

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Henley Beach

On the Traditional Lands of the Kurna People

2nd Sunday of Lent- Year A

5th March 2023



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Mass Times: Mon Candlelit Mass 8pm, Tues: 9:15am, Wed: 8:00am, Thurs & Fri: 9:15am,
Reconciliation Saturday 8:45am – 9:10am

Sat 9:15am (qualifies as a Sunday Mass); Vigil Saturday 6:00pm; Sunday 9.30am; 5:30pm

Coming Up:

Formation Training for all Extraordinary Ministers on 2nd March at 6:30pm (see details on page 3).

Next Healing Mass

9th March 6:30pm

Child Safe Environments Briefing for Volunteers

Wednesday 22nd March
10:30am—12:00pm

Thursday 23rd March
6:30pm—8:00pm

Save the Date:

Pasta Night 31st March
(see details page 4)

Readings

2nd Sunday of Lent

Gen: 12:1-4

Psalms: 32:4-5, 18-20

2 Tim: 1:8-10

Mt: 17:1-9

3rd Sunday of Lent

Ex: 17:3-7

Psalms: 94:1-2, 6-9

Rom: 5:1-2, 5-8

Jn: 4:5-42

Lent: Preparing to Experience the Glory of Christ



Each year, on the 2nd Sunday of Lent, the Gospel Reading speaks of the Transfiguration of Jesus. But, before going into an explanation and the meaning of the transfiguration of the Lord, we need first to put the event into proper context. Peter had just, in the name of the other disciples, recognized their Teacher, Jesus, as the expected Messiah of Israel. "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." But this was immediately followed by Jesus clearly telling them exactly what being Messiah was going to mean for him. Far from being a mighty warrior-king who would crush all the enemies of God's people, he was going to be rejected by the leaders of his own people, arrested, tried, condemned, tortured and eventually executed, not by them but by the very hated enemies they expected the Messiah to overthrow. This was too much for Peter and he objected strongly. In turn, he was severely scolded for obstructing God's way of doing things. Even more, Jesus had said that, if anyone wanted to be his follower, then they would have to be prepared to walk the same road of rejection, oppression, and even death. All of this must have seemed like a large bucket of cold water landing on the heads of the disciples. What Jesus had said was totally against all they had ever heard about the expected Messiah. It is in this perhaps depressed mood that today's experience takes place. And so, to give a boost to their morale, to help them see that the way of Jesus would lead to victory and triumph, Jesus takes three of his most intimate disciples, Peter, James and John, and goes up onto a high mountain. They are the inner circle of the Twelve and are found with Jesus at other times of crucial importance e.g., at the raising of Jairus' daughter and the agony in the garden. Traditionally, Mount Tabor is identified as the place of transfiguration. When they reached the top, "He was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light." In the Transfiguration, the union of God with humanity in the one man, Jesus Christ, was made manifest in a special way. Jesus becomes transfigured, i.e., the veil is lifted and his disciples receive a glimpse of his divinity shining forth through his humanity. It is as if this transfiguration was necessary for Jesus to give his disciples a glimpse of his divinity, that he really is 'the Son of God.'

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How often do we experience the absurdities of life such that our minds are filled with doubt and we ask, "Where is God?" Think of people who have experienced the scandalous lives, the deep-rooted individualism and insensitivity of church people, and they ask, "How can God be in this place." Many of these ends up giving up the faith. Think of people who are traumatized by their experience of social injustice and discrimination. They apply for a job and people who are less qualified than they get the job because they have the right connections or the right accent. They see people advancing in society through unfair means and they ask, "Where is God?" Or you may know someone undergoing personal and family crisis such as terminal illness, breakdown of relationship between husband and wife, between parent and child, between friends.

Don't we sometimes feel like the whole world is collapsing on our heads? At times like these we need to go up the mountain of prayer and ask God to open our eyes that we may see. When God grants us a glimpse of eternity then we shall realize that all our troubles in this life are short-lived. Then shall we have the courage to accept the apparently meaningless suffering of this life, knowing that through it all God is on our side. All it takes is a little glimpse of heaven to empower us to take up our daily crosses and follow Jesus, knowing that the cross of Lent is followed by the crown of Easter.

In conclusion, the transfiguration of Jesus is a small glimpse of the destination of the Lenten journey, Christ's risen glory. It reminds us that the 'Lenten penance' will give way to the 'Easter joy.' It gives hope that we might reach that same destination, the abolition of death and the bringing to light of life and immortality through the Gospel.



Baptisms in our Parish we welcome into our Parish Community Laurence ROMA who is being baptised this weekend. Please keep Laurence and his family in your prayers.

World Youth Day: Calling all 16–35 year olds, if you are interested in travelling across the globe to attend World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, and travelling with the Disciples of Jesus group, please be in contact. We have lots more spots to fill to make a full group, so please pray and consider coming along. This event will be held between the 1st and the 6th of August 2023, however, the full pilgrimage tour is from 26th July to 9th August. World Youth Day week is all about the universal Catholic church gathering from countries all over the world to celebrate with the Pope daily masses and sharing faith with fellow Christ followers. If this sounds like something you would like to be part of, please register using <https://bookings.wydjourneys.com/DOJ01> or the QR code. All questions can go to info@wydjourneys.com. Please note registrations close March 21st.



Shireen de Souza

Lenten Retreat Saturday 18th March 11am - 3.30pm Topic "Come Back to Me"

Speaker: Fr Manu Kumbidiyamackal MSFS

The day includes talks, reflection, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation, Mass, Sacrament of Anointing. Please bring your own food, tea/coffee provided. Enquiries and bookings: Phone Pauline 0403002240 by 15th March. Cost is by donation. All welcome Thank you and God bless. Pauline Cotton Co-ordinator Living Waters Prayer Group

Please remember in your prayers this week:

Recently Deceased:

Marie Egar, Marie Abbas, Vinny De Tullio, Ursula Guidone, Pat Raven, Trevor Evans, Rosa Salerno, Cardinal George Pell, Fr Peter Fountain, Joan Quinn, Bruna Ferro, Bob Lowe, Carmel Chaplin, Valmai Bendo, Craig Hancock, Mary Connell, Bill Burford, Mischa Brus, Thomas Kennedy (Brother of Sean Kennedy), Dianne Doyle, Robert Dowling, Mary Flynn, Margaret Verstagen, Betty Bravington, Patricia Dinan, Christine Ballinger, Nina Gomez, Gunter Wunderer, Queenie Enniss, Jim Vasileff, Teresa O'Brien, Horace Cassar, Anne Grant

Anniversaries:

Bernie Errington, Ma Carmen Cuara, Salome & Dennis Lobo, Carmelo Strazzeri, Joseph Attard, Nikoll Ducaj, Malcolm Jones, Joan Stafford, Kevin Wakefield

Sick Parishioners:

Rene Young, Mary Kennedy, Sharon Barber, Brendan Taylor, Gerald (Gerry) Sutton, Rose Oteng, Julie Green, Noel Hocking, Maria Tinus, Brian Barden, Joan Dignan, Brian Fitzgerald, Lola Pedler, Margaret O'Connor, Margaret Kennedy, Robin Franks, Nan Sheridan, Anthony Kennedy, Hazel Wilson.

LENTEN BOOKS

Adelaide Archdiocese Lenten Reflection Book "I have come, that you may have life".

Available at the Back of the Church – Free



Catholic Archdiocese of Wollongong Lenten Program "Triumph"

Available in the Church office - \$6 each

Water Bottles - A reminder to please bring back your small change Water Bottles.

2nd Sunday of Lent—You can help people continue to thrive by making a donation through Project Compassion boxes and envelopes, visiting www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion or phoning 1800 024 313.

Weekly Bulletin – if anyone would like the weekly bulletin emailed to them please contact the office at

welcome@henleybeachparish.com.au

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Planned Giving

PLEASE take home your planned giving envelopes today! Any leftover envelopes will be posted at the expense of the Parish.

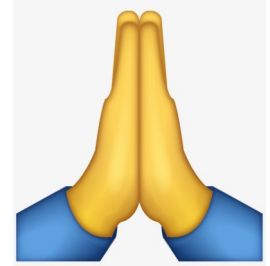
1st and 2nd Collection

Please split your planned giving envelope in half

1st collection supports Diocesan and Religious Order **Priests of the Archdiocese**, including Fr. Manu. **Orange side (Presbytery Offering)** of planned giving envelopes to be placed into the wooden bowls. Any loose change for the Priests to be placed into the wooden bowls.

2nd Collection is for the **Parish**

Green side (Thanksgiving Offering) of planned giving envelope goes into the baskets. Any loose change for the Parish to be placed into the baskets.



Those who give electronically need not put contributions in the 2nd collection. Your giving is for the 2nd collection.

The 2 collections are taken up one after the other immediately following the Prayers of Intercession. **There is NO collection after Holy Communion.**

If anyone has any questions/queries or would like to make any changes to their giving, please call Joanne at the Parish office.

Thank you

The Catholic Clergy-Laity Golf Day

The **Catholic Clergy-Laity Golf Day** will be held at West Beach Park Golf on **Monday 27th March** with a 12:30pm shotgun start. Attractive prizes for men and women. The John Mahoney Parish Trophy will be awarded to the Parish with the best three Stableford scores. Team trophy awarded to best group of four. Spouses and friends are welcome to attend the presentation dinner from 6:15pm. Cost for golf and dinner is \$95 (discount for clergy and pensioners). Entries close on Friday 17th March. Field limit of 100. Enquires to Dennis Toohey (8353 1273).



HEALING MASS THURSDAY 9TH MARCH Rosary 7pm, Mass 7:30pm including the Sacrament of Anointing, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation, Prayer Ministry with Candlelit music in the Spirit of Taize and Individual Blessings. Tea/Coffee & light supper. All welcome. Enquiries: Pauline 0403 002 240. **Prayer meetings Thursday nights 7pm in the Church.**

Knit & Natter will meet on Thursday 9th March from 10am to 12pm in the Conference Room. All welcome



Vincentian Spirituality Conference Lefevre Catholic Community

Vincentian Spirituality Presentation with Teresa Lynch, Training and Liaison officer supporting Vincentian Conferences across South Australia, will unpack key elements of Vincentian Spirituality through a presentation to be held on Sunday March 19 from 4pm-5pm at the Lefevre Catholic Community Meeting Rooms, 253 Military Road, Semaphore. Enquiries to Fr Roderick O'Brien on P: 8449 6378. A certificate of attendance is available for professional development. Please register with Fr Roderick before the event.

Lenten Reflection in the Sacred Garden: Star Outreach would like to offer the opportunity for parishioners to take some time out to reflect on life, the sacrifice Christ made for us and how he fits into your life.

Event Timing: Friday March 31st, 2023, 10am-1pm
Event Address: The Monastery, 15 Cross Road Urrbrae
Contact: Vania Dotto 0422 874 411

or
vanialdw@icloud.com

RSVP: Wednesday 22 March 2023 using the following link (for catering purposes):

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKfEoVB33T_83k6UeC-CDE8p4nrzb4vv-YTYGPz0FeCij1_lw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Giving App

Download the Adelaide Archdiocese's Find a Mass App on your mobile phone and set up direct giving to the first and second collections, as well as special appeals. Or go to www.goodgiving.com.au to set up direct giving from your computer.

Please note: 1st, 2nd and Special Collections are available on the app.

The following QR code will automatically select the Henley beach parish.



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!

Parish Pasta Night

Parish Pasta Night on Friday 31st March. Five women from the Parish are hosting this event in response to building up parish connections with each other. Come and join us! We hope to see you there!

Event: Parish Pasta Night
Where: Cucina by Liquid
(181 Grange Road, Findon)
When: Friday, 31st March, 2023
Time: 6pm to 9pm
Price: \$25 pp. Drinks not included



Menu:
1 serve of large garlic bread
Any pasta of your choice
Dessert: Cake

There will be further information at the various Masses in the coming weeks about how to book and payment.

Rachele Tullio on behalf of Jo Martin, Julie Pascoe, Amanda Drewer, Mirjam Ralston.

For further details or to book please contact Jo-anne Martin on 0439 782 795.

Parish Mass Rosters May 2023

An opportunity for you to join one of the many ministries required for the celebration of Mass. Our current ministry roster has held the fort throughout Covid and we thank everyone for their loyalty through this period.

We have many enquiries about new rosters. The rosters are being updated and will commence in May. On the weekend of 1st and 2nd April 23, we will be calling for anyone who wishes to join one of the ministries. Many of you are already providing this service to the community and we hope you will continue. If you wish to withdraw from your current roster from the beginning of May, please contact the office either by email at welcome@henleybeachparish.com.au; or by calling 8356 8888. Likewise, if you wish to join in call or email the office.

Training is about to commence for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (see bulletin notice).

Easter ceremonies rosters are at the back of the church and need to be filled. This is a good opportunity for anyone to participate. Please give this serious consideration and commit yourself for some Ministry. Once these Easter rosters are completed in the next few weeks, we will move to the weekly Mass rosters.

If you require further information, please contact the office.



DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

ST JOHN'S AMBULANCE representative, Henry Cowell will demonstrate for us how to use the recently installed DEFIBRILLATOR on the following days:

- **SATURDAY 11th March at 10:30am**
or
- **THURSDAY 23rd March at 10:30am**

For those who signed up for this demonstration, kindly ring the office on 8356 8888 and let us know which session you will attend. MANY THANKS.

PROJECT COMPASSION



You can help to improve the lives of children by making a donation through Project Compassion boxes and envelopes, visiting www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion or phoning 1800 024 413

CHILD SAFE PROTECTION TRAINING

There will be two Child Safety protection training sessions held at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

- Session 1:**
Wednesday 22nd March 10:30am—12:00pm
- Session 2:**
Thursday 23rd March 6:30pm—8:00pm

Anyone wishing to continue as a VOLUNTEER or take on a ministry role in any capacity of the Parish MUST attend one of these training sessions.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council is on Tuesday at 7 pm

“Volunteers Required for BAPS Committee

The former BAPS Committee (Building and Property Services) was stood down with the Advent of COVID in February 2020, but there is now a need for it to be re-assembled to tackle the ever increasing list of Parish maintenance tasks.

The role of BAPS can be broadly summarised as follows:-

- Determine and prioritise the list of maintenance works requiring action in the Parish;
- To cost these works and report to the Parish Finance Committee (PFC) for approval of expenditure of funds;
- Then proceed with awarding contracts for these works and supervising the work of contractors; and
- Assist the PFC with preparation of annual budgets and regular reporting on the progress of works and expenditure.

If you have a building or trade background and would like to utilise your skills to assist the Parish as a member of the BAPS Committee / Team, please contact Fr Manu at the Parish Office on Ph 8356 8888 or Email at parish_priest@henleybeachparish.com.au or contact Angelo Piovesan on Mob 0401 122 778.”