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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

RECONCILIATION – During Exposition or after Mass every Sunday

SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST 2023

READINGS

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

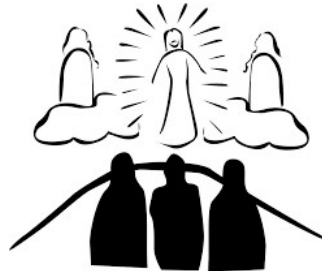
Daniel 7:9–10,13–14

Psalm 97

Peter 1:16–19

Gospel Matthew 17:1–9

'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.'



MINISTERS

GREETER: Phyllis Hayward

COMMENTATOR: Dot Chipman

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: J Reynolds

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: A Douglas

COLLECTOR: Trevor Finan

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Alice Douglas & Simon Main

DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

SUNDAY 13TH AUGUST 2023

READINGS

NINETEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

1 Kings 19:9,11–13

Psalm 85

2Romans 9:1–5

Gospel Matthew 14:22–33

'Command me to come to you over the water.'

MINISTERS

GREETER: Moya Lynch

COMMENTATOR: Kathy Karl

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: F Crooymans

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Kay Brydon


COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Laurel Blakey & Stephen Crooymans

DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Crooymans

In the Hebrew Scriptures, high mountains were seen as holy places; places where one could encounter God. It was on the summit of Mt Sinai that Moses received the Law from God's own hand; it was on Mt Horeb that Elijah encountered God in the gentle breeze. When Jesus takes the three disciples to the top of the mountain, it should come as no surprise that they encounter the glorified divinity of Christ. In Christ, both the Law represented by Moses, and the Prophets, represented by Elijah, is fulfilled. This fleeting moment of revelation to the disciples leaves them gasping and speechless. Peter wants to retain the memory of this glimpse of the glorified Christ by commemorating it with three tents but the gesture has a hollow ring when they have the Christ with them as a constant reminder. "This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him." It is the word of Jesus which will bring life and glorification. This glimpse of who Jesus really is should sustain them and yet the disciples still wonder what the mission and ministry of Jesus means. The true nature of Jesus will only be revealed at his resurrection.


There will be a Mass on Wednesday 9th August at 10.30am to celebrate the 70th Jubilee of the St Paschal's Catholic Women's League.

Congratulations on achieving this great milestone and we wish the group many more years of faith and service.

WELCOME

Father Tony O'Conner who will be filling in for Father Marchellino while he's away in Korea.

CUP OF TEA AFTER MASS
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH—TODAY



BLESSED MARY MACKILLOP (ST MARY OF THE CROSS)

Saint Mary MacKillop's Feast Day is celebrated on the 8th of August, which is the anniversary of her passing. Saint Mary MacKillop (also called Saint Mary of the Cross) was a Catholic nun and the first Australian canonised by the Catholic Church. The Church declared her a saint in October 2010, after the Pope had attributed two miracles to her. Both of these miracles came in the form of women who were suddenly cured of cancer, without medical intervention. Once it came to light that the women had been praying to Mary MacKillop, the Pope attributed the recoveries to her divine intervention. During her lifetime, Mary MacKillop was committed to helping the poor and would help those in need whenever she could. She was very active throughout Australia in establishing schools and welfare institutions.

A little noticed phrase in this text adds significance to the way we understand this story. Jesus told the disciples to cross to the other side of the lake. In doing this, they were heading away from the Jewish region and into Gentile territory. The boat is a symbol of the Church and, as such, we can detect in this text, a reflection of the situation of Matthew's community who have been forced out of the synagogue and away from traditional Judaism. More and more, it is Gentiles who are coming to belief in Jesus. This is causing fear and concern for some in the community.

Matthew gives a prominent place to Peter, whose actions do not make sense except as a combination of impulsive love and faith weakened by doubt. While his full attention is on Jesus, Peter is fine, but as soon as he allows what is going on around him to distract him from Jesus, he begins to sink. This text offers a parable of the Church besieged and being tossed about. Peter's response is to be bold and step out into the unknown, yet he is vulnerable. The great comfort is in the risen Lord stretching out his hand to restore morale. This manifestation of the power of Christ is greeted by that great acclamation of faith: *Truly, you are the Son of God.*



TUESDAY 15th AUGUST

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass at 11am



Whenever we look to Mary, we come to believe in the revolutionary nature of love and tenderness. In her we see that they are not virtues of the weak but of the strong who need not to treat others poorly in order to feel important themselves, This interplay of justice & tenderness, of contemplation and concern for others makes us look to Mary as a model of evangelisation.”
Pope Francis EG #288

First Friday of the Month Mass Devotion

The devotion of the nine First Fridays of the month continues on 4th August.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday 10th August – 7 pm**

Once again we see Jesus withdrawing to pray alone. The example of Jesus in quiet prayer can be a pointer to us in how to pray. As a Church we pray communally, but quiet reflection is also important. Take time out this week to reflect alone. The disciples cry out to Jesus in their distress, *Lord, save me.*

This week, allow yourself to hear Jesus' answer: *Courage! Do not be afraid*



MINISTERS – 20th August 2023

GREETER: Eileen Leonard
 COMMENTATOR: Stephen Crooymans
 PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Laurel Blakey
 PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Simon Main
 COLLECTOR: Stephen Crooymans
 MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:
 Alice Douglas & Kay Brydon
 DATA PROJECTOR: Erin Aralar

MINISTERS – 27th August 2023

GREETER: Colleen Jordan
 COMMENTATOR: Frances Crooymans
 PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Dot Chipman
 PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Robert Hicks
 COLLECTOR: Trevor Finan
 MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:
 Eileen Leonard & Simon Main
 DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

READINGS – 20th August 2023**Twentieth Week Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 56:1,6-7
 Psalm 67
 Romans 11:13-15,29-32
 Gospel Matthew 15:21-28

**READINGS – 27th August 2023****Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 22:19-23
 Psalm 138
 Romans 11:33-36
 Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

**FLOWERS**

W/E 12/8 Dot Chipman
 W/E 19/8 June Clark
 W/E 26/8 Laurel Blakey

**CHURCH LINEN**

AUGUST A Douglas
 SEPTEMBER P Hayward

Aug	1	Josie Clark
	3	Jocelyn Patterson
	4	Stella Hicks
	5	Deb Clark
	9	Una Gasson Carmel Welch
	13	John Gasson
	18	Anthony Crooymans

**PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE GRASS
 BESIDE THE ROAD FOR THE NEXT
 MONTH OR SO AS ITS TOO WET!!**

We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers: Mary Speedy, Robert Hicks, Harry van Eijk, Ray Karl, and Michael Lynch.

And those whose anniversaries occur during the month of August: Valerie Finan, Mike Speedy, Frank Blackmore, Velma Harris, Marlane Marshall.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.