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NEWSLETTER 06TH AUGUST 2023
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD - YEAR A
IN A RESPLENDENT CLOUD
THE HOLY SPIRIT APPEARED.
THE FATHER'S VOICE WAS HEARD:
THIS IS MY BELOVED SON,
WITH WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED. LISTEN TO HIM .

This Week's Mass Schedule

09/08/2023	Wednesday	(Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside of Mass)	8:00am
10/08/2023	Thursday	(Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside of Mass)	12:00pm
11/08/2023	Friday		8:30am
12/08/2023	Saturday		6:00pm
13/08/2023	Sunday	Maryborough Tiaro	8:00am 10:00am

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

Sacramental Program:
First Holy Communion
Session for enrolled candidates:
Saturday 12th August 5pm at St Mary's

Please Ensure Silence In The Church By Supporting Silent Prayer

READINGS
The Transfiguration of the Lord - Year A (p.1008 in St Pauls Missal)

- 1st- Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
- Psalm - 96 Resp. hymns page
- 2nd - 2 Peter 1:16-19
- Gospel Accl. hymns page
- Gospel - Matthew 17:1-9

Next weekend: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.436)

- 1st - 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13
- Psalm - 84
- 2nd - Romans 9:1-5
- Gospel - Matthew 14:22-33

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
This feast is so rich that it is impossible to give a single explanation or interpretation. We need to put aside our constant Western desire to categorise neatly, and to proceed as in the East, poetically, allowing the interplay of images and ideas to evoke the mystery beyond our grasp. Like beholding an opal, its whole beauty cannot be seen from any one angle. Origen (mid-third century) is the earliest witness (*Comm. in Ps. 88.13*) to the claim that the transfiguration took place on Galilee's Mount Tabor, a border point for the lands of Zebulun, Issachar and Naphtali, and the trade route called the Way of the Sea that passed its base. That location is not inconsistent with Matthew's narrative and so was widely accepted over the next centuries. It could have been guided by reflection on Isaiah 9:1-2, as cited in Mathew 4:13-16 (both read on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time in year A): "Zebulun! Naphtali! Way of the Sea... The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned." Another ancient tradition has the transfiguration occurring forty days before the crucifixion, and counting from the Exaltation of the Cross brings us to 6 August, the date on which Mount Tabor's fifth-century Byzantine basilica was dedicated. The earliest known observance of this feast in the West is from the ninth century, whence it spread, though not with it always being celebrated on the same date. It was fixed on 6 August for the whole Roman rite only in 1457.

The account contains many features shared by other theophanies. The *high mountain*, the usual awe-inspiring meeting point between heaven and earth, is where Moses on Horeb encounters God in the burning bush, and on Sinai/Horeb he receives the Law and his face shines, and there the people of Israel say "Do not let us hear again the Voice, nor see the Fire (splendour of God)" (Deut 18:16); on Mount Carmel Elijah contents with the priests of Baal, then on Horeb, after wind, earthquake, and fire, he hears the "still small voice" and speaks with God (see the first reading on the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A). The *cloud* most often indicates darkness, but God's glory also manifests in cloud: whether a dark or bright cloud, the result remains the same, blindness, the inability to see God. The *light* is related to the cloud. White, and brightness, feature in the first reading from Daniel, such that the transfigured Jesus is consistently described in the same way as the Ancient of Days (except for age) and thus as the visible image of the invisible Father. Lastly *the Voice*, which is often deafening, sometimes whispering, repeats the words heard at the baptism (Matthew 3:17), "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

In the use of *Cloud*, *Light*, and *Voice*, we appear to have verbal portraits of the invisible, and reports of the ineffable. There are two main interpretations of the transfiguration: firstly, Jesus in his human nature changed, manifesting the divinisation of human nature in the Incarnation of the Word; secondly, Jesus did not change, for God is unchanging, but the disciples' spiritual eyes were opened to see him as he is. This evokes 1 John 3:3, "we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." An Orthodox interpretation also explains this as a trinitarian theophany: the Father speaks (the unseen *Voice*), the Son shines (the *Light*), and the Holy Spirit is present in the *Cloud*. In the Synoptic Gospels it marks a turning point: just as at the baptism he soon embarked on his mission of proclaiming the kingdom of heaven, soon after the transfiguration he sets out for Jerusalem.
Peace Be with you!
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**NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK
AUGUST 6 – 13, 2023**

“National Vocation Awareness Week is a crucial opportunity to promote the importance of vocations and discernment among our parishioners, allowing people to explore their calling, and encouraging their next step in following the call of God on their life. How will you respond to God’s call this week? How will you encourage others in their call?”

Please follow the below links for more information:

- **Catholic Australia:** <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/National-Vocations-Awareness-Week>
- **Vocation Brisbane:** <http://www.vocationbrisbane.com/>
- **Promotional video: Why be a Priest?**
We have received a video from Evangelisation Brisbane featuring Rev. Fr Lucius. This video will be played in many Parishes at Mass. Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fsbaz9jkuUU>
- **Pledge to Pray:** <https://pledgetoprayer.com.au/>

National Vocations AWARENESS WEEK

“**Each one of us is called** – whether to the lay life in marriage, to the priestly life in the ordained ministry, or to a life of special consecration; in order to become a witness of the Lord, **here and now.**”
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THANK YOU

St. Mary’s Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society wishes to thank Parishioners for their generous support of our Winter Appeal. We are delighted to say we received \$2825.15 in the Appeal. A great result.

God’s Word 2024 Pre-Orders Are Now Open. Please fill in your names and quantity needed before the end of August. The list is available at the Piety Stall inside the Church. Pricing is expected to be around \$15/ book. Payment/s only when you collect the book.



THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

All are welcome for the Mass on

**Monday
14th August
at 9:15 am.**

This will be a combined Mass with St. Mary’s College and Primary School celebrating their Feast Day.

Visiting Vinnies invites 'Seniors- Young at Heart'

to come along for a morning tea of freshly baked homemade scones, tea / coffee and a chinwag on

Friday 25 August 9:30 - 11:00.

Mass is at 8:30 in the church if you would like to attend before the social morning. If you are able to attend, please contact Robyn 0407 156 959.



2023 Annual Catholic Campaign
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time on the weekend of 19-20 August 2023.



Centacare’s Pastoral Ministries provide support to families in distress and to victims of domestic violence, to those suffering mental illness and those in prison, to hospital chaplaincy, and to the disabled. Much of this work is hidden, but these ministries are an important outreach of the Church to people in real need.

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ENTRANCE: LET HEAVEN REJOICE

Refrain:

*Let heaven rejoice and earth be glad;
let all creation sing.
Let children proclaim through ev’ry land:
“Hosanna to our king.”*

Sound the trumpet into the night;
The day of the Lord is near.
Wake his people, lift your voice,
Proclaim it to the world.

Rise in splendour; shake off your sleep;
Put on your robes of joy.
And in the morning you shall see
The glory of the Lord.

Raise your voices, be not afraid.
Proclaim it in ev’ry land.
Christ has died, but he has risen;
He will come again.

R. Dufford.
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PSALM RESPONSE: (said)

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight; listen to him.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

COMMUNION: EAT THIS BREAD

Refrain:

*Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to Me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in Me and you will not thirst.*

I am the bread of life,
The true bread sent from the Father.

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert
But this is the bread come down from heaven.

Eat My flesh and drink My blood,
And I will raise you up on the last day.

Anyone who eats this bread,
Will live for ever

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THANKSGIVING: GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart.
Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son
(Repeat)

And now let the weak say, ‘I am strong’,
Let the poor say, ‘I am rich’,
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

(Repeat)

Give thanks.

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RECESSIONAL:

THOUGH THE MOUNTAINS MAY FALL

Refrain:

*Though the mountains may fall
and the hills turn to dust,
Yet the love of the Lord will stand
As a shelter for all who will call on His Name.
Sing the praise and the glory of God.*

Could the Lord ever leave you?

Could the Lord forget His love?

Though a mother forsake her child,
He will not abandon you. **R./**

Should you turn and forsake Him,

He will gently call your name.

Should you wander away from Him,
He will always take you back. **R./**

Go to Him when you’re weary;

He will give you eagle’s wings.

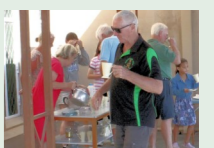
You will run, never tire,

For your God will be your strength. **R./**

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INVITATION TO SUNDAY MORNING TEA

Each Sunday after the 8am Mass we host a morning tea. Please join us. Meet and talk to your fellow parishioners.



Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: David Bertram, Margaret Twomey, Betty Hove, Brian Hodges, Brenda Dreger, Evelyn Keys, Karl Guerin, Carmel Bird, Paul Massingham, Patricia Thackeray, Gregory Massingham, David Brettell, Anna Pecar and Ame Cox.

The Recently Deceased: Desmond Connors, Brian Huey, Kerry Mahony, John Kelman, Geoffrey Walburn, Jeremy Martinus, Mary Jappe and Marge Byrne.

Anniversary of Death: Fr. Joseph Vu Van Nhuan, Barney Baxter, Bill Bartels and Julieta Perez.