

St Therese's Parish Essendon

12 & 13 March 2022
Second Sunday of Lent Year C



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.'

Gospel Lk 9:28-36 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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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.

INTERCESSIONS

We pray for those who are ill, especially Jim Ruth, Sister Mary Dennett, Vera Lynch, Neville Quiah and Sister Barbara Daniel.

We pray for those who have died recently especially Sonia Catela-Egger, Brian Davies and Santo Cattafi.

We pray for those we remember at this time, especially John Synan, Connie Schembri and Camelo Schembri. Lord, hear our prayers.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

Parishioners are invited to participate in weekly Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 3:00pm. No need to book, just meet the group in church. Read-along guides are provided. If you cannot attend, we have an [online version here](#). which follows the same program and shows images of our own church's Stations.

LENTEN SPIRITUALITY PROGRAM

It's not too late to join this year's Lenten Spirituality Program based on Fr Michael Elligate's 'Restoring Freshness in the Time of Lent'. In this program, Michael proposes that during seasons of disruption and chaos, creation is constantly renewed in its freshness and we are called to find a new intimacy with God. By paying prayerful attention to the ancient Jewish psalms, and reading the gospels for the Sundays of Lent, we invite a new freshness into our own lives.

The program, lead by Sr Regina Millard, will run during the weeks of Lent in PACE on a Thursday at 10:30am. If you are interested in participating, please email the office at: essendon@cam.org.au or phone 9401 6330



PROJECT COMPASSION Biru 30, lives in a rural village in Jharkand State in India's east. He lost mobility in one of his legs, after contracting polio as a child, which makes it difficult for him to walk. With your generous support, Biru was able to access an entrepreneurship and livelihoods development program, run by Caritas Australia's partner, Caritas India. He gained the skills, support and encouragement he needed to establish his own bicycle repair business. Now, Biru is able to provide a good life for his family – and an essential service to his community. He has discovered a sense of pride, confidence and hope which has inspired others living with a disability and paved the way For All Future Generations. Read her story here: <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/biru-story/>



Donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

PARISH COMMUNITY GARDENING TEAM We are looking for some enthusiastic and energetic garden lovers to help form a parish 'garden and maintenance' team. We see this as a great opportunity to build 'community' through working together on the team. Grab a few friends and come along, we can't do it without you! If you are interested in participating, please contact the Parish Office on 9401 6330 or email essendon@cam.org.au.

2023 PREP ENROLMENTS Enrolment for Foundation (Prep) 2023 open 15 March with and open day and information evening on 16 March. For more information visit: <https://www.stessendon.catholic.edu.au/our-enrolments>

PARISH DATES		
Monday 14 March	Labour Day Public Holiday – Parish office closed	
Tuesday 15 March	2023 Foundation Enrolments open	
Wednesday 16 March	School open day and enrolment evening	
Thursday 17 March	Lenten Spirituality Program with Sr Regina in PACE	10:30am
Friday 18 March	School Mass for St Patrick's Day Stations of the Cross	10:00am 3:00pm
Sunday 20 March	RE programme (First Reconciliation) – Session 2 in PACE	9:30am
Monday 21 March	SVDP – Essendon Conference in PACE Function room	7:00pm
Wednesday 23 March	Faith Night Sacrament of First Reconciliation	7:00pm
Thursday 24 March	Lenten Spirituality Program with Sr Regina in PACE	10:30am
Friday 25 March	Stations of the Cross	3:00pm
Saturday 26 March	Students present as candidates for First Reconciliation	6:00pm
Sunday 27 March	Students present as candidates for First Reconciliation RE programme (First Reconciliation) – Session 3 in PACE Parish Baptisms	All Masses 9:30am 12:00pm
Wednesday 30 March	First Reconciliation Sacrament Mass	7:00pm
Thursday 31 March	Lenten Spirituality Program with Sr Regina in PACE	10:30am

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St Vincent de Paul helpline: 1800 305 330 WEEKDAYS 10:00am–3:00pm

Mass Online: Follow this [link here](#)

Weekday Masses: Tuesday to Friday 10:00am **Weekend Masses** Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 9:00am, Sunday 10:30am

St Therese's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country of the land on which our church stands and recognize their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and to Elders past, present and emerging.