

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4
A reading from the book of Genesis

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.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22
R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

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.**

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.**

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.**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10
A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

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.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 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: Matthew 17:1-9
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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.'

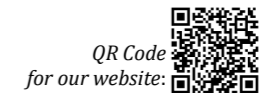
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY LITURGY @ HOME *(click below)*
Adults: [Sunday Readings - Sunday Readings Year A](#)
([weebly.com](#))
Children: [March 5 - Sunday 2 LENT](#)
([yearaprayingwithchildren.org](#))

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2nd Sunday of Lent, Year A

5th March, 2023

Worship Timetable—Moonee Ponds

Sunday: **8.30 am** (*Italian & English*); **10.30 am**; **5.30 pm**
Tuesday - Friday: **9.15 am**
Saturday: **8.00 am**
8.30 am—Reconciliation

Worship Timetable—Strathmore

Saturday Vigil: **6.00 pm**
Sunday: **9.30 am**
Tuesday - Friday: **10.00 am**

Parish Office Hours

Moonee Ponds Parish Office:
Tue - Thu: 9.00 am - 3.30 pm

Strathmore Parish Office:
Fri: 9.00 am - 3.30 pm



Project Compassion: The Second Sunday of Lent



Teresa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with homelessness, Teresa's only concern was finding stability for her children.

Seeking a better future for her family, Teresa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Teresa access housing and psychological support. Today, Teresa is studying a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community.

Teresa now works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available in the church, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

MINISTERS ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY 12th March 2022 — Third Sunday of Lent

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
8.30 am	A Savino	L Matthews	S Maurich	C Munafo
10.30 am	D Connors	L Connors	J Morello	L Butler
5.30 pm	M Passuello		P Duggan	B Matthews

CHURCH LINEN

March - Rosa Farfalla

CHURCH VACCUMING

TEAM 2 - Thursday 9th March at 2.00pm

Please remember in your prayers...

Recently Deceased

Angelo Anania

Anniversaries

Carmela Santilli Teresa Di Pietro
Gesualdo Farfalla
Giuseppina Di Resta

The Sick & Seriously Ill

Please remember in your prayers all those in our Parish who are sick and suffering serious illness, together with their families and loved ones who care for them.



LENT

Way of the Cross—Fridays

3.00pm Moonee Ponds—Italian
7.00pm Moonee Ponds—English
7.00pm Strathmore—English

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will be holding a Book and Plant Sale, Saturday 18th March 9 am – 2 pm at 154 Cotham Road Kew. Proceeds from the Sale will go to assist the many needs of the missions. Enquiries: 9817 3715.

Catholicism Video Series and Discussion • St Mary's Parish, Ascot Vale, is hosting a free program of videos and discussion using the documentary series **Catholicism** by Word on Fire Catholic Ministries. Journey with Bishop Robert Barron to more than 50 locations in 16 countries in a thematic presentation of what Catholics believe and why. This engaging program uses the art, architecture, literature, music and all the treasures of the Catholic tradition to illuminate the timeless teachings of the Church.

Time: Starts Tuesday 7th March, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, then weekly
Place: School Hall, St Mary's Primary School, Cnr Roseberry St & Ferguson St, Ascot Vale
Registration with the parish office essential: P: 9370 6688
E: ascotvale@cam.org.au

Parish Contact List • If you have not already done so, please make sure you subscribe to the new Parish Contact List —simply send an email to MooneePonds@cam.org.au with the subject line **Parish Contact List**



Heart of Life

Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation

A Contemplative Space (monthly via Zoom with two in-person sessions), 2nd Friday of month starting March-November from 10 am – 12pm (AEDT) with Leslie Hanger. An invitation to take time out and nurture your soul in a contemplative space. These monthly gatherings offer opportunities for meditation, personal reflection and time for sharing. The sessions will be held online except for May and November when the group will meet in-person at Heart of Life. This is a great opportunity to develop connections with others and support each other's contemplative journey. Join us for individual sessions or book for the entire 9 sessions commencing with 10 Mar 2023. Cost: \$25 per session or \$200 for the series. Book and pay by 6/3/23 via www.heartoflife.melbourne.

Understanding Your Personality Type: Gifts Differing (in-person event), Saturday 18 March from 10 am – 3.30 pm with Peter Malone msc.

Our graced selves, praying, communicating... This is a Myers Briggs reflection day. Attendees can complete the Personality Type Indicator form on the day. Cost: \$60 (BYO lunch). Book and pay by 15/3/23 via www.heartoflife.melbourne.



What do we do to deepen **communion**?
What do we do encourage **participation**?
What do we do to promote **mission**?

Vacancy - Casual Administrative Assistant • Right to Life Australia Inc is seeking a casual admin. assistant to work with a small team in East Brunswick. We are a not for profit lobby group advocating for the rights of the unborn child and campaigning against euthanasia. The position is for approximately 12 hours per week. Duties include database management, typing and mail merging letters and use of website/social media. If you would like more information please contact Mary Collier on mary.collier@righttolife.com.au or (03)9385 0100 for a position description.

Lent



prayer for the good of your soul



fasting for the good of your body



almsgiving for the good of your neighbor

Stewardship Corner

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you."

Genesis 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

Special Collections 2023	
12 th February	Pastoral Care Appeal
Lent	Project Compassion
7 th April	Good Friday – Holy Places
4 th June	Propagation of the Faith
11 th June	SVdP Winter Appeal
25 th June	Annual Collection for the Holy Father
13 th August	CatholicCare
3 rd September	Priests' Retirement Foundation
22 nd October	World Mission Sunday
12 th November	Catholic Deaf
10 th December	Melbourne Overseas Mission



Please join Catholic Theological College to celebrate 50 years of theological education at the

Sung Celebration of Evening Prayer
Guest Speaker Dr Graeme Blackman AO
Chancellor of University of Divinity

When: Sunday 5th March 2023 at 3.30pm
Where: St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

Enrolments are still open for Semester 1 at Catholic Theological College.

We have many areas of study that may be of interest such as *John Henry Newman and the Church in the Nineteenth Century, Pastoral Leadership for a Safe Church and many online options*

For more information contact: registrar@ctc.edu.au or visit ctc.edu.au