offer intentional time for prayer and For more information and details to sign up visit parracatholic.org/ducinaltum/ or email qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org

#### Dr Laurie Woods Gospel Study Series: Starting 29th April

All are invited to join the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) for catechesis on the Gospel of St Luke with Dr Laurie Woods over 5 Fridays starting 29 April. The sessions will be held from 10am to 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre (formerly the IFM), Blacktown. To RSVP, please contact ccassar.ccdparra@hotmail.com

#### Catholic schools across the Diocese are enrolling now!

Our 80 Catholic schools are enrolling now for 2023. Come along to an open day to learn more and see what a Catholic education can offer your child. Find your local Catholic day and it's open at www.parra.catholic.edu.au/whats-on/coming-up/ catholic-school-open-days

#### **Diocese of Parramatta Launches Plenary Council Resource Website**

website provides new resources parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta to stay involved in the Plenary Council, which is exploring what the future 3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org. of our Church should look like. Beyond the First Assembly of the Plenary Council, visit parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/ to find a range of information, a Diocesan prayer St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie are seeking a and more as we move into a time of prayer, reflection, maturation and development.

#### Vinnies Support Centres

St Vincent de Paul Support Centres across Greater Sydney are still available and taking calls to arrange for food vouchers or other items to be provided to those in need. If you need assistance, call the Support Centre in Penrith on (02) 8861 9770. To find out more about what support is available, visit <a href="http://vinnies.org.au/covidsupportnsw">http://vinnies.org.au/covidsupportnsw</a>

#### God's Word 2022 Daily Reflections Booklet Available at St Pat's Gift Shop!

Don't miss out on this chance to take part in a global God's Word 2022, a book of daily reflections, offers a great Parramatta for \$19.95. Visit the www.stpatricksgiftshop.com or grab in store on Tuesdays to Fridays 10am-3pm and Sundays 9am-1pm.

#### Faith Formation Programme 2022 St Finbars Catholic Parish Glenbrook

The Liturgical Readings of this year's Holy Week celebrations are taken from the Gospel of Luke.

We invite you to our Parish Lenten Biblical Studies on: The Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus

according to the Gospel of Luke 22nd March and 5th April from 7pm - 8.30 pm in the Parish Hall, 52 Levy Street, Glenbrook 2773

The presenters are Fr Dr Joseph Lam, Sr Dr Margaret Ghosn & Fr John McSweeney, Lic. Bibl.

Cost: Gold Coin Donation. Please RSVP your attendance via secretary@stfinbars.org.au

#### Marriage Preparation Courses in 2022

Getting married in 2022? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/ pmp<http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp> weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website. For more information email

met@parracatholic.org<mailto:met@parracatholic.org> or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

## Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal is Open

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta remains open and committed to assisting anyone with enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Interviews are for being conducted via telephone and Zoom in response to

COVID-19. Please contact the Tribunal office on (02) 8838

#### **Toongabbie Parish Position Vacant**

permanent part time role classified under the "Clerks Private Sector Award 2010" as level 1, or above, dependent on the experience of applicant. The successful applicant will Co-ordinate the Sacramental Program, the Special Religious Education Program (SRE) and provide administrative assistance to the Parish priest and Parish Secretary. Hours will be 18 hours per weeks worked over 3 days. Please forward application and resume to the parish secretary (secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au) by 16th March 2022.

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