The Transfiguration of the Lord - Year A

6th August 2023

The Gospel of this Sunday presents the narrative of the Transfiguration of Jesus. (cf. Mt 17:1-9). Taking aside three of the Apostles, Peter, James and John, He led them up a high mountain. And that is where this unique phenomenon took place: Jesus' face "shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light" (v. 2). In this way, the Lord allowed the divine glory which could be understood through faith in his preaching and his miraculous gestures, to shine within Him.

The Transfiguration was accompanied by the apparition of Moses and Elijah who were "talking with him" (v. 3). The 'brightness' which characterises this extraordinary event symbolises its purpose: to enlighten the minds and hearts of the disciples so that they may clearly understand who their Teacher is. It is a flash of light which suddenly opens onto the mystery of Jesus and illuminates his whole person and his whole story.

By now decisively headed toward Jerusalem, where he will be sentenced to death by crucifixion, Jesus wanted to prepare his own for this scandal — the scandal of the Cross — this scandal, which is too intense for their faith and, at the same time, to foretell his Resurrection by manifesting himself as the Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus was preparing them for that sad and very painful moment.

In fact, Jesus was already revealing himself as a Messiah different from their expectations, from how they imagined the Messiah, how the Messiah would be: not a powerful and glorious king, but a humble and unarmed servant; not a lord of great wealth, a sign of blessing, but a poor man with nowhere to rest his head; not a patriarch with many descendants, but a celibate man without home or nest.

It is truly an overturned revelation of God, and the most bewildering sign of this scandalous overturning, is the cross. But it is through the Cross that Jesus will reach the glorious Resurrection, which will be definitive, not like this Transfiguration which lasted a moment, an instant. Transfigured on Mount Tabor, Jesus wanted to show his disciples his glory, not for them to circumvent the Cross, but to show where the Cross leads.

Those who die with Jesus, shall rise again with Jesus. The Cross is the door to Resurrection. Whoever struggles alongside him will triumph with him. This is the message of hope contained in Jesus' Cross, urging us to be strong in our existence. The Christian Cross is not the furnishings of a house or adornments to wear but rather, the Christian Cross is a call to the love with which Jesus sacrificed himself to save humanity from evil and sin. In this Lenten season, we contemplate with devotion the image of the Crucifix, Jesus on the Cross: this is the symbol of Christian Faith, the emblem of Jesus, who died and rose for us

Let us ensure that the Cross marks the stages of our Lenten journey in order to understand ever better the seriousness of sin and the value of the sacrifice by which the Saviour has saved us all.

(Pope Francis' Homilies)

24 Sep: Kangaroo Island Parish Fundraiser

Adelaide Catholic Cathedral Parish invites you to a fundraiser for the Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish to watch the upcoming Hercule Poirot film, A Haunting in Venice. There are some attractive raffle prizes too!



Tickets: \$25 (incl. Movie, choc top, popcorn & water). **Date:** September 24, 2023, 2.15pm for 2.45pm start.

Location: Regal Theatre, 275 Kensington Road.

Purchase tickets: In Cathedral foyer; after Vigil, 9am, 11am and 6pm Mass this weekend.

From Cathedral Parish Office, 39 Wakefield St.

Mon- Fri: 10am to 2pm. Please contact:

E: acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au or T: (08) 8210 8155

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parishioners who are ill. Please call the Office: 8210 8155.



Regular Mass Timings

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St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Adelaide

Sunday Masses

Sat: 6pm(Vigil) Sun: 7am, 9am, 11am, 2.30pm (African), 6pm

Weekday Masses

Mon - Fri: 8am, 12.10pm & 5.45pm

Sat: 8am, 11.30am

Confessions

Mon, Wed, Fri: 11-12 noon, 5-5.30pm Sat: 12 noon-1pm, 4.30-5.30pm

Holy Hour Tues: 6.30pm, Fri: 11am

Public Holidays* 8am Mass ONLY at the Cathedral *Except 26 January and 25 April - Mass at 9am ONLY at the

Cathedral

St Mary's, Lower North Adelaide

Tues and Fri: 8am Sun: 9.30am

Our Lady Queen of Angels, Thebarton

Sat: Confessions: 5.45pm | Vigil: 6pm

Sun: 9.30am

St John Vianney, Burnside

Tues and Thu: Mass: 9am | Confessions (Thu): 9.30am

Sun: 9am

St Peter Claver, Dulwich

Wed: 9am, Fri: 11am Confessions: 11.30am Sat: Confessions: 5.30pm | Vigil: 6pm

Sun: 11am

Holy Name, Stepney

Sun: 11am

St. Patrick, Grote Street, Adelaide

Sun: 10.30am (Croatian)

4.00pm (Portuguése) ONLY 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kangaroo Island

Sun: Confessions: 9:00 am | Mass: 9.30 am

Please contact the Parish Office for Baptism & Wedding bookings.

WORSHIP

Entrance Antiphon: In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9.

Universal Prayer Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon: When Christ appears, we shall be

like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Next Week: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13 Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5 Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Liturgies & Activities (7th-13th Aug)

Mon St. Sixtus II and St. Cajetan. Tue St. Mary of the Cross.

Wed St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

Thu St. Lawrence. Fri St. Clare of Assisi.

Sat St. Jane Frances De Chantal.

Sun Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Prayer Requests for the Deceased

Recently Deceased: Fr Peter Dunn, Mary Condon and Eleanor Raftery.

Deceased Anniversaries:

Cathedral: Matthew Plant, Dorian Borda, Evette Bechara

Queen of Angels: Anna Marafioti, Giuseppe Perre

St. Mary's: Patrick Dunne

Holy Name: Neno Ruggeri and Ina Ruggeri

St. John Vianney/St. Peter Claver: John McVann, Majorie Cousins, Phillipe and Clarette Uttenhove, Flo & Bert Daulby, Edward Schneider, Judy McKenna, Anne-Marie Torchio, Jean & Jimmy Johnson, Fr. Joseph O'Mara & family, Martin Leroy Adams, Palma Zotti, Diego & Rosa Poletti,

Prayers Requests for the Sick

June Cochrane, Anton Sylvester, Antonio Romeo, Smith family, Msgr. Robert Egar, Angelina Musico, Charles Dias, Diana, Klevis Gjeluci, Emily Swan, Julie Nelson, David Clayton, Mary Walsh, Vilma D'Cruz, Ingrid Rebmann, Joshua Jose, Jithin Jamon, Madison Musico, William Shemmeld and Shaun & Joseph Coleiro.

5 Aug: Praying the Rosary for Peace

On the first Saturday of each month, The Legion of Mary gathers to pray the Rosary outdoors at the Mary MackKillop Plaza (Adjacent to St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral). This month the Rosary will be held on 5 August at 8.40am (after the 8am Mass). All are welcome. For more details and information please contact: Mr Patrick Greenrod on0414 769 635. Next month, the Rosary will be recited on 2 September.

5 Aug: World Youth Day Local Celebrations

World Youth Day, Adelaide celebrations will take place on Saturday 5 August from 1:30pm-9:30pm at Sacred Heart College Marcellin Campus, Somerton Park.

Young people (aged 16-35) are invited to participate in workshops delivered by Gianna Lucas, hear from local guest presenters and engage in community conversations. This is followed by an evening of encounter through a special WYD liturgy, dinner and a concert with interstate duo Gus & Iggy and supported by local musicians. \$20 per ticket; includes access to all workshops, food and drinks, liturgy and concert.

Details for WYD Adelaide 2023 can be found on www.cathyouthadelaide.org.au/world-youth-day or by contacting Julian Nguyen, Coordinator of the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults on 0472577112 or email: julian.nguyen@cesa.catholic.edu.au

6 Aug: Hiroshima Day Memorial

Join the annual commemoration on Sunday 6 August at the Peace Park (opposite Women and Children's Hospital) of the first use of nuclear weapons at Hiroshima and Nagasaki which killed 210,000 people. Stand with Pope Francis who has called for the banning of all nuclear weapons. Organised by the Graham F. Smith Peace Foundation, Romero Community, Medical Association for the Prevention of War, and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Contact Peter Laffan 0488 062 112 for further information.

11 Aug: Weekend Retreat at the Monastery

A retreat will be led by Fr Denis Travers on Friday evening and Saturday of 11-12 August. The theme is: Jesus - the healing compassion of God. The input and prayer times will explore Jesus as the revelation of God's deep desire to respond to our pain and bring us to wholeness at every level of our lives and our world. The Retreat begins on Friday evening and concludes Saturday afternoon. \$170 includes all meals and accommodation for the retreat, (limited ensuite rooms available for \$200). Please contact the office via email conference@themonastery.net.au or call 8338 8700. All are welcome to join.

12/13 Aug: Vocations Week Appeal

There will be a Special Vocations Week Appeal collection on 12/13 August in all churches of our Parish to support the Vocations Ministry of the Archdiocese of Adelaide. Your support to those who are called to a service of religious life is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued generosity.

12 Aug: Silent Retreat Day

The World Community for Christian Meditation South Australia invites you to its Silent Retreat Day: 'Conversation and Prayer with Gerard Manley Hopkins SJ' on 12 August from 11am — 4pm. Sr. Cynthia Griffin, a Sister of Mercy and a great friend of WCCM South Australia will lead our day exploring Hopkins poetry, spirituality and sense of the sacred. **Location:** St Ignatius Church Hall, 137 William Street, Norwood. Please bring your own lunch (not for sharing) & your own cup. Tea and coffee supplied. You are encouraged to google "G M Hopkins SJ poet" to introduce yourself to the man and his poetry.

Contact: chr.med.southaust@gmail.com for more information.

13 Aug: Imagining a Safer World

Churches Together SA invites you to a forum on "The New Cold War and militarisation in our region" on **Sunday 13 August, 2-4pm.** How do we 'love our neighbours' in a Defence State? Where does our faith guide us in 'imagining a safer world'? How do we act and live as Christian peacemakers? What really makes us safe? With Peter Prove, Director of International Affairs at World Council of Churches, Geneva; Allan Behm, Director of International Affairs and Security at the Australia Institute, Canberra; and Senator Barbara Pocock AM, SA Greens Senator. Prospect Road Uniting Church 174 Prospect Road, Prospect. Cost_\$15, afternoon tea provided. Book at https://shorturl.at/fhtRU All are welcome. Prior booking is necessary.

20 Aug: Understanding the Voice to Parliament

Understanding the Voice to Parliament" is a talk being organised by Churches Together SA, with Noel Pearson and Rev Tim Costello as guest speakers on Sunday 20 August 5pm-6.30pm, Pilgrim Uniting Church, Adelaide. All are welcome to attend.

24 Aug: Knitting at Dulwich Hall

The Dulwich Knitting Group will meet on Thursday, 24 August in the Hall at Stuart Road, Dulwich, diagonally across the road from St Peter Claver's Church. Come at any time from 10.30 am. All parishioners and friends are welcome. Those who attend find it an enjoyable and relaxing day. Stay, knit and have morning tea with us, or call in for a chat. If you wish, bring a light lunch and stay longer. We look forward to seeing you. If you have spare balls of 8-ply wool, we would appreciate your donation to help our knitters. We knit or crochet 25cm squares to make into rugs for local people in need. If you would prefer, we welcome help to join squares into rugs. Further dates for the year are the 4th Thursdays of the month - 24 August, 21 September. For further information, contact Cheryl (0417 015 338) or Julie (0468 636 190).

Latin Mass Community Announcements

Confirmation class continues today at 11am.

Servers' practice continues tomorrow at 5.30pm.

Scripture class continues tomorrow evening at 7.45pm.

Youth Group meets this Friday evening.

Registrations for our annual Rosary Pilgrimage to the church of the mid-North on 12 August are now open. Please take a flyer or speak to Rob Marsh for more details.

Tuesday 15 August is the Feast of the Assumption and is a Holy Day of Obligation in Australia. Masses will be at 7am, 9.30am (Low Masses) and 6.30pm (Sung Mass).

Welcome to new parishioners. If you are new to the Latin Mass or new to Holy Name, please don't hesitate to introduce yourself to either Fr McCaffrey or Fr Sofatzis after Mass. There is a cuppa after the 9.15am Mass every Sunday in the tea room behind the church diagonally across the car park. All welcome. Also please feel free to register as a parishioner on our community census. The link is available on the website.

Please do not place any advertising material in the church without the prior permission of the chaplain. Thank you.

Please remember the sick in your prayers, especially Daniela Vergulis, Vincent Moran, Jana Basani, Damian Wyld, Anthony Green (Benedict Green and Anna Ros's son), Kathryn Nader, Tony Caruso, Vincenza Martucci (Ines Barson's mother). Please also remember the recently deceased, especially Louise Obrist (Gaby Freer's mother), Hanna Winnicka (Joanna Rzad's mother), Alexandra Vergulis, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

22 Aug: Interested in providing spiritual support for people in prison?

Prison Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care (PCSC) is seeking people who can lead a time of Christian Spiritual Reflection for those in prison. Volunteer opportunities are available at Yatala Labour Prison, Adelaide Women's Prison, Adelaide Remand Centre, and Mobilong (Murray Bridge) Prisons. This is a unique and privileged opportunity to meet in small groups with those in prison to reflect on God's Word, worship, pray and possibly share in communion. Full training, resources and support is provided.

If this is an opportunity that speaks to you, we would love to hear from you. To find out more come to an Information Session: Tuesday, 22nd August, 5.30-6.30pm, at Gartrell Uniting Church Café (Corner of Alexandra Avenue and Prescott Terrace, Rose Park). RSVP is essential to Craig Bossie: Craig.Bossie@sa.gov.au

26 Aug: Musicians Retreat with David and Emma Kruse at Henley Beach Parish

Date & Time: Saturday 26 August | 10am – 4:30pm **Venue:** Henley Beach Parish, 420 Seaview Rd, Henley Beach.

Musicians by their very nature are always giving of themselves through their artistic expression, whether in a pub band, on a stage, or leading music in a church. This retreat is for any musician who needs time in prayer, reflection and renewal in the company of other musicians. David and Emma Kruse work in the Brisbane Archdiocese Office for Evangelisation and began Enemy Love Records in 2022. They bring a wealth of experience and freshness to the pastoral care of musicians. Morning tea and lunch are included in the day. There is no cost to participants. RSVP online or contact Peter Bierer: pbierer@adelaide.catholic.org.au

27 Aug: Lefevre Formation Event

Experiencing rejection, acceptance, and forgiveness with Jan Ruff-O'Herne AO (January 18 1923 – August 19 2019). When the Imperial Japanese Army overran south-east Asia, Jan was forced into sexual slavery. For 50 years, many living in Adelaide, she remained silent about her treatment, but then she was inspired to help other victims, known to the Japanese as 'comfort women'. From the 1990s until her death, Jan became a fearless advocate for these abused women. This presentation, through recorded interviews plus recollections by her daughter Eileen Mitton and commentary by Fr. Roderick O'Brien, marks the centenary of her birth.

Date & Time: Sunday, 27th August from 4–5pm at the Lefevre Catholic Parish Meeting Rooms, 253 Military Road, Semaphore (adjacent to Sacred Heart Church).

Please call Fr Roderick O'Brien 8449 6378 for more details. (Registration is not required).

September is Catholic Charities Month



In the month of September, we are promoting the Catholic Charities Appeal which supports the following agencies in South Australia: Hutt St Centre, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Centacare Catholic Family Services, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special Schools. Please take a leaflet with you to find out more about the September Appeal. These frontline agencies support some of the most vulnerable in the community at a time when many people are doing it tough.

Brochures with reply paid envelopes will be available at the back of the church. All donations of more than \$2 are tax deductible. Donations can be made via the reply paid slip on the leaflet or online at https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qr/cc

Safeguarding Children

A reminder that all children need to be accompanied to and from the toilet, ideally by an adult family member. Kindly ensure that children are supervised by an adult family member in the carparks at all times.