

## GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*His face shone like the sun.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'. When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Baptism

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

**Vivienne Hsiao-Jen To**

May she always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout her life.



## NOW CO-EDUCATIONAL!



## OPEN DAY

Tuesday 10 March  
3.00pm – 5.30pm

- Hear about the exciting changes coming to our school.
- Take a tour and see our new facilities.
- Chat with our Principal.
- Take part in interactive activities.

## ENROLLING NOW FOR 2021 & 2022

## PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM REQUEST FORM

**Would you like to become a regular contributor to the Parish?**

If so, please fill in this slip and return it to the Parish Office. Otherwise send an e-mail with your details to Marie at [admin@stfelixparish.org.au](mailto:admin@stfelixparish.org.au)

Name ..... Telephone No.: .....

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ENVELOPES

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USING CREDIT CARD

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**Catechist & Friendship Group:** Bev Lamaro 0409 710 703; **Choir:** Alison De Sousa 0421 660 187;  
**Youth:** Aurora Doueihy 0428 755 022 **Pastoral Council:** Patrick Abou-rizk 0416 035 993 ;  
**St Vincent de Paul:** Diago Rodrigues 9791 5209 ; **Bankstown Josephite Associates:** Robyn Molloy 9707 1292;  
**Children's Liturgy:** Marie El-Chaar 9709 3451; **Cemetery Committee:** Maureen Vincent 9790 4217;  
**Sacramental co-ordinator:** Gloria Booby 0413 294 224; **Safeguarding Officer:** Anthony Chadrawy 9790 1933;  
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**LaSalle Catholic College:** 9793 5600 Mr Michael Egan - Principal;  
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## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**Saturday:** 6pm (Vigil),

**Sunday:** 8am,

10am (Children's Liturgy),

6pm, 12noon (Polish).

## THIS WEEK'S MASSES

**Tuesday - 8.00am & 9.00am**

**Wednesday - 8.00am**

**Thursday - 8.00am**

**Friday - 8.00am**

**Saturday - 8.00am**

## Nursing Home Masses

NIL

## Vietnamese Mass

7 pm - 1st Thurs of each month.

## DEVOTIONS

**Benediction:** Saturday 7am and  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
at 8.30pm

**Rosary:** Saturday 8.25am.

**Vietnamese Divine Mercy Prayer:**

6.30pm - 1st Wed of each month.

## SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:**

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm

Or by appointment.

**Marriages:** By arrangement with  
at least 6 months notice.

**Care for the Sick:** Any time. Please  
call the Presbytery.

**Baptisms:** Preparation classes are  
held in the Presbytery on the  
1st Sunday of each month  
after 10AM Mass .



## Project Compassion

Twenty-seven-year-old Phany was a struggling farmer and was forced to leave her daughter to take up construction work in the city. Her life has been transformed since joining a Caritas supported program, learning crop growing skills and better water management, to combat drought.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help mothers like Phany continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families. Let's Go Further, Together.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R.** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

## 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!**

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

**This weeks readings** - Genesis 12:1-4; 2Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9

**Next Weekend:** 3rd Sun Lent - Year A.

**Readings:** Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42.

# 2nd Sunday of Lent - Yr A - 8 March 2020

## Easter Service Schedule

*Sacrament of Reconciliation (1st Rite) - Tuesday 31st March, 7.30pm - 8.30pm*

*Holy Thursday 09 April - 7.30pm Mass followed by prayers until midnight*

*Good Friday 10 April - 10.30am Youth re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross.*

*3.00pm Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord*

*Easter Saturday 11 April- 7.00pm Vigil Mass. Easter Sunday 12 April- 8.00am, 10.00am & 6.00pm*

## Stations of the Cross

The Stations of Cross will be held in the Church every Friday evening at 7.30pm during Lent.

## Welcome Kindergarten & Year 5

This weekend we welcome the kindergarten & year 5 children from the primary school and their families who are helping with the liturgy for the Sunday 10am Mass.

## Working With Children Checks Update

Working With Children Checks are a legal requirement for anyone who works or volunteers with children other than their own. WWCC's expire after five years. For any volunteers who hold a Working With Children Check if your details have changed or your WWCC number has expired please renew it and advise the Parish office.

## Mass Intentions

**Recently Deceased:** Van Tram.

**Anniversary:** Phaolo Phan Van Tho; Joseph Huong Cao; Giovanni Frisina; Renee & Yvan Verrier; Cici & Norman Adolphe; Teresa Folinazzo.

**Deceased:** Ian McCormack; Magaritta; Phanxico Xavie

**Sick:** Marie Abi-Saab, Tom Quilty, Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima Fernandes; Marian Periera; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Teresita Martinez; Maria Kovatsun; Frannie; Madelyn Nicole; Jun Ibarra; Abida Gill; Vo Van Kiet; Maria Bui Thi Don; Josette Ackad; Nivea Wani; Diana Emilie Perez ; Lillian Jaja, Billy, Fr Ray Farrell; Ginette Sharok

## Weekly Rosters

	Sat 6pm	8 MARCH	8am	10am	6pm
Comm	Kalisiana Mar		Philip Castillo	Henrietta Owusu	
Reader	Emmanuel Icard		Ligaya Castillo	Emanuela Viner	Nhung Bui
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)		An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Minister	Cindy Hoang		Thao Nguyen	Jeannette Chong	Amelia Mezentsef
Minister	Gloria Booby		Melanie Campisi	Ala Pesamino	Jacinta Eltarraf
Choir	St Anne		SSOG	St Felix Children	Sacred Heart

### 15 MARCH

Comm	Gabrielle Nguyen	Kiara Asuzu	Mary O'Hea	
Reader	Patrick Abourizk	Maxwell Asuzu	Thu Ha Kim	Anthony Eltarraf
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Minister	Gloria Booby	Mesake Mar	Tu Nguyen	Paul Ngoc
Minister	Emmanuel Icard	Robyn Molloy	Helen Vujevic	Phu Nguyen
Choir	St Anne's	SSOG	SDMG	Youth 2

	8 March	15 March	<b>Notes:</b> <u>SSOG:</u> Singing Servants of God <u>SDMG:</u> Samoan Divine Mercy Group <u>SMMC:</u> St Mary Mackillop's Choir Group 3: Youth Group, Samoan Divine Mercy Group, Tram Vu ( <i>Florist</i> )
Altar Society	Group 2	Group 3 ( <i>see notes</i> )	
Church Cleaners	Charbel Karam	Vinh Nguyen	
SVDP	A Nguyen	D Rodrigues	
Children's Liturgy	Family Mass	Ligaya	
Morning Tea	J & S Fonseka	A & M Rowe	

*Reflection*

*Rejoice*

As a family, talk about some of your times of highs and lows. How have you been able to use the good times and experiences to sustain you in the difficult ones? Jesus' Transfiguration may have been an event from which Peter, James, and John drew courage when they faced the difficult events of Jesus' Passion. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 17:1-9. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for the good times and experiences that your family has had together. Pray that your family will use these experiences to sustain you during times of difficulty. Close by praying today's psalm, Psalm 33.

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## National advice on liturgical implications in light of coronavirus (COVID-19)

With a relatively small number of confirmed cases of coronavirus or COVID-19 in Australia, the risk to the general public remains low. However, given the regular assembly of large groups for liturgical celebrations and a number of enquiries from dioceses, parishes and individuals, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference issue the following advice. This advice should be considered alongside local and national health guidance, including from the Commonwealth Department of Health (<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novelcoronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>).

The following recommendations are believed to be proportionate to the current understanding of the coronavirus and the risks outlined by health authorities. They are consistent with the Catholic Church's prerogative to protect those who are most vulnerable.

- Individuals should consider their own health, including any potential to infect others with a contagious disease, before attending a public liturgical celebration.
- Holy Water should be temporarily removed from stoups but will continue to be available for people to take home.
- Alcohol-based gels are still available for your use.
- When exchanging the Sign of Peace, individuals should avoid shaking hands but say "Peace be with you" and offer a smile, wave, nod or bow.
- All Ministers of Holy Communion should take particular care to wash their hands before and after distributing.
- Parishes should cease distributing Holy Communion from the Chalice until further notice.
- The coronavirus is easily spread through saliva. It is therefore recommended that the Body of Christ only be administered in the hand because of the high risk of transmission if people continue to receive on the tongue. Ministers should seek to avoid contact with the communicant's hands.
- The faithful who are too unwell to attend Sunday Mass – whether due to coronavirus or some other condition – or are at particular risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus can honour their Sunday obligation by participating in a time of prayer within the home, reading the Scriptures or watching Mass on television or online (<http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>).

For more information you may like to take a copy of the statement by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference found in the foyer.

**Important to note:** The Australian Government considers the following countries to be at higher risk for COVID-19: Mainland China; Iran; Italy; South Korea. If you are returning from these countries, you need to monitor your health for the next 14 days. If you are returning from mainland China or Iran you should isolate yourself for 14 days after leaving mainland China or Iran.

## A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police.

If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org).

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.