

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.  
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**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 17:1-9**

*His face shone like the sun.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING**

**Loyola Press**

*Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.*

For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection.

On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word.

The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.

**VOLUNTEERS UPDATES**

- We extend our sincere thanks to all volunteers for your ongoing service to our parish community. All church personnels, Clergy and Volunteers are required to hold a valid Work with Children Clearance. We ask all volunteers to check the validity of your Work with Children clearance. If your clearance has expired or if you have received a reminder from the Working with Children Check department, please complete the renewal process as soon as possible.
- Volunteers should also have received an invitation to complete the mandatory online Safeguarding course. The course takes approximately 1-1.5 hours. Once completed, please download a certificate and email it to the Parish Office. If you have limited access to a device or require assistance, please contact the parish office for support.

All the above requirements are important for our parish to meet the legal obligations and to comply with the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards. If you have limited access to emails or devices, please contact the PPC or the Parish Office for support. Thank you.



# Parish Bulletin

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**Second Sunday of Lent, Year A**

**28 February / 1 March 2026**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING**

**Genesis 12:1-4**

*The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

**The word of the Lord**

**SECOND READING**

**2 Timothy 1:8-10**

*God has saved us, and called us to be holy.*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

**The word of the Lord**

**Stations of the Cross During the Season of Lent**

Every Friday evening  
20th, 27th February  
6th, 13th, 20th, 27th March  
Service at 7:00pm  
(Confession at 6:30pm)

**Brief Stations of the Cross**

Every Lenten Sunday after Morning Mass

*His face shone like the sun*

**OASES ON THE JOURNEY**

As followers of Jesus, we have nowhere to pitch our tents. We must journey with Jesus through the hardships of life to glory. There will be oases along the way—moments of consolation which reveal the presence of God among us. We cannot remain in these moments for ever, but they give us refreshment. Remembering them will sustain us on our pilgrim way.

**PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS**

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present today—our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalm 32:4-5, 18-20, 22**

**Response:**

**Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R**

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R**

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord, The Lord is our help and our shield.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R**

**CHARIS SA Lenten Retreat March 7 & 8 2026**

Charis SA invites you to a Lenten Retreat to be conducted by Fr Sam Samuel, Director of Divine Mercy Retreat Centre Sydney; at Saint Peter Claver Hall, Dulwich. From 11.00am to 4.00pm.

Come and have a profound transformative change of heart and mind, a fresh start with the Risen Lord.

For more details, please see the attached flyer.

For inquiries call 0407 060 715

Looking forward to seeing you there.

**Public Rosary for Peace - Saturday March 7 2026**

Join the Legion of Mary as we pray the Rosary outdoors for peace.

☪ Mary MacKillop Plaza (adjacent to St Francis Xavier's Cathedral)

☉ Rosary begins after 8am Mass All welcome.

Enquiries: Patrick Greenrod - Legion of Mary - 0414 769 635

**Adelaide Men's Rosary Crusade**

The Adelaide Men's Rosary Crusade is part of a global movement encouraging men to honour Our Lady, offer reparation, and take part in the First Saturday devotion.

**Saturday March 7 2026**

☪ Mary MacKillop Plaza (adjacent St Francis Xavier's Cathedral)

☉ Rosary begins after 11.30am Mass. (Confessions available until 1pm) All welcome.

Enquiries: Instagram @adelaidemensrosary or text 0419 824 582

**The World Day of Prayer— Nigeria 2026**

**Friday 6th March 2026**

**10:00am**

**followed by Morning Tea**

PRAYERS FOR OUR WORLD

A call to continue to gather in prayer, seeking courage and humility as we trust in God's guidance.

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**Parish Office Hours**  
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**Mass Times**

Sunday 9:30 am  
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm  
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

**Confessions**

Saturday 6:00 pm

**Rosary**

Tues to Fri 8:45am

**Adoration of the Eucharist**

Friday before Mass 8:30am

**Novena to St. Joseph**

Wednesday after Mass

**St. Joseph's Primary School**

Principal - Adrian Grbin  
Ph: 8217 8300

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Michael Boyle Ph: 8337 3270

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Chair – Alan Tyson Ph: 0412 389 875

**Parish Finance Council**

Chair— Brendan Moran

**Safeguarding Contact Person**

Anne Dudzinski Ph: 0418 847 804

**Vinnies Assistance Hotline**

1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

ROSTERS— 7/8 Mar 2026 Second Sunday of LENT	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Josh Page Michelle Page Chris Chua
9:30am	Antonetta Bartley Grace Yeow Sheila Hoogland
Children's Liturgy	Tania Loro Montin Angela Mealey
Count team	Ignatius Wong Denise Rutt Paul Roocke Danielle Roocke
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Francesca Ciancio Sarita Ingham and volunteers

*All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass*

**PROJECT COMPASSION**



**Project Compassion Donation Envelopes:**  
How do I use them?

This Lent, like we did in 2025, there is a single Project Compassion donation envelope – rather than the six weekly envelopes used in previous years. This change was made to reduce waste and support our shared commitment to caring for our common home.

You can still give weekly by taking several envelopes at once or simply make your offering when you're ready. Thank you for *Uniting Against Poverty* with us this Lent.



*Let's pray together*

**Please remember in your prayers**

We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

For the Repose of the Soul:

**Ann Lang  
Grace De Zolt**

Death Anniversary:  
**Anna Chabaud  
Felomino Camiguin  
Joseph Quyet Khuc**

*Eternal rest grant to them,  
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.*

Sick:

*We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.*

**If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.**

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	21/22 Feb 2026
Open Plate	\$524.45
Planned Giving	\$303.00
<b>PARISH TOTAL</b>	<b>\$827.45</b>
<b>Contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund</b>	<b>\$675.25</b>

**Donate now to provide support where it's most needed today**

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate-now-form/#footer>

**ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS**

**2026 Archdiocesan Synod Working Document**

We are pleased to announce the publication of the Working Document for the Synod: *A Synodal Church on Mission*. The Synod Document comprises five Key Theme papers developed over the past six months by the writing groups; each theme identifies a series of recommendations to be discerned by the Synod. The full Synod Document is available as a PDF and audiobook at [www.togetherontheway.au/key-themes](http://www.togetherontheway.au/key-themes). Short synopses of each of the Key Theme papers are available in the February edition of *The Southern Cross* newspaper and at *The Southern Cross* website: <https://thesoutherncross.org.au/news/2026/01/30/setting-the-scene/>. All are encouraged to engage with the Synod Document in preparation for Dialogue Week conversations in your local parish, community or school. For more information about Dialogue Week visit [www.togetherontheway.au/dialogue-week](http://www.togetherontheway.au/dialogue-week)

**The International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles of the World - 1st March**

Our parish community is extremely blessed and honoured to host "The International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles of the World". Created by our first Millennial Saint, Saint Carlo Acutis, this exhibition will be located in our Maronite Community Hall at 379 Goodwood Rd, Westbourne Park on Sunday March 1. This spectacular exhibition highlights over 120 Eucharistic Miracles from all over the world, will start at 11.30am and be available for viewing throughout the day until 8.30pm. We are also blessed to have a Second Class Relic of Saint Carlo Acutis for Veneration throughout the day. After our 6.30pm Youth Mass, we will have a presentation on the life of Saint Carlo Acutis. We really hope you can attend this once-in-a-lifetime exhibition.

**Cathedral Pipe Organ recitals during Fringe 2026**

See the Cathedral organ showcased by a select group of organ maestros in a series of free lunch time recitals.  
Wednesday February 25, 1pm – Christopher Trikilis  
Wednesday March 4, 1pm – Jacinta Jakovcevic  
Wednesday March 11, 1pm – Amir Robin-Karas  
Wednesday March 18, 1pm – Val Estrella  
Sunday March 22, 1pm – Young Organists

**Cathedral Light Show - Adelaide Fringe**

St Francis Xavier's Cathedral is set to be illuminated like never before as part of an immersive light experience to be staged during the 2026 Fringe. Titled 'Cathedral Chiaroscuro', entry to the event will be from 8.30-9.30pm nightly (except Mondays), with architecturally mapped projections accompanied by a classical and choral music soundtrack. Audience members can move around the Cathedral to view the projections from different angles and expected 'dwell time' is about 15 minutes. Tickets range from \$10 for preview nights to \$15 (February 20-March 22). To book, visit [adelaidefringe.com.au](http://adelaidefringe.com.au).

**BIRTHLINE PREGNANCY SUPPORT**

Birthline is seeking compassionate volunteers to become Telephone Counsellors. No prior counselling experience is required – full training is provided through a FREE 10-week Telephone Counselling Course, held Wednesday nights, 7-9pm, commencing April 29 2026. Enquiries: [tcc@birthline.org.au](mailto:tcc@birthline.org.au) (preferred) or call (08) 8331 1223

**The Kids' Bulletin**

[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

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*What did Peter, James and John hear from the bright cloud when Jesus was transfigured on the mountain?*

*Look in the mirror to find out!*

*Jesus Shows His Glory*



In today's Gospel reading Jesus took three of His apostles up a mountain and gave them a vision of His true glory. He shone as bright as the sun- so bright they could hardly look at Him. But did you know that what they saw was only a tiny bit of the true glory of God?

It was so beautiful that Peter wanted Him to stay that way. He offered to build tents for Jesus and Moses and Elijah, who appeared with Him. But the joy of that moment wasn't meant to last forever. It was just a little taste of Heaven.

Jesus gave this experience to the three apostles just a little while before He went to Jerusalem to suffer and die on the cross. He knew that they would be terrified and very sad when He died so He gave them a preview of the glory He would go back to after He rose from the dead. That way they knew they had a reason to hope even when He was killed.

Sometimes we have awful things to suffer through too. Maybe a friend will move away or one of our grandparents will die. But we never have to give up hope because we know that eventually everyone who loves Jesus will live in total happiness in Heaven.

