



St Mary's on Swanson

(Our Lady of Perpetual Succour)

An inner-city Catholic community
In the care of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

Welcoming all to celebrate with us.



**We acknowledge the
traditional custodians of
the land, The Gadigal
people of the Eora Nation**

2nd Sunday of Lent — Year C St Patrick's Day 17 March 2019

Gospel Reflection:—

Second Sunday of Lent

In last Sunday's gospel, Jesus was tempted to the spectacular - something that plays an important role for politicians and people in power in order to establish and maintain power, authority, and sovereignty. In the wilderness, Jesus revealed who he was, who he was for. It had little to do with the spectacular or the magical.

On the mountain, something special, something 'more' (was it divinity) broke out for a moment. Was it God's compassion, justice, tenderness, beauty converging and exploding through Jesus humanity? Jesus becoming a channel of God in his humanity? Depths were revealed in Jesus' body that were hardly imagined. It is encouraging that Paul says, it is these 'wretched bodies of ours' that are the material of transfiguration, transformation and change in our world. So the Transfiguration, then – whatever it means – is not only about Jesus but about us and our need to make a discernible difference today. What if it is really about transfigurations that occur in our lives and of people around us? What if this gospel story is not only about Jesus, but the moments in our lives when our eyes have been opened and we could recognise the sacred with us, in others and our environment? Until very recently, a woman whom I somewhat dismissed because of appearance began to radiate on the screen in documentary about her life. Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a lawyer and justice of the US Supreme Court, came alive in a way that was extraordinary. Beyond appearance, she shone because of her passion, commitment to justice, especially women's issues. There was more to her than I had ever thought. And the disciples saw more in Jesus than they thought.

It is possible to glimpse the sacred in our everyday lives if we open our eyes. We are invited to see in a new way and today's gospel is about seeing in a new and deeper way. This is made possible by listening to Jesus and humble listening to each other.

As we approach elections again this year, the readings tell us that God's People are not to be led by frightened little men (and women) who place security above compassion for the poor and oppressed. May we not be people who say we believe in God but then cancel that out by our concern for self-preservation, personal needs and fearful willingness to sacrifice others rather than ourselves.

*(Excerpt from the homily prepared by Fr Claude Mostowik
msc available at the church entrance)*



The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on 02 9390 5812

Listening Circle

The Impact of the Sexual Abuse Crisis Every Tuesday 7:30pm - 9pm Parish House

An opportunity for us to express how we have been impacted by the sexual abuse crisis within the church and wounded in any way. All of us have been impacted in some way, especially victims, survivors and their families. We can support each other in the shock, trauma and confusion by gathering and speaking openly and listening empathetically.

This is a sharing, it is not a discussion nor debate. A space to talk and be heard and express our feelings in a safe place.

Need more information contact Patricia Thomas
[0438 263 036](tel:0438263036)

Mass Times

Saturday
6pm
Sunday
9am & 6pm
Wed—Fri
9:15am

Call2Mercy Mass
2nd Sunday of the month
11:30am
Healing Mass
1st Tuesday of the month
10:30am

Individual Reconciliation
Sat 5:15pm—5:45pm
Sun 8:15am—8:45am &
5:15pm—5:45pm

Baptisms (1st Sunday of the Month) Please register your enquiry online at:

<http://www.stmaryserskineville.org.au/sacraments/baptism>

Weddings By Appointment

Year C

Lent	3 Lent 24/2/19	4 Lent 31/3/19	5 Lent 7/4/19
Gospel	Luke 13:1-9	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32	John 8:1-11
1st Reading	Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15	Joshua 5:9-12	Isaiah 43:16-21
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12	2 Corinthians 5:17-21	Philippians 3:8-14
Kid's Church			

Parish Diary 2019

24 Mar	Meeting for ALL volunteers	10am-11am
7 Apr	Daylight Saving Ends	
18 Apr	Holy Thursday	7pm
19 Apr	Good Friday	3pm

We welcome into our faith community this Sunday through the sacrament of Baptism



*Charlotte Dan,
Sarah Sophia Dang,
Madeleine Nancy McFadden
and we congratulate their parents.*

Sacramental Program 2019

Sacramental Programs are for baptised Catholic children only. Please contact the Parish Priest for further details.

Registrations will open approximately 1 month prior to Parent Information Night for each Sacrament. Registration prior to Information Night is required.

See notice board for dates



Happy St Patrick's Day

Safeguarding @St Mary's 2019-20

As we work towards renewal in our Church through the Plenary 2020 process and recognising the need to acknowledge the Church as a place of abuse in Australia and elsewhere around the world, we are working at St Mary's to promote practices which foster safety for all and especially the vulnerable members of our community.



- Raising awareness** in our community, through information in the bulletin and at Church.
- Training for safe practice** for volunteers and at parish gatherings and meetings.
- Fostering a culture of safeguarding** through risk-aware practice; code of conduct and accountability.

Attention all volunteers, please fill in the form, available in the foyer, with your name, phone number, email and the ministry that you volunteer for e.g. collecting money during Mass, readers, sacristy, Eucharistic Ministers, Finance & Pastoral Council members.

Damian Giurco, our Parish Safeguarding Support Officer (PSSO) will be conducting a meeting for ALL volunteers after Mass on Sunday 24 March from 10am-11am.

Walk the Lenten Journey on your Mobile Phone

In his message for Lent 2019, Pope Francis emphasised that we should "not allow this season of grace to pass in vain." With new content daily, the Lent Calendar App can help those who desire to journey through Lent with purpose. The App includes the daily Gospel, a suggested Lent act, and a multimedia feature to pray and reflect upon. Available as an App on Apple and Android devices, and online at www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3lent



Gift of Bread

How to change lives in the Erko Community (in less than 25 minutes per week)

Gift of Bread meets each **Monday** in the Parish church foyer at 5pm. We pack the daily leftover bread from Bakers Delight (you won't believe how much bread is left over at the end of the day – absolutely insane!) and give it to disadvantaged families in Erskineville and Waterloo. The transformation something as simple as fresh bread provides these families is hard to put into words. Come and see it for yourself. Don't miss out on your chance to help our disadvantaged neighbours in Erko.



Do you care for a family member or friend?

We are seeking volunteers who are carers in their personal lives and enjoy spending time online to participate in a pilot, online community providing peer support for carers and provide feedback on their experience.

Call CCareline to find out more

CCareline 131819

CatholicCare.org

✉ connect@catholiccare.org

🕒 8am – 8pm Monday – Friday



As an Aboriginal child I had to listen while taught Captain Cook 'discovered' Australia

Hayley McQuire for IndigenousX, The Guardian, 14th February 2019

For Indigenous people, education has been used as a tool of colonisation

Thinking generationally means thinking beyond the next election cycle and making the decisions that will build create a better world for our great grandchildren to inherit.

I see this photo of my grandmother holding my daughter. I think it's incredible that my grandmother who was born in 1939 was able to share time, space and stories with her own great granddaughter. She's literally able to hold the future in the hands.

Using this frame, we see our connection to the future and our responsibility to nurture it and to pass down the values and messages that will be its foundation. I remember sitting in my grade four history class and the teacher telling us that Captain Cook discovered Australia and that we were founded as a nation of convicts. As an Aboriginal child sitting in that classroom, I felt erased.

Our education systems have always been telling of the values of the society of the day, and what knowledge and values it believes are important to carry on into the future. I felt erased in that classroom not because I had a bad teacher, but by design. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, education has been used as a tool of colonisation, to assimilate and control our people, to take from us our cultures and languages, to erase us from the history book and this still impacts our families and communities today.

Put simply the education system is not working for my people, because if it was it would not be producing results with Australia having one of the largest resource gaps between advantaged and disadvantaged schools in the OECD, where Indigenous 15-year-olds are two and half years behind their non-Indigenous counterparts in reading and maths, where we have a government whose response to school attendance rates focused on penalising family welfare payments rather than building relationships with communities.

This is why in 2015, myself and an amazing collective of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people founded NIYEC, the National Indigenous Youth Education Coalition. We are the first Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Youth Coalition solely committed to education advocacy and transformation.

We recognise education intersects across sectors like justice, health community development, which is why we are calling on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth from all backgrounds to join us. Currently the coalition brings together young people who are experienced in education, social work, health, law, public policy and international education development.

Almost 63% of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population are under the age of 30. We are the future leaders within our families, communities and broader society. Therefore it essential that youth are provided with the opportunities to learn, engage and be involved in education dialogues and decisions. If we want to transform the education system, then we need to mobilise and build the strengths and capabilities of the next generation of advocates and leaders to drive this change from now and into the future. Together, we are working to change this narrative, by listening to our older people we believe we can transform our education and define our own futures.

NIYEC will be engaging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth through a series of strength-based, action-orientated workshops and online dialogues where we will create a space for our young people imagine what our education system could look

like from that position of self-determination. Through accessing an education of our own design, we are building the next generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teachers, lawyers, doctors, community workers and nation-builders.

When I think about my great grandchildren, I envision a future where we can push beyond what is known and create a school that is founded on Indigenous pedagogies. Where they can go to a school that has been designed by an Indigenous architect. Where spaces are created based on Indigenous ways of learning. Where the curriculum has been developed by Indigenous teachers in partnership with local Indigenous communities. Where our schools play a vital part in our language revival, and our children can learn their Indigenous language from Kindergarten to eventually submitting their PhD thesis (or whatever qualification we want to call it) in their own language. Where the school is essential to building strong, Indigenous Nations.

When I think of the future, I think of a society where institutions founded on Indigenous self-determination are valued. A society that truly believes that our People are essential to creating a fairer, more just society where our lands are healed and we care about future generations and the sustainability of our planet.

For a slave-free Lenten Weekend of March 16 and 17 2019

Last month, while speaking about modern slavery Pope Francis said that, faced with the tragic reality of modern slavery, "no one can wash their hands of it, without being in some way, an accomplice to this crime against humanity". If your parish or school is running a chocolate raffle for Caritas' Project Compassion? Please include only slavery-free chocolate (featuring one of the symbols), in the raffle, in your classroom or in your staffroom. The International Labor Rights Forum (ILRF) estimates that there are 1.5 million children working in the cocoa sector in West Africa.



Good News: This year Catholic Education Melbourne is working towards the 333 Catholic primary and secondary schools in Melbourne becoming slavery free.

Action: Support our Catholic schools and encourage children around you to only eat slavery-free chocolate.

<https://acrath.org.au/take-action/slavery-free-easter/for-information-and-resources>.

Good news: Late in 2018 the Federal Government passed the Modern Slavery Act, which will ask big companies to report on their efforts to introduce slavery-free goods and services.

Action: Watch the Pope's video at: <https://acrath.org.au/pope-francis-invites-prayer-for-human-trafficking-victims/> ACRAH Brochures are available in Social Justice Stand in Foyer – please take one home & educate oneself about this little known aspect of modern Australia.



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Tati lives in the remote forest of Indonesia. She is a mother of three who was earning an income working in a local rubber plantation. Since taking part in eco-tourism training with Caritas Australia and its partners, Tati can now afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment Tati aspires to a future free from poverty for her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty, and give them hope to protect our common home.

Lives change when we all give 100%.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion



LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading:

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

2nd Reading:

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

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!

Gospel:

Luke 9:28-36

*As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed,
and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.*

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.



Please keep in your prayers:

Please contact the office if you know of anyone who can come off this list.

Nick Hurst, Nadia Kumar, Betty Brady, Bernie Newman, Graham Meyer, Gerard Cash, Trevor Wiencke, Mandy Hartas, Rosa Maria Santos, Barry Bamber, Colleen Bombaci, Ken Hogan, Sophia Gill, Lauren Learmoth, Basil Comely, Wendy Bridges, Keryn Wallace, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Joan McCormick, John Leahy, Val Hartas, Lee Tillam, Michael Dillon, Malcolm Skerritt, Margaret & Colin Farrugea, Ernie Anderson, Graham Sims.

In Memoriam:

Kathleen Carney, Jose Gosuico Snr., John Joseph Murray, Jess Batman Silva, Bishop Eugene (Jim) Cuskelly msc, George Casey, Besie Ferris

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