

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / C

16 MARCH 2025

**STRENGTHENING OUR FAITH.** In today's Gospel Jesus takes three of his disciples aside and reveals himself to them in his glory as the Son of God. His aim is to strengthen their faith in him as they make the difficult journey to Calvary. Jesus does something similar for us in the Sunday Eucharist. He invites us to step aside from our daily chores to pray, to listen to his word and be nourished by him. Strengthened, we go out from Mass ready to take up our journey along the way of the cross.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 26:8-9

**Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.**

## GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**R. And with your spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

*The Gloria is not said during Lent.*

## COLLECT

P. O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING** Gen 15:5-12, 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis  
*God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.*

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can.

Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESP PSALM** Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14. R. v. 1

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

1. 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.**
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; / have mercy and answer. / Of you my heart has spoken: / 'Seek his face.' **R.**
3. 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.**
4. 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.**

**SECOND READING** Phil 3:20-4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians  
*Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.*

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from



heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God**

*Longer form, Phil 3:17-4:1.*

**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** Lk 9:28-36

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

*As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing



**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
16th of March 2025**

HOLY EUCHARIST & ST. MARY'S  
MALVERN EAST  
ST. JOSEPH'S MALVERN  
ST. ROCH'S GLEN IRIS

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**Mass Times**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary's
	9:30 a.m.	St. Roch's
	10:30 a.m.	St. Joseph's
	5:00 p.m.	St. Roch's
Monday	5:30 p.m.	St. Roch's
Tuesday	9:15 a.m.	St. Joseph's
Wednesday	5:30 p.m. [Exposition until 7 p.m.]	St. Roch's
Thursday	9:15 a.m. [Exposition until 10:30 a.m.]	St. Mary's
	12:00 p.m.	Cabrini Chapel
Friday	9:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	9:15 a.m.	St. Mary's

**Confessions:**

Monday	6.00pm (until the last penitent is heard)	St Roch's
Tuesday	9.45am (until the last penitent is heard)	St Joseph's
Wednesday	6.00 p.m - 6:50 p.m	St Roch's
Thursday	9.45 a.m - 10.20 a.m	St Mary's
Friday	9.45am (until the last penitent is heard)	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	9.45am (until the last penitent is heard)	St Mary's

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS COMING WEEK:**

Sat	15th Mar	5:00 p.m	Private Intention
Sun	16th Mar	8:30 a.m	<i>Pro Popolo</i>
		9:30 a.m	Private Intention
		10:30 a.m	Carmelina Volpe. For her 1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary
		5:00 p.m	Venkateswara Rao, for the repose of his soul
Mon	17th Mar	5:30 p.m	Private Intention
Tues	18th Mar	9:15 a.m	Barbara Westcott, for her 4 <sup>th</sup> anniversary
Wed	19th Mar	9:15 p.m	Private Intention
		5:00 p.m	Ned Roland Gallacher, for the repose of his soul on his anniversary
Thur	20th Mar	9:15 a.m	Victoria Refalo, for the repose of his soul
Fri	21st Mar	9:15 a.m	Private Intention
Sat	22nd Mar	9:15 a.m	Private Intention

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE:**

**CURRENTLY SICK:** Pope Francis, Sr. Dr Mary Treacy LCM, Andy Basa, Sam Bernardo, Chris Connaughton, Peter Conroy, Antonia Cortazzo, John Dals, Tony Davenport, Delfina Di Pasquale, Iris Dumenden, Linette Falckh, Gigi Falckh, Karl Falckh, Primo Giudici, Margaret Gladstone, Raymond Gibson, John Hill, Renee Lawrence, Marie Lawson, Arlette Lobo, Maria Lombardo, Gemma Lopes, Colleen Lloyd, Margaret Marriott, Mary Maconochie, Audrey Marden, Keith McDougall, Michelle Moore, Laila Petrie, Monique Poussin, Danuta Przekwas, Elizabeth Rusden, Mercedes Sanabria, Corrin Stares, Frances Trainor, Leigh Wingate, Susena Zeiden.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Gina Ansaldi, Sue Carrick, Geraldine Shaw

**ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME:** Gisele Battour, Dorothy Canty, Santo Cimino, Bill Colgan, Sergio Colombo, Pietro Cortazzo, Sofia Cortazzo, Eileen Cox, James Cross, Frank Danaher, Eric Daniel, Lily Fernandes, William Forster, Ned Gallacher, Paul Gill, Reg Harrison, Therese Jordan, Jean Kerr, Khoo Kooi Hong, James McCulloch, Patsy McGreevy, Christopher Madden, James Mapleback, Janet Murphy, Beryl Nigro, Vincenzo Papa, Florence Proto, David Rankin, Teresa Shelton, Doug Strain, Guildford Stirling, Carmelina Volpe, Annie Walsh, Heather Wielgosz, Bobby Will, Flory Williams.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

#### **5:30pm Fridays**

14 <sup>th</sup> March	St. Roch's
21 <sup>st</sup> March	St. Mary's
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Holy Eucharist
4 <sup>th</sup> April	St. Joseph's
11 <sup>th</sup> April	St. Roch's

All welcome!

### EXTRA MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH'S

There will be an extra Mass for the Solemnity of St. Joseph's on Wednesday, 19th March, at 9:15 am at St. Joseph's Church.

All are welcome to attend!

### MASS IN JAPANESE AND AFTERNOON TEA AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> of March, Mass will be celebrated in Japanese at 2:00 pm.

Following Mass, afternoon tea will be held in the Narthex.

All welcome!

### PROCESS FOR REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS [ALL PARISHES]

Please make sure all requests for Mass offerings are sent, emailed or phoned into the parish office by 12.00pm Thursday. Each Friday the Mass Intentions will be allocated for the Masses in the coming week. With fewer Masses available, there is no guarantee that all requests will be fulfilled on the preferred date or at the preferred church.

We will do our best to allocate the Mass Intentions as closely as possible to the requests.

### ST ROCH'S AND ST JOSEPH'S OFFERTORY GIVING PROGRAM

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to everyone who promptly collected their offertory giving envelopes last weekend. If you have not yet retrieved yours, we kindly remind you to do so this weekend.

For those who wish to submit their filled-out pledge cards, there are several convenient options:

- Place them in the first or second collections during Mass
- Drop them off at the parish office
- Deposit them in the designated box located in the Church

Your ongoing generosity and dedication to our parish are truly appreciated. Thank you for your support in strengthening our community and mission.

### GOD AND BEER—MARCH 17TH WITH ANNA KROHN

**Topic:** Original Solitude, Identity, and the Call to Love

**Speaker:** Anna Krohn

**Date:** Monday 17th March

**Time:** 6.30pm dinner available for purchase, 7.30pm for the talk

**Venue:** Notting Hill Hotel ([Steakhouse Room](#)), 260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill, VIC

For further information see <https://app.tickets.org.au/GodandBeer/GABMarch2025>



**Saturday,  
29 March 2025**

*Starting with 9:00am  
Mass and conclude with  
Benediction by 5:00pm*

**St Dominic's Parish  
816 Riversdale Road,  
Camberwell**

**\$20 Registration fee**  
*(to cover cost and lunch)*

**Mass | Spiritual Talks | Confessions  
Adoration/Benediction**

Please register online by scanning the QR code or  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CZUKA>



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### ST JOSEPH'S EASTER RAFFLE

Commencing **April 23rd**, Easter Raffle tickets will be available for purchase after Mass at the rear of St Joseph's Church. There are lots of lovely prizes to be won, including fine wines, Easter eggs, chocolates, and other delectable items!

Tickets are just \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

The winners will be announced in the Easter weekend bulletin.

All proceeds will go to support St Joseph's Parish.

Thank you for your support



which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, 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 he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## HOMILY

### PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

*Or the Nicene Creed may be said.*

**I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

#### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:*

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**R. It is right and just.**

### PREFACE OF 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

*After the Preface, we sing or say:*

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

**All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

#### COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .**

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

**All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

**R. Amen.**

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*All exchange a sign of peace.*

### LAMB OF GOD

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON Mt 17:5

**This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.

Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

## BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

### PRAYER IS KEY

On this Sunday we accompany Jesus up a mountain with three of his first-called disciples, Peter, John and James. The intention of Jesus' mountain-ascent, as Luke notes, is 'to pray'.

Luke locates this event at the beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, where suffering and death await. This journey will occupy almost half the Gospel. The journey is one of instruction. Jesus instructs his disciples, Luke's audience and us on how to be authentic in a culture where status and materialism seduce. Prayer is key. Like the prophets of the First Testament, Jesus, the prophet, speaks truth and confronts compromised leadership. This will come at a high cost. Luke's Jesus knows this. The mountain is sacred, perceived as closer to the Heavens and God's abode. Jesus prays to God seeking discernment in what will unfold.

This prayer, in which the disciples are also caught up, brings him into communion with two First Testament figures, Moses and Elijah, representatives of the Torah (Moses, whom Israelites believed inspired the first five books of the Bible) and the Prophets (Elijah). Their presence is Luke's reminder that God's loving accompaniment of and revelation to the Israelites continued through Jesus into Luke's day. This scene is helpful for our Lenten journey. Prayer, especially in times of struggle and the search for discernment, is key.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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