



THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / C

16 MARCH 2025

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 Chaldaeans 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.

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.

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



OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PARISH BULLETIN

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OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PARISH HILTON

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REFLECTION: Cosy Crab. Let me tell you a story. There was a discarded bottle lying on the ocean’s bottom, that was an irresistible temptation for a baby crab. The little creature glided easily through the bottles’ mouth to discover an enclosed world that offered everything it needed. Plenty of organic debris to eat, shelter from currents and best of all protection from the countless predators that feed upon young crabs. Delighted it makes itself at home and begins to thrive in its cosy surrounds. After some weeks however when instinct tells it that it is time to migrate it crawls confidently to the opening expecting to swim back out the way it came in. That’s when it discovered the ghastly price at that time for perfect security. It has grown too BIG to fit through the neck of the bottle. In a terrible ironic twist that safe haven, shelter now becomes a death chamber. Its protective shell will become its coffin. You and I find lots of places to find shelter, don’t we? In that extra bottle of wine, in that DVD, in that perhaps dysfunctional relationship, dependent relationship, whatever. We know the places where to go to find shelter and yet you know at the end of the day the only place that is going to give us the shelter, we need that will set us free is the shelter of God’s wings. The place that will set us off into life.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – 15-16 March 2025: Toefuata’iga (Toy-foo-

ah-tah-ing-ah) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has 10,000 litre water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education. **Please donate today.** You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes, by calling 1800 024 413 or online at caritas.org.au/project-compassion. Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Jesus teaches us about God’s boundless generosity, challenging us to examine our own giving. Do we give freely, expecting nothing in return, or is our giving transactional, seeking recognition or benefit? Today, charity often feels commodified, with donors treated as consumers. Yet those who give their time often encounter a deeper truth: Service born from privilege can transform into humility when we see it not as sacrifice but as shared humanity. True service transcends a mere response to need, becomes a meeting of equals, an exchange of dignity and grace. Jesus calls us to give as God does: freely, unconditionally and without condescension. In servicing with open hearts, we enter into authentic relationships, discovering God’s generosity mirrored in the faces of those we serve. This radical giving

reveals that the true gift is not ours to offer but God’s to share through us. Please support this year’s Project Compassion Appeal.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Jesus you are the Good Shepherd who is always mindful of your Church. Watch over those who are Baptised in your name and grant peace and harmony to all families. We ask you to choose from the families of our Parish many priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who will gladly spend their lives making you known and loved. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS: Christine Rhow, Maria, Consiglia Ciavatta, Irwin Beachell, Isabella Da Cunha, Norma Elliott, Rudi Tassell, Steven, Davina, Elisabetta Paddon, Edward Fortune, Beatrice Fernandez, Lisa Bubb, Romilda Marinelli, Aaron LoCicero, Jacqueline Paul, Lou Collova, Christine Schwarten Henry, Fr Joseph Angelo, Fr Anibal Da Cunha, Peter Scanlan, John Brackovich, Alison, Sofia, Rebecca, Fr Francis Sundararajan, Fr Greg Carroll, Bill Watkins, Daniel DiMarco, Joshua Oorschot, Fr John Piumatti, Mila Hogan, Mara Ravlich, Fr Vittorio Ricciardi, Lloyd Smith, Tegan Colgan, Patrick O’Brien, Archbishop Emeritus Barry Hickey, Fr Jean Fernandez, Fr Benedict Quadros, Fr John Hogan, Alessia Saraceni, Anthony Lopez, Fr Richard Rutkauskas, Fr Peter Meo, Dennis Woodcock, Giuseppe Cappiello, Vincent Cappiello, Rhonda McGinnity, Teresa Berlingeri, Carmelina Valenti, Reta White.



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MASS TIMES WEEKENDS:

Saturday Vigil 6pm, Sunday 7.30am & 9am.

MASS TIMES WEEKDAYS:

Tuesday 9am, Wednesday 9am, Thursday 9am, Friday 9am & Saturday 9am.

RECONCILIATION - Saturday's:

9.30-10am and 5.15-5.45pm or by appointment.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Wednesday 5.30 – 6.30pm & Friday 9.30 – 10.30am.

HOLY TRINITY CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:

Monday night's 7-9pm except during school holidays and public holidays.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

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:

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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025

We are reminded that the Sacraments are a gift to us from God. We meet God in each of the Sacraments. They assist us in our spiritual relationship with God and others. These are gifts from on High. That is why we must prepare well to

receive them because God is calling us and talking to us.

Reconciliation

1. Parent / Child Workshop: Tuesday 18-3-25 at 6pm
2. The Sacrament by Appointment: Tuesday 1-4-25 from 3.15 to 4.15pm
3. Wednesday 2-4-25 from 3.15 to 6pm

First Eucharist

1. Presentation of Candidates: Saturday 3-5-24 at 6pm
2. Parent Workshop: Wednesday 7-5-25 at 6pm
3. Parent / Child Workshop: Wednesday 14-5-25 at 6pm
4. 1st Eucharist by Appointment: Saturday 14-6-25 at 6pm
5. Sunday 15-6-25 at 9am
6. Saturday 21-6-25 at 6pm
7. Sunday 22-6-25 at 9am

Confirmation

1. Presentation of Candidates: Saturday 26-7-25 at 6pm
2. Parent Workshop: Wednesday 6-8-25 at 6pm
3. Parent / Child Workshop: Wednesday 20-8-25 at 6pm
4. Sacrament of Confirmation: Saturday 13-9-25 at 4pm

PARENT / S and CANDIDATES MUST ATTEND to fulfil the Formation Process.

SACRAMENTAL BOOKS AVAILABLE:

Those children of our Parish School who are preparing for the Sacrament

of Penance, the Candidate Parent, Family Workbook is available to purchase from the Parish Temporary Office situated near the kindergarten play area and the back of the Parish House during normal Parish Office Hours for \$10 each book.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 15 March to Friday 21 March 2025

Saturday 15 March

9am Mass: Intention of Donor

6pm Mass: Holy Souls

Sunday 16 March

7.30am Mass: For the People

9am Mass: Celena De Sousa

(Intentions)

Tuesday 18 March

9am Mass: Intention of Donor

Wednesday 19 March

9am Mass: For the People – St

Joseph

Thursday 20 March

9am Mass: Ivan & Marin Resic (RIP)

Friday 21 March

9am Mass: Bernard De Sousa

(Intentions)

SECOND RITE RECONCILIATION:

As we are in the season of Lent, Mater Christi Catholic Church, 340 Yangebup Road, Yangebup will be holding Second Rite of Reconciliation on Wednesday 9 April 2025 at 7pm.



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

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Luke.

*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 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.

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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