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Second Sunday in Lent Year C

This is my Chosen One: listen to him.

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12;17-18. The Lord made a covenant with Abram

Psalm 26: The Lord is my light and my salvation

Second Reading: Philippians 3: 17-4:1. In this way, stand firm in the Lord

Alleluia Verse: 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: Luke 9:28-36. Master, it is good for us to be here

Com. Verse: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: listen to Him.


Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: As we enter into the Lenten season, we recognize our need to pray each day for peace, for reconciliation, for healing, and for an end to violence in our world.

Leader: We pray for our community of faith (Pause)
People: May we be alert to the many ways we can help those in need, especially by taking part in Project Compassion.

Celebrant: We pray to the Lord.
All: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for catechumens and candidates preparing to enter the Church. (Pause)
People: May they experience our support as they begin to live the Gospel in a new way.

Celebrant: We pray to the Lord.
All: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for children and parents in the Reconciliation program: (Pause)
People: May they enjoy discovering new ways of making peace.

Celebrant: We pray to the Lord.
All: Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Holy Father, you hear our prayers that come from the depths of our longing. Help us in this season of repentance, to remember the needy, the poor, the sick, and all those who need our care. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

OUR POPE SAYS: God’s dream makes its home and lives in each one of us so that at every Easter, in every Eucharist we celebrate, we may be the children of God. It is a dream which so many of our brothers and sisters have had through history. A dream witnessed to by the blood of so many martyrs, both from long ago and from now.

Lent is a time of conversion, of daily experiencing in our lives of how this dream is continually threatened by the father of lies, by the one who tries to separate us, making a divided and fractious society. A society of the few, and for the few. How often we experience in our own lives, or in our own families, among our friends or neighbours, the pain which arises when the dignity we carry within is not recognized. How many times have we had to cry and regret on realizing that we have not acknowledged this dignity in others? How often – and it pains me to say it – have we been blind and impervious

Please Pray for Les and Clare Fern, Joe & Rosemary Valle, Josephine and Antonio Di Lembo; Margaret McDonald, Margaret Heagney (Catherine Phillip’s mother) Ardea Tramontin, Viviane Taronto, Gregoria Ocampo. Rhonda Blaser, Antonio Ciarla.
The Transfiguration is a sign of hope: the disciples saw Jesus differently. It is possible to see things differently and thus act differently. It is possible to see God in others, to recognize their sacredness and dignity. It is possible that we can live together in our diversity: let go of racism; let go of homophobia; let go of greed, power and the need to be in control; to give up violence in word and action; to let go of fear that leads to paralysis and inaction; and to solve problems nonviolently, because we have been to the ‘mountain’ and come back knowing that God is able to transform our world.

The end of the Gospel reading, tells us that we must “Listen to Him”. Saint Pope Paul VI in the late 1970’s spoke to the campesinos, the poor living in the slums in Medellin, Peru: ‘Now you are listening to us in silence, but we hear the shout that arises from your suffering.’ Indeed, can we hear the shout that arises from the suffering of our sisters and brothers? It is the faces of the poor and suffering that call out for a ‘transfiguration’ of our world. As Mother Teresa said: You can find Calcutta all over the world, if you have the eyes to see.

PARISH NOTICES AND COMING EVENTS

Weekly Collections: 1st Collection: $1234.10
2nd Collection: $1507.85 Direct Debit $1081.00

FEBRUARY CALENDAR:

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: every Friday in Lent at 6.00 pm beginning Friday 12th. No Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

LENTEN GROUPS: Meet at Church on Monday at 6.30 pm, at the Convent on Tuesdays, Presbytery on Wednesdays at 7.00 pm.

St. Paul’s Ladies who lunch Tuesday 23rd midday Nightcliff Sports Club Ring 0407 189 136 if transport required.

Thursday 25th Second Reconciliation meeting at 6pm for parents Sunday 28th 3rd Sunday of Lent. 8.30 am Children’s Mass with presentation of the Reconciliation children to the community.

THE SEASON OF LENT is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others (prayer, penance and alms giving). Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. Lent is the most appropriate time for celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). From The Ordo