

**PARISH MASS TIMES**  
**Monday:** No Mass  
**Tuesday:** 5.00 pm Mass  
**Wed - Friday:** 9.00 am Mass  
**Sat :** 5.00pm  
**Sunday:** 9.00am Mass

**Reconciliation**  
**Tues:** 4 - 4.45pm  
**Sat:** 3.30 - 4.30pm

**Adoration & Benediction**  
**Tue:** 4-5pm

**Stations of the Cross**  
**Fridays** 5pm followed by Soup Supper finishing 27th March

Croatian Mass Saturday 7th March 11am


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**Second Sunday of Lent**  
 28 February – 1 March 2026

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 this Lent



Enter Lent with Prayer and Reflection

**LENTEN SCHEDULE**

**Ash Wednesday - 18 February**  
 9:15am - School Mass  
 6:00pm - Parish Mass

**Stations of the Cross**  
 Friday - 5:00pm  
 Followed by Soup Dinner at 6:00pm  
 (Hosted by the Croatian Community)

**Parish Lenten Programme**  
 Wednesdays - 9:30-11:00am

**Ash Monday - 16 February**  
 (Indian Community Mass)  
 6:00pm - Mass (Syro-Malabar Rite)



**PARISH LENTEN PROGRAM 2026**  
**Beginning Ash Wednesday**

Sessions will be held Wednesdays 9.30—11am after 9am Mass.  
 March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th.  
**COST = Free.** Program supplied.  
 Facilitated by Marie Weatherall,  
 Carolyn Evenden, Helen Nettelbeck,  
 Deidre Herring, John McKay and Mary O'Neill.

*All are welcome.*



**Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions**  
**March**

**For disarmament and peace**

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

**MASS TIMES FOR EASTER 2026**  
**THE SACRED TRIDUUM**


**Holy Thursday:** The Lord's Supper—6.00PM

**Good Friday:** Stations of the Cross—10AM  
 Liturgy (Indian Community) - 11.00AM  
 Passion of the Lord—3.00PM

**Holy Saturday:** Easter Vigil - 7.00PM  
 Indian Mass—11.00PM

**Easter Sunday—**Mass 9.00AM

A man is in the woods and suddenly a bear comes out and starts chasing him. The man is terrified and begins to pray. He prays frantically "Lord please make this bear more Christian!!" Suddenly the bear bows his head and begins praying "Dear Lord thank you for this food I am about to receive."



**Prayer of Blessing**

Heavenly Father,  
 We thank You for all those in our parish celebrating birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and other special moments this month of February.  
 We thank You for the gift of their lives.  
 Bless them with health, joy, and peace; strengthen them in faith, and keep them always in Your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*May all who celebrate this February be blessed with health, joy, and faith.*

**Fr Joshy**

**MASSES IN AGED CARE**

**The Glen** Every Second Wednesday 10.30am  
**The Manor** Every Third Wednesday 2pm  
**Maranatha** Every Fourth Wednesday 2pm

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**PARISH ROSTERS**

<b>28 FEBRUARY/1 MARCH</b>	<b>7/8 MARCH</b>
<b>Cleaning</b> 2-6 March D & L May	<b>Cleaning</b> 9-14 M deSmet/J Maher
<b>5.00PM MASS</b> Welcomer K Conway Commentator: M Weatherall Reader: B Maynard Eucharistic Ministers J Wain Computer Screen M O'Neill	<b>5.00PM MASS</b> Welcomer J Anderson Commentator J O'Sullivan Reader: J Mackay Eucharistic Ministers L Mylott Computer Screen M O'Neill
<b>9.00 AM MASS:</b> Welcomer Volunteer Commentator C Lowe Reader: M Lowe Eucharistic Ministers L & N Page Computer Screen T Jones	<b>9.00 AM MASS:</b> Welcomer M de Smet Commentator B Basevi Reader: P Fleming Eucharistic Ministers K Corbin, L Stevens Computer Screen D May ....
<b>MORNING TEA:</b> Filipino Community	<b>MORNING TEA:</b> M & C Lowe
<b>COUNTERS:</b> D & L May	<b>COUNTERS:</b> T Priest/J Whiteford

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
 For Year 3 Students and any older children who have not yet received it.

**Weekly Sessions Commence:**  
 Wednesdays 5-6pm  
 March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th  
**Venue:** Parish Meeting Room

**II Rite of Reconciliation**  
 (before Easter) 26th March, 5pm



English monk **Fr Laurence Freeman OSB**, director and spiritual guide of the World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM) will be leading **An Evening of Dialogue** (hosted by Genevieve Jacobs AM) at Marist College, Pearce ACT (7 to 8.30pm **Tuesday 10 March**).  
 Fr Laurence is in Canberra at the invitation of Archbishop Christopher Prowse,  
 There is no cost for the 10 March gathering at Marist, but **please register** [HERE](#) or by email to [nathanahearn@mcc.act.edu.au](mailto:nathanahearn@mcc.act.edu.au)  
 Further info: contact - [rod@rodpage.com](mailto:rod@rodpage.com)

Our next **BBECET** prayer meeting will be held on Monday 2 March at 5 pm in the Anglican Church hall. We plan to have a Board meeting following the prayer meeting where we will discuss our involvement with SU Australia, look at supporters events (dates, format, organisation) and plan together the year ahead.

**Prayers for the Sick**  
*Jesus, Divine Healer, we entrust all the sick into your loving hands*

Deborah Eddington, Declan Holmes, Joy & John Dillon, Jan Simpson, Nan Reidy, Natalie Matthews, Jordan Ambler, John Hyland, Ken Evenden, Travis Roth, Piper Roth, Maya Roth, Kristy Crosby, Jeanette Clarke, Brendan Blyton, Wendy & Pat Roberts, Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, Kevin Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill.

**Recently Deceased**

*We have loved them in life; let us not forget them in death. May they live forever in God's love.*

Bettye Ison, Fr Frank Fuchs, Chris Bowditch, Shirley Carroll, Pavla Pinkawa, William Gallagher, Teresa Lewis, Bob & Suzanne Hughes, Bishop Pat Power, Diana Ebbelaar, Sr Maria Goretti, Maria Mendes, Gregy Elchico, Bob & Judy Spruce, Rod & Letitia Baz, Wido Melis, Zora Domitrovic, Margaret Priest, Linda Vogel, Ivan Backo, Jean McSmith, David Wick, Margaret Silversides, Joseph Quigley, Patricia Totterdell, Joanne Rogers, Josephine Beckhaus.  
**Anniversaries:** are listed in the Memorial Book at the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

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## First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

*The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The Word of the Lord

**R. Thanks be to God**



## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.  
(R.)

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.  
(R.)

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.  
(R.)

## Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*God has saved us, and called us to be holy.*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The Word of the Lord

**R. 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

Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*His face shone like the sun.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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## Second Sunday of Lent Year A



**Choir Practice**  
Every Monday  
1.00pm - 2.30 pm  
Easter Preparation

**Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am**  
Fridays after Mass

**"Enjoy the Good News"**  
Wednesdays after mass  
CMR

**Croatian Mass**  
Saturday 7th March, 11am

**Stations of the Cross**  
Fridays 5pm finishing 27th March  
Followed by Soup Supper at 6pm

**Parish Sacramental Program**  
Weekly Sessions  
March 4,11,18,25  
5-6pm CMR  
II Rite Celebration March 26 5PM

**Wrap with Love**  
Wednesday 25 February.  
1pm-3pm CMR  
Tuesday 10th March  
10 am BB Library  
Wednesday 25 March  
1pm-3pm CMR

**RCIA Thursdays 5.30pm**

**COFFEE CLUB**  
Thursdays after 9am Mass  
Venue: Corrigan's Cove

**Craft Group**  
Thursdays  
10am CMR

## Listening for the Knock!

Life contains many 'wake up' calls, alerting us to the moments that reveal another dimension, a deeper meaning – more than we can imagine. When such opportunities present themselves we need to be vigilant which includes interior and exterior attentiveness. This alertness requires attentive listening. One would think paying attention would be one of the easier tasks of our spiritual life but often reality contradicts this presumption. In the hurried life we lead it often becomes more challenging, even a stumbling block.

Ted Kooser, Poet, remarks: 'What seems like a simple discipline turns out to be quite difficult because, by habit, most of us go through our lives without paying much attention to anything.' [Quoted in: 'Lost in Wonder', 2002] Jesus spoke about this inability to be attentive in the parable of the Wedding Banquet: 'Be like those waiting for their Master to return from the Wedding Banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks' [Lk 12: 36]

In the Song of Songs this beautiful description of listening comes forth from the mouth of the Lover: 'I slept but my heart was awake. Listen, my Beloved is knocking . Open to me ...' [Sg 5:2] Listening needs to be cultivated and renewed each day.

## This is my Beloved Son listen to Him!

The invitation to listen and witness a deeper reality is evident in the scriptures and prayers today as we contemplate the **Transfiguration of Jesus on the Mountain**. In the opening prayer we pray: 'God our Father, help us to listen to your Son. Enlighten us with your word.' 'The Transfiguration is placed after the account of the Temptations of Jesus in the desert. In fact, in the Gospel of Luke the series of episodes which recount the confession of Peter, the first announcement of the passion and the Transfiguration constitutes a kind of stopping place in the 'ascent' to Jerusalem... *one does not reach Jerusalem without effort one 'ascends' to it*. The Transfiguration coincides with this moment, as he prayed... with this moment when Jesus communes deeply with himself before his Father in order to discover, in his light, what he is called to become.' [Glenstal Bible Missal, Editor G.MacGinty OSB, pg 1079]

In their awakened state the disciples hear a voice from the cloud '**This is my Son, the Beloved, Listen to him. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus touched them...** **'Stand up do not be afraid!'** [[Matthew 17: 8-9] the focus is now entirely on Jesus alone. The knock on the door, the invitation to his disciples and us is to accompany Jesus on his last journey to Jerusalem to witness his struggle, his death and subsequently his resurrection.

Like the disciples God is present to us in the scriptures, in the liturgical life of the Church, our work, prayer, people, events and nature. **Not a person, place, or a moment is left out from divine revelation**. As Cardinal Basil Hume suggests: 'We need opportunities to be alone, and silent with space just to reflect and listen to the voice of God that speaks deep within us. God knocks at our door, but for many people their lives are too preoccupied for them to be able to hear.' ['Lost in Wonder', de Waal pg 21]

**This week may we 'seek His face, hope in Him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord.'** [Psalm 26]

Marie Weatherall