

The Living Word

Second Sunday of Lent, Year B

25 February 2024

First Reading Gn 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

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 bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham 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 your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm

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

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.

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.

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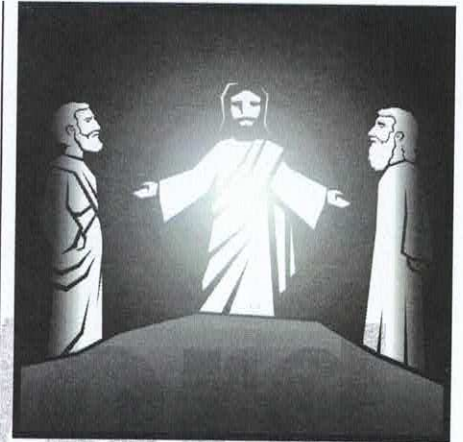
Gospel Mk 9:2-10

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 from 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.

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

St Thomas Aquinas famously said: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.' And yet many Christians do think that our ultimate goal is, by the grace of God, to end up as souls in Heaven.

No, I am a human being, bodysoul. If I am to be saved, then this stardust, this fraction of material creation, this earthling, needs to be immersed into Divine energy and light.

The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ, especially as recounted in the other gospels, shows what happens when human nature is in total communion with God. Every molecule of his body was evidently pulsing with Divine energy and light. The amazing truth is that God ardently desires that each one of us should share in the transfigured life of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

For this to occur, we must play our part, accepting that Jesus of Nazareth is indeed the Beloved Son of God, listen to him, and put into practice what we hear.

We could take a moment to pray that after the "repose of the soul" after death, we may participate as bodysouls in the transfigured humanity of the Risen Lord.

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Entrance Antiphon: Cf Psalm 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.

Communion Antiphon: Matthew 17:5This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.
© Liturgy Help 2024**PAUSE MOMENT**THE ESSENCE OF THE NIGHT'S SILENCE -
WONDER IN THE MAGNIFICENT MOMENT.**GOULBURN MISSION**

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6pm Taralga

Sunday ----- 8am (OLOF), 10 am (SPP)

9am (Crookwell)

Binda - 10.30am (1st Sunday)

Marulan - 8.30am (2nd Sun)

Tarago - 8.30am (3rd Sun)

Tuena - Nil until further notice

Bungonia St Michael's: 7pm, Thurs Rosary

CONFESSIONS**SPP:** 11.30 -12 (Wed /Thurs/Fri), Sat 5.15pm**OLOF:** Sat. 9.30am -10am**Taralga:** 5.30pm (1st Sat)**Crookwell:** 8.30am (2nd Sun)**ADORATION & BENEDICTION: SPP**

11am Fridays

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - 5pm (OLOF),

Wed, Thurs Fri - 12md (SPP)

Sat 9am (OLOF)

Stations of the Cross - Fridays in Lent

10.00am: Taralga

4.00pm: Crookwell Goulburn: 5.30pm SPP

DATES FOR THE DIARY

FEB 29: Chamber Philharmonia Cologne 7pm in SPP

MAR 2: Women's Morning tea Saturday 10.00am

MAR 3: Children's Liturgy

MAR 16: ST Joseph's Motor pilgrimage 4pm -6pm

Mar 17: St Patricks day 11am Get together SPP

MISSION NOTICES**Crookwell**

Dear Parishioners,

The Parish Finance Committee approved to commence the renovation works of St Mary's. This has been discussed and accepted by the parish community with the sale of Laggan Church. It involves major repairs like electric, audio, carpet and painting (only Internal). The electrical works are nearly completed. The painting the church to be started before weather gets cold. So the Church will be closed from 18 March. The school generously accepted my request to use the hall for Sunday Masses. Prior to closing some of the Pews are to be shifted to the Hall across the road. Please help us shifting them after the Mass on Sunday 17 March. Many hands make light work. May God bless you. **Fr Joshy.**

Lenten prayer group: will continue at 36 Verner Street on Thursday's, February at 6.30 pm.

World Day of Prayer: 1st March**Goulburn:** 10am, Uniting Church Goldsmith St.**Taralga:** 2.00pm Presbyterian Church, Taralga.**Crookwell:** 10.00am, Uniting Church**St Patricks Day 17 March**

An after 10am mass at SPP. Bring a plate of green foods, and enjoy good music, some jokes and the companionship of our parish community. Welcome any men to the Men's Singing group practicing on Wednesday evenings 7.30pm at SPP.

K&Gz Morning Tea: Ex Students and Friends of the Sisters of St Joseph will hold a morning tea at K&Gz on Wednesday 28th of February, 10am for 10.15am. All welcome.

Vigil Mass Time Survey Results: Taralga

Leave as is-5.00pm in winter, 6.00pm in summer-72%
5.30pm all year—17% 6.00pm all year-11%

Recently Deceased: James Unwin, Patricia Fairall, Samantha Manette, Rohna Mead, Christopher Hardman, Allan Worldon, Gloria Orton, Joan Percy, Stanley Edinton, Alf Yeardon, Kevin Neville, Betty Lindner, Beryl Reid, Raymon Finnegan, Kevin King, Rose Liardet, Anthony Smith,

Anniversaries: Wynne Rendall, Noel and Ursula Riley, Lorna Lyons, Paul and Marilyn Vainross, Bill Murphy, Herman Boller, Joan Fincune, Alice Bogg, SR. M. Barbara Fogarty, Maureen Doherty, James Doherty, Bryan Kennedy, Father Blake, Margot Brewis, Wilma Hewitt, Ignacio Juaniza, Gordon Boyd, Noel Elliott, Marlene Elliott, Russell Croker, Mary Maloney, Ian Maloney, Lesley Croker, Pat Thistleton, Gerard Thistleton, Dan Corry, Jack McGann, John McDonald, Elsie McLaughlin, Rudolf Froncek, Robert Taylor Phillip Anable, Theresia Craciun, Deceased members of the Coffey, Anable and Craciun families, Sandra Collins, Pat Miller, Pat Larcombe

Prayers: Bob Bower, Damian Gleeson Gavin McKensie, Olivian Suess, Gerard Mackay, Judith Power, Stephanie Duss-Hasserra, John Gerathy, Jacinta Ojwang, Bill Bourke, Bruce and Lyn Pincott, Gerard Conroy, Paul Hollands, Ruth Kirsten Read,