

## Catholic Parishes of St. Andrew's Malabar & St. Agnes' Matraville

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**SUNDAY MASSES**

**Malabar**

Vigil Sat. 5pm Sunday 9am

Weekday Masses: 9.10am Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat

**RECONCILIATION:**

Sat 4.30 - 4.45pm

Also available by appointment.

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**SUNDAY MASSES**

**Matraville**

Vigil Sat. 5.30pm Sunday 10am

Weekday Masses: 7 am Tues, Wed, Fri

9.10am Thurs

**RECONCILIATION:**

Sat. 5pm - 5.15pm

Also available by appointment

School: 9311 1995

### From my desk,

Lent has well and truly begun, and I hope all your Lenten resolutions are going well. You might like to think about coming along to an extra Mass during the week. If you are working you may find the 9.10am Saturday Mass at Andrew's is a good time. Please place your Project Compassion envelopes in any of the collection baskets, many thanks.

Last Thursday evening I had a meeting with the St Andrew's Finance Committee, where I reported to them that I had professional consultation with regard to the installation of air conditioning of St Andrew's. Sadly this is not going to be possible, due to the size of the church to work effectively. If the Church in 1977, was designed for climate control then we would not be having this discussion. We can look at other means to bring some relief to heat & cold.

This weekend there is a trial at St Andrew's and the following weekend at St Agnes', where on leaving the Church, baskets labelled First Collection and 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection will be available in the Church foyer, for you to place your weekly offering, instead of during mass. I believe this will be much more appropriate and I am grateful for your generosity.

Please place in your diaries that there will be a 2nd Rite of Reconciliation on Wednesday 17th March at 7pm in St Andrew's, there will be a number of priests to help on the night to hear confessions. Also don't forget that Confessions are available each Saturday at St Andrew 4.30-4.45pm and each Saturday at St Agnes' 5-5.15pm, lets use these opportunities to be reconciled by going to confession to prepare ourselves for the Easter celebrations.

God bless you all

Fr John

Stations of the Cross will be on **Fridays of Lent at 7pm (both parishes).**

**RECONCILIATION CLASSES** for children not attending St Andrew's or St Agnes' schools will continue on **Wed ,3 March**, 4pm-5pm in the annexe of the Church at St Andrew's.

### PROJECT COMPASSION

enables us to observe Lent in a practical way by supporting Caritas's work among the needy people of the world.



### Who's Celebrating Where?

This weekend - Fr John (St Andrew's) Fr Paul (St Agnes')

Next Weekend - Fr John (St Agnes', Fr Paul (St Andrew's)

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

*Go Make Disciples,*

**The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney**



Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

**Recently deceased:** Helen Borg, Betty Sullivan Patricia Flynn, Leanne McKenzie.

**Anniversary:** Moyah Buckley, Lloyd Ward, Barry Evans, Patricia Ryan, Margaret Bahram, Mario Cocco, May Somerville, Barbara O'Brien, Yolande and Robert Aquilina.

Please try to download the Service NSW app so that your phone can scan the **QR Code**

**St Agnes' and St Andrew's are registered as COVID Safe**

*Those who are unwell or at high risk are asked not attend.*

*Please observe signs on the pews.*

Please keep the physical distance of 1.5 metres (2 arms lengths) at all times.

When coming to Holy Communion or placing your donation, please form **one line** & keep to the **centre** of the aisle and go back along the **side** aisles

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 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

Mk 9: 2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi', he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah'. He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him'. Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## LIVING IN FAITHFULNESS AND HOPE

There are few moments in the scriptures as dramatic as when Abraham has steered himself to seize the knife that will take the life of his son Isaac. In that moment on the mount Abraham revealed once again his true quality and the depth of his trust in the word of God. Years later, on a mountain God will reveal the glory and grandeur of the greatest gift of all, the presence of Jesus among us, the living word. As Abraham listened to the voice of the Lord God, so too the disciples of all ages are called to listen to the words of Jesus, the beloved Son. His words promise us a life that awaits us beyond death, and his presence will enable the disciples to move on with him to the cross. On a mountain a son's life was saved. Centuries later on a rocky outcrop, scorned and ridiculed, God will give what he did not take from Abraham so that all of us might be saved.

In many ways Paul reflects on what has been gained for us all by that sacrifice on Calvary. Like Abraham, God does not withhold even what is most precious. The glory and promise of the Transfiguration have their fulfilment in Jesus' victory over death, a victory which now enables us to live our lives in faithfulness and hope. Paul is concerned to share the certainty of his belief that, with Jesus pleading our cause, there is no need for fear.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**



# THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / B

28 FEBRUARY 2021

## FIRST READING

Gen 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

*The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.*

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son', God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

### ■ The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PS** Ps 115: 10, 15-19, R, 114: 9

**R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord / in the land of the living.**

1. I trusted, even when I said: / 'I am sorely afflicted.' / O precious in the eyes of the Lord / is the death of his faithful. **R.**



2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; / you have loosened my bonds. / A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: / I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil / before all his people, / in the courts of the house of the Lord, / in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Rom 8: 31-34

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*God did not spare his own Son.*

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

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