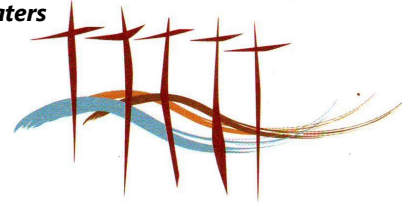


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## Second Sunday of Lent 25 February, 2018

Year B: Gen 22:1-2,9-13,15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10  
next week's Readings: Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

### They saw only Jesus

by Francis J Moloney

A mountain is often used in the Bible to situate close encounters between God and his people. Fundamental to this important biblical image is, of course, the account of the gift of the Law at Mount Sinai (see Ex 19-20). Close to God, Jesus' appearance takes on the imagery of the divine (v3). No earthly agent could ever have created the transparent whiteness of Jesus' garments. Something greater than the earthly is present in this scene. His transformed state is a reminder of Jesus' true nature. He converses with Moses, the one who received the Law at Sinai, and Elijah, the first of all the prophets.

The Law and the Prophets meet Jesus transfigured. Over the centuries God has made himself known to his people in various ways (see Heb 1:1-2). He established a covenant of love and trust between himself and a Chosen People through the gift of the Law on Mount Sinai. The people continually strayed from that covenant, but God did not abandon his people. He sent them prophets to call them back to their original faithfulness. Now God speaks to us through Jesus of Nazareth. All three meet as Jesus, Moses and Elijah converse (v4).

The disciples are frightened. They do not know what to say, but Peter speaks up and suggests that three tents be made: one for Jesus, one for Elijah and one for Moses (vv 5-6). By doing this the disciples could remain on the mountain contemplating the heavenly for ever. But this would be to misunderstand the vocation of a disciple. The voice from heaven recalls the voice heard at his baptism (see 1:11). Once again, the heavenly voice announces: 'This is my Son, the Beloved' (9:7), but Jesus' story is now underway. It is not enough simply to tell the disciples, and the reader, that Jesus is God's Son. If he is God's Son, then they must 'listen to him' (v7). The disciples are not to gaze in contemplation. They are to listen.

Now the disciples see no one but Jesus (9:8). Coming down the side of the mountain, returning to the messiness of every-day life, they are told of a future death and resurrection. They are unable to understand the words of Jesus. Already they have forgotten his earlier words about the need for the Cross in the life of a disciple (see 8:34). As Jesus taught them about the Cross, he told them that the loving gift of self was the only way to come to life: 'For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it' (8:35). They are paying too little attention to the voice from heaven which said, 'Listen to him' (9:7).

But this is the way it is so often in the Christian life. Christianity cannot only be the contemplation of God's actions. There is so much that is beautiful and rewarding about Christianity. We live in the comfort of our belief that in Jesus Christ the whole of God's self-communication has taken place. Jesus sums up and perfects the Law and the Prophets (see Mt 5:17). But there is a cutting edge to such a belief. It is not enough for us to know that God has spoken through Jesus; we must never forget how this took place. There can be no side-stepping the Cross of Jesus and its invitation to all of us who claim to be followers of Jesus to come to life through the loss of ourselves, for his sake and for the sake of the Gospel.

## Parish Weekly Diary....

### Monday, 26 February

8.30am Stations of the Cross - Miami  
9.00am **Mass** - Miami

### Tuesday, 27 February

7.30am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

### Wednesday, 28 February

7.00am **Mass** - Miami  
9.30am **Mass** - Ozanam Villa  
5.00pm Stations of the Cross - Palm Beach  
5.30pm **Mass** - Palm Beach

### Thursday, 1 March

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads  
5.00pm Stations of the Cross - Mudgeeraba  
5.30pm **Mass** - Mudgeeraba

### Friday, 2 March

9.00am **Mass** - Robina Hospital  
10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters  
6.00pm Stations of the Cross and Sung Evening Prayer - Infant Saviour, Burleigh Heads

### Saturday, 3 March

8.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads  
4.30pm Sacrament of Penance - Miami  
5.30pm Sacrament of Penance - Palm Beach  
5.45pm Sacrament of Penance - Burleigh Heads

### Saturday, 3 March

#### Third Sunday of Lent

Sat 5.00pm **Mass** - Miami  
Sat 6.00pm **Mass** - Palm Beach  
Sat 6.15pm **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

### SUNDAY, 4 March

#### Third Sunday of Lent

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads  
7.00am **Mass** - Palm Beach  
8.30am **Mass** - Miami  
8.30am **Mass** - Mudgeeraba  
10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters  
5.00pm Sacrament of Penance - Burleigh Waters  
5.30pm **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

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Today's first reading about God putting Abraham to the test by asking him to sacrifice his only son Isaac, is a very difficult one to hear - not just for parents. Does it confirm what some people fear about God; that God is a harsh and aloof deity testing us throughout our lives? Is that the way God is? And who wants a God like that anyway?

Jews call the story the "binding of Isaac." For the Jewish community, the story is a metaphor for all their suffering and persecution throughout the centuries. They have placed their hopes in God's hands, despite the seeming absence of God during their times of trial.

Christians have received the Abraham and Isaac story as a reflection of Jesus' obedience to God's will - even to his death. Paul, in our second reading, reflects on the death of Jesus as a sign of God's generosity, "God who did not spare his own Son, but handed him over for us all...."

The Transfiguration story underlines that Jesus is God's "beloved Son."

Through the apparition on the mountain the disciples are encouraged to see Jesus as more than a miracle worker and prophet. Instead, in Jesus, God is present and powerfully at work for our well-being and salvation.

As they returned down from the mountain Jesus asks the disciples not to tell what they had seen and heard to anyone, "except when the Son of Man has risen from the dead." At this point in the narrative, the shadow of the cross begins to loom over Mark's gospel. Just prior to the Transfiguration Jesus gives his first teaching about his upcoming suffering and death. He then tells those who would follow him, that if they wish to be his disciples, they must deny themselves, take up their cross and follow him (8:31-38).

The whole biblical story, from its very beginning, is about God's forgiveness for human sin. We believe that Jesus died because of our sins and for our salvation. Do we have to believe that God was fulfilling what Abraham didn't have to do -- sacrificing God's only Son for our sake?

Jesus died on the cross because he was obedient to God's will. God wanted Jesus to proclaim a new reign of compassion and reconciliation with God and with one another - a reign of peace for all - for the least, and for sinners and outcasts as well. Jesus fulfilled God's will and stayed faithful to his preaching and healing mission. He was steadfast in the mission God gave him, even though he stirred the wrath of the earthly and religious powers. Eventually these resisting forces killed him.

How powerful is sin in our world? Powerful enough to resist God's loving outreach to us through Jesus. Jesus is the innocent and perfect model of what it means to be a child of

God, made in the image and likeness of God. He was tragically misunderstood, suspected and resisted because of human jealousy, hatred and suspicion -- because of our sin.

In today's gospel Jesus hints what God's response to human obstinacy and sin will be. God will raise Jesus from the dead, proving that God's love for us can overcome all obstacles and resistance. God's love will shine forth in the death and resurrection of Jesus. The voice on the mountain reveals that Jesus is God's beloved child, still God did not stop the powers from killing him and attempting to silence his message. But those powers could not prevent God from raising Christ and offering his new life to all who profess faith in him. Human sin caused the death of Jesus, but in Christ we have an offer of full reconciliation.

How do we know this? Because Christ went to his death constantly reaching out to those who felt cut off from God. Jesus' atoning death was not sought by the Father or Jesus, but was a consequence of Jesus' fidelity to his message of the reign of God and of God's love for us. When God raised Jesus from the dead it was a divine "stamp of approval" on his life and message.

In a violent world Jesus refused to gather an army around him to overthrow the powers that so oppressed his people. Instead, he chose the way of nonviolence forgiveness and peace. That's always a threat to the dominant powers and so to deal with Jesus they decided to eliminate him. But God's way in Jesus prevailed. We could take the example of Blessed Oscar Romero who was a Bishop in El Salvador in 1980. He spoke out against poverty, social injustice, assassinations, and torture and for this he was assassinated during Mass - his anniversary is 24<sup>th</sup> February.

What offering shall we make to God in thanksgiving? Certainly at this Eucharist we offer our lives with the bread and the wine, as a offering of ourselves to God and God's purposes. We pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit upon our gifts to transform them into the body and blood of Christ. We also pray that Spirit will come upon us to transform us, as well, into Christ's presence in the world. We ask the Spirit to enable us to do what Jesus asks: that we take up our cross and follow him as agents of his peace and reconciliation. We can also offer our children to God by teaching and modelling for them ways of faith, hope and love.

It is Lent and we are praying for our spiritual transfiguration in God's love. May we grow in our acceptance of Jesus' message about the presence of God's reign in our lives. In obedience to God may our lives reflect more deeply that of Jesus, who consistently showed, through his words and actions and finally through his death, God's love for all.

*Padre*



Rattanak in Cambodia contracted polio as a child and also became deaf. The Deaf Development Program, supported by Caritas Australia, helped him become a barber and he is now supporting himself, his wife and baby. A just future starts with your support. Please donate to Project Compassion through boxes and envelopes.



# Parish News and Happenings

Padre encourages the Parish Family to deepen their Lent journey through prayer and online resources. Here is a valuable link that you are welcome to try <https://dynamiccatholic.com/>

- **TIMOR LESTE IMMERSION - May 14-25 - Expressions of interest.** The number of participants will be limited to 12. Itinerary developed by Catholic Mission in collaboration with local hosts and partners. An opportunity to experience a different culture and witness the lifestyle of the local people. Sue and Bren Milsom 5522 4880.
- **YOUTH MASS** - Sunday 4 March. Theme: **SIGNS and WONDERS**. 5.30pm, Mary, Mother of Mercy Church. Musicians and singers needed.
- **WYD INFORMATION SESSION** - Are you interested in finding out more about attending World Youth Day 2019 in Panama? Got questions? Young people aged 18-35 are invited to consider joining the Archdiocese of Brisbane Pilgrimage Group in January 2019. Come along to the South Coast Deanery Information Night to hear all about the pilgrimage options, prices and dates. Sunday 4 March, 6.30pm, (following the Youth Mass), Community Centre, Mary Mother of Mercy Church. More information Melissa 0438 226194 or fenech@bne.catholic.net.au

- **BURLEIGH BLAZE YOUTH NIGHT (Lenten Program)** - An evening of games, new friendships and sharing faith in a safe environment. Friday 2 March at the Parish Community Centre, Mercy Church, from 6.30 - 8.30pm. Dinner provided.
- **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM WORKSHOP - First Rite of Penance.** Facilitated by Evangelisation Brisbane and Liturgy Brisbane. This workshop is designed for those who work or volunteer in a parish community and are engaged in supporting children in Sacramental Preparation. Thursday 8 March, 11am - 12.30pm, Mary, Mother of Mercy. For more information phone Evangelisation Brisbane on 3324 3440.
- **MUSIC MEETING** - Music Ministers are invited to the meeting to collate the next music roster - Tuesday 27 February, commencing 10am at Mary, Mother of Mercy Church, 9.30am.
- **FIRST THURSDAY LUNCH GROUP** will meet on 1 March at Burleigh Sports Club, 12 noon. Margaret 5535 8714.

## LENTEN PROGRAMME

### Stations of the Cross

Each Monday of Lent - 8.30am - Miami (*before Mass*)  
 Each Wednesday of Lent - 5pm - Palm Beach (*before Mass*)  
 Each Thursday of Lent - 5pm - Mudgeeraba (*before Mass*)

### Friday 2 March

6pm Stations of the Cross and Sung Evening Prayer - Infant Saviour, Burleigh Heads

### Friday 9 March

6pm Stations of the Cross; 7pm Twilight Retreat - Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters

### Friday 16 March

6pm Stations of the Cross and Sung Evening Prayer - Infant Saviour, Burleigh Heads

### Friday 23 March

6pm Stations of the Cross; 7pm Twilight Retreat - Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters

### Monday 26 March

9am - Second Rite of Reconciliation - Miami (*no Mass*)

### Wednesday 28 March

5.30pm - Second Rite of Reconciliation - Palm Beach (*no Mass*)  
 7pm - Second Rite of Reconciliation - Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters

### Thursday 29 March (Holy Thursday)

5pm - First Rite of Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba  
 6pm - First Rite of Reconciliation - Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters

### HOLY THURSDAY - Mass of the Lord's Supper

6pm - Mudgeeraba; 7pm - Burleigh Waters

### GOOD FRIDAY

10am - *Ecumenical Stations* - Infant Saviour, Burleigh Heads  
 3pm - *The Passion of the Lord* - Burleigh Waters; Burleigh Heads; Palm Beach; Miami; Mudgeeraba.  
 7pm - *Tenebrae* (The Ancient Liturgy of Light) in the Columbarium, Mercy Church

### HOLY SATURDAY

6.30pm - *Easter Vigil* - Mary, Mother of Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters



## BAPTISMS

We welcome to our faith community Tessa who was baptised last week.

## FUNERALS

Last week we celebrated the funerals of James Joseph Smith, Desmond Edward Buttenshaw and William James Petschler who have died in Christ. Let us remember their families and friends in our prayers this week.

*God will raise you up on eagle's wings*

## SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS

Your prayers have been requested for Michael Allan, Patricia Ashton, Taylor Austin, Glenys Bailey, Demosthenes Baldovino, Peter Barnes, Leigh Boulcher, Loretta Brennan, Sylvia Brewer, Noeleen Brown, Jacob Burgstaller, Lily Burgstaller, James Burke, Diane Busutil, Deborah Campani, Carmel Clifford, Maryanne Condon, John Costigan, Chris Curran, Joan Dale, Graham Dall, Edna Devlin, Joseph Dick, Patricia Dowling, Fr Des Fitzgerald, Lance Fry, Norma Greenland, Geromy Grima, Fred Grioli, Vera Havlik, Cheryl Hingerty, Jean Hokin, Lucy Holland, Patricia Holmes, Angelika Huber, Nona Hudson, Harry Hunter, Norman Ingle, Sydney Jones, Annette Kassulke, Margaret Kennedy, Jayce Kilfoy, Tina Mass, Denis McEnery, Anne McInnes, Peter McMurray, John Mooney, June Newdick, Mary Nutter, Mary O'Brien, Sr Annette O'Connor, Dianne O'Connor, Paul O'Connor, Eileen O'Neill, Michael Onn, Sean O'Reilly, Maureen O'Sullivan, Noel O'Sullivan, Anne Owens, Joan Parker, Mike Parker, Anna Pereira, Bernadette Petersen, Phyllis Pola, Donna Redman, Peter Reid, Lance Robinson, Reg Rowan, Imelda Rundall, Dennis Samson, William Sheehan, Sheldon, Peter Smith, Pacing Soriano, Isaac Stafrace, Andrew Supple, Carmel Taylor, Dean Taylor, Lisa Taylor, Fr Keith Teefey, Lourdes Toledo, Nemcio Toledo, Nigel Tomlinson, Sarra Tyler, Lena and Frank Usaj, Marie Walker, Norma Ward, Sylvia Wesley, Dan Wilson, Warren Wilson, Graham Zender, Norah Zipf, the sick of our Parish and all in need of God's healing Spirit.

## DECEASED

**Masses have been requested for the recently deceased and for friends and relatives whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Jim Smith, William Petschler, Des Buttenshaw, Peter Barnes, Tom Tierney.

*May the choir of angels come to greet you ...*

*May you find eternal life.*

### PLANNED GIVING LAST WEEK - ☺

CODE: ☺☺ = very good;  
 ☺ = good;  
 ☺ = hangin' in there;  
 ☺ = help!

Counting roster this week: Miami

# Liturgical Music for Second Sunday of Lent

## INTRODUCTORY RITES:

### **Gathering:**

#### **Seek, O Seek The Lord**

*Seek, O seek the Lord,  
while he is near;  
trust him, speak to him in prayer,  
and he will hear.*

God, be with us in our lives,  
direct us in our calling;  
break the snares the world contrives,  
keep us from falling.

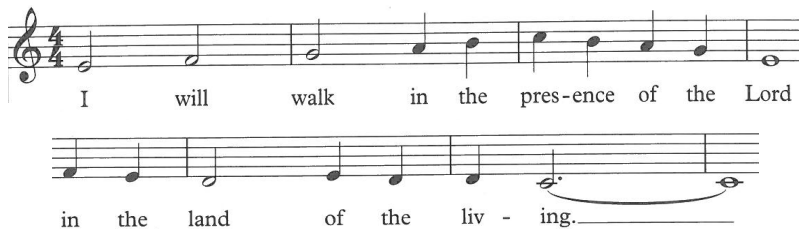
God, increase in us the life  
that Christ by dying gave us:  
though we faint in mortal strife  
his blood will save us.

Strengthen in our heart the love  
we owe to one another;  
how can we love God above  
and not each other?

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

### **Psalm Response:**



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### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
If today you hear his voice; harden not your hearts.  
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

### **Acclamation:**

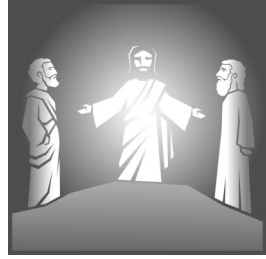
We proclaim your death, O Lord,  
and profess your resurrection  
until you come again.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

### **Communion:**

#### **The Body Of Christ**

*This is the body of Christ,  
blessed and broken for us,  
blessed and given for us.  
This is the body of Christ.*



This is the bread of my love.  
How I long to fill you with my life.

Drink from the cup of my blood.  
Let my Spirit heal you deep within.

If you would live in my love,  
hold my word, my promise in your heart.

Gathered as one in my name,  
take my joy, my freedom to the world.

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### **Thanksgiving:**

#### **Be Thou My Vision**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
nought be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

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## CONCLUDING RITES

### **Dismissal:**

#### **Christ, Be Our Light**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light. Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light.  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

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