

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Of you my heart has spoken; Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Or

Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 26)

ANTIPHON: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

RESPONSE: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

LECTOR: The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

LECTOR: O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: "Seek his face." **R.**

LECTOR: It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger, you have been my help. **R.**

LECTOR: I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 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!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

TODAY'S READINGS Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17 – 4:1; Luke 9:28-36

NEXT WEEK (3rd Sunday Lent, Year C) Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15; Psalm 102; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9

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A spiritual climb to the top



13 March 2022 2nd Sunday Lent, Year C

Mountains play an important role in the bible; often presented as sites of transcendent spiritual experiences and encounters with God. Abraham shows his willingness to sacrifice Isaac and then encounters God on a mountain (Gen 22:1-14).

God appears to Moses and speaks from the burning bush on "Horeb, the mountain of God" (Ex 3:1-2); and he encounters Elijah on the same site (1 Kings 19:8-18). Most impressive of all is the experience of the Israelites at Mount Sinai (Ex 19), in which Moses ascends in a cloud to meet God. A similar story emerges from the Christian Scriptures, where Jesus often retreats to mountains to be alone (Jn 6:15), to pray (Mt 14:23; Lk 6:12) and to teach his listeners (Mt 5:1; Mk 3:13). And in today's gospel, Jesus ascends a mountain, is transfigured and meets Moses and Elijah (Lk 9:28-36).

In Luke's gospel, the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus signals the start of Jesus' final journey from Galilee to his Passion in Jerusalem (Lk 9:51-19:44). At the end of the journey, Jesus climbs the Mount of Olives and makes preparation for his triumphal entry into Jerusalem and his final clash with the authorities on the Temple mount.

What is interesting about this travel narrative in Luke is that it takes place in the "in between" times, wedged between Jesus' ministry on the "holy mountains" of Galilee and Jerusalem. Down on the plains and in

the valleys, Jesus and his disciples are in unfamiliar territory. They are separated from their synagogues in the Galilean hillsides and still distant from their national shrine on Mount Zion.

Along the way to Jerusalem, Jesus' disciples are confronted by Samaritans and people who live on the margins of Jewish society, lepers, disabled beggars, tax collectors and Gentiles.

Writing for his community, Luke distinguishes between mountain-top experiences where they may encounter the divine in prayer and worship (Lk 9:28), and the lived experience of faith amidst the diversity and vagaries of their wider human society. The spiritual writer, Eugene Peterson, sees these passages in Luke as analogous to the life of the Christian "between Sundays." "Samaria," Petersen writes "is the country between Galilee and Jerusalem in which we spend most of our time." It is a place where we need to talk a language that we wouldn't use in church; but which, nevertheless, must be informed and inspired by our retreat to the mountain on Sundays.

This line of thought reminds us of Vatican II where the Sunday Eucharist is described as the source and summit of the Christian life. This Lent, let us take time to reflect more deeply on our mountain top encounters with Jesus in the Eucharist.

Ian J Elmer

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Sat 6pm



Sun @ 6.30am, 8.30am

Reconciliation Sat 5.30pm or by appt.

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be it practically or financially.



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themselves isolated at home and wishing to receive

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office as the need arises.



2022 envelopes available now in foyer.

Children's Church is happening in hall at 8.30am
Mass. Parents please deliver
Children to hall just prior to Mass.



Qld Government has announced [upcoming easing of restrictions in Queensland](#) from 6pm Fri Mar 4, 2022: Copy of updates available in foyer or via the link above. **Masks only required if you can't socially distance. To assist church cleaning, please sanitise before exiting.**



At 1st Transition Steering Team Meeting
Sr Kari Hatherell has announced by Easter
parish would transition to **2 only** Masses for



any given w/end & has asked, parishioners that
attend w/end celebrations of the Eucharist, indicate
time preferences. A survey was distributed on Feb
26/27. Please consider options & indicate via survey
sheet, your preferences. We ask parishioners respond
individually rather than as a family. Survey will be
extended until **March 20** to allow for recent weather
concerns. Deposit replies on collection plate or gifting
boxes. Parishioners may choose to sign their replies or
not. Make sure your voice is heard.

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 entrepreneurship
& livelihood development program, run by Caritas
Australia's partner, Caritas India. He gained
the skills, support & encouragement he needed
to establish his own bicycle repair business.

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Refurb of humble toilets is nearly
done. **Toilets** in presbytery available
during all Mass & service times.



Coming 2022

March 13: Second Sunday of Lent
Reconciliation Prep Session 2
March 17: St Patrick (Solemnity)
March 19: St Joseph (Solemnity)
March 20: Third Sunday of Lent
Reconciliation Prep Session 3



RECENTLY DECEASED: Fran Parker,
John Mulcahy, Michael Mulcahy, Margaret Owen,
May Mahony, Dr John Rutherford, Paddy Logan,
Michael Whitelaw
MASS INTENTIONS: Anastasia Fruean, Urima Evile, Tim
Stirling, George Lee, Joyce Byrne, John & Elizabeth Shannon
SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Joshua Chester, Pat Cochrane,
Veronica & Cathy Comiskey, Brian & Thera Harding,
Paul Heathwood, Allaura Hows, Kath Keogh, Nicky Logan,
Trish McConnell, Fr Ron Mollison, Marie-Louise O'Brien,
Pam O'Reilly, Peter Owen, David Parker, Peter Reid,
Wal & Joyce Smith, Lester Steen, Marie Taylor,
Nathaniel Williams, Pat Weir, Zelina



2022 Sacrament of Penance - Reconciliation
Session dates: Sat March 5/6; 12/13; 19/20;
Ceremony of Reconciliation Round II
Mon March 21, 2022 at 6.30pm.
For any enrolment questions contact parish or visit
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Archbishop Mark writes... First COVID,
then the floods. Just when you thought it
couldn't get worse there was the horrific
invasion of Ukraine, which may seem far way

away but is really at our doorstep, because the Ukraine
struggle has global implications. It's a struggle between 2
very different ways of organising human society - let's
call them democracy & autocracy. Since the break-up of
the Soviet Union, Ukraine has sought to govern itself as a
democracy where the people rule, & in recent times
Russia has become increasingly an autocracy where 1
man rules, brutally. Ukraine dreams of independence &
freedom, Russia dreams of regaining a lost empire. Sadly
Russia even claims religious sanction for its genocidal
attacks on Ukraine, with the head of the Russian Church
promoting war. This not only divides Christians but gives
Christianity a bad name. It shows what happens when
Church is tied absolutely to nationalism. The Church has
long struggled to maintain its freedom from the state.
Christianity is tied to no nation, to no nationalist cause or
ideology. Separation of Church & state has been one of
the West's greatest achievements. Pray for Ukraine & for
world peace - that truth prevails over violence.

PROCESSIONAL B FARRELL CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

V1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
your holy people, light for the world to see.
**Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

V2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing
for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow'r
to save us. Make us your living voice. R/-

OFFERTORY J MANUBASIN OPEN MY EYES LORD

V1 Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.
V2 Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.
V3 Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

COMMUNION M.JONCAS I HAVE LOVED YOU

**Refrain: I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you, and you are mine.
I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you, and you are mine.**

V1 Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
He will bring you his light and his peace. R/-
V2 Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
He will bring you his joy and his hope. R/-

REFLECTION C WILLCOCKS DO NOT BE AFRAID

**Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you by your name, you are mine.
I have called you by your name, you are mine.**

V1 The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold
of my life; before whom shall I shrink? R/-
V2 There is one thing I asked of the Lord;
for this I long: to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life. R/-

RECESSIONAL C LANDRY WE ARE COMPANIONS ON...

**R/- We are Companions on the journey breaking
bread and sharing life. And in the love we bear is the
hope we share, for we believe in the love of our God,
We believe in the love of our God.**

V1 No longer strangers to each other,
No longer strangers in God's House;
we are fed and we are nourished by the strength of
those who care, by the strength of those who care. R/-
V2 We have been gifted each other,
and we are called by the Word of the Lord;
to act with justice, to love tenderly
and to walk humbly with our God,
to walk humbly with our God. R/-

