

LENT 2020 – WHAT PERSPECTIVE AM I LOOKING AT IT FROM?



The Lenten Season challenges us to grow, love and be resilient, amidst the ups and downs of life. Christianity isn't a promise of an 'easy' life, or a life without anguish and distress. Our faith is not a prosperity theology. Jesus is not saying we will not have struggles. Yes, we will have struggles, but our struggles will be manageable with God who reveals the pathway to a charitable life through humility and service. But we can gain a meaning, a purpose in the messiness of life. We see a glimpse of that grandeur today in today's Gospel's account of the Transfiguration.



The famous optical illusion depicting an old and young woman in the one sketch is an interesting example for us to contemplate over Lent. Depending on how we view the image – we can either see an old lady - hunched over, looking cold, tired, frail and wearing a shawl. Or, we can see a young lady, wearing a fur scarf, looking bashfully off into the distance. The two distinct images are hidden from the eye at first glance.

If we see our struggles as ends in themselves, then we will only see the image of the old frail woman, that can be a life of fear and isolation. However, if we see our struggles in the light of faith with the assurance of God's love, promised to us in Christ, then we see the young optimistic woman about to go to a gala ball . . . or perhaps a day at the races!! Both images (the old lady and the young lady), co-exist. Christianity embraces these two realities, the ups and downs of life, always with a message of hope, that good times are coming for each of us in our faith journey with all of life's ups and downs.

Fr. Tom



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PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: Fr. Tom Stevens

**MASSES: Saturday 9:00 am Communion Service and Vigil 6.00 pm
Sunday 9.00 am and 6.00 pm Monday: 8.00 am Communion Service**

Tuesday to Friday: 8.00 am Mass

Rosary after Morning Mass - Tuesday to Saturday

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5.30 pm to 5.45pm

PARISH ADMIN.: Tuesday and Friday 9.00am to 3.00pm – Brenda

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**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL ONLY BE
COMMUNION SERVICES ON**

TUESDAY 10TH AND WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH 2020

FEAST DAY THIS WEEK: Monday: St Frances of Rome.

125 years – BOOK ON St. PAT'S PARISH HISTORY to be written

After consultation, it has been agreed that a history of our parish of St. Pat's, Mortlake will be collated and presented to us in time for the church's 125th anniversary celebrations later this year. We aim to produce an easy-to-read yet scholarly book, which will be inclusive of the different stages in the parish's history and supported by a wide range of photos that reflect the parish's development from the 1890s to recent developments, including the impressive new school. This publication will be available for purchase.

We now invite the community – current and past – to check their cupboards for memorable photos and also to jot down any interesting stories about people and events in the life of our St. Pat's community.

We ask that any materials be carefully identified and left with the Parish Office, and they will be returned promptly. If you wish to scan photos, please send by email to the Parish Office (parish@stpatsmortlake.org.au) Thank you in advance for all contributions, which we will aim, wherever possible, to include in the publication.

During the next few weeks and months we will update you on progress of this exciting project, together with functions we will be holding to mark our 125th anniversary. **Fr Tom**

ST PATRICK'S MORNING TEA: As part of the 125th Anniversary Celebrations of St Patrick's Parish, everyone is invited to a special morning tea. To coincide with St Patrick's Feast Day, a parish morning tea will be held after the 9:00am Mass on 15th March. All are welcome!

MASS AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK: This will be held on Saturday 21st March at 11.00am. There will be light refreshments served in the hall after this Mass.

NEW SERIES ENVELOPES AND SECOND COLLECTION: Money received from the Second Collection supports the parish administration, pastoral programs (Children's Liturgy, Faith Education, Social Justice, etc) and buildings and grounds maintenance. A tax deduction of 30% is available for your offerings contributed via Direct Debit or Weekly Envelopes. Receipts will be available on request in July.

Contributions to the Second collection can be made via Direct Debit or Weekly envelopes. If you would like to support St Pats using either method please complete a form located in the foyer. Early reminder that the Second Collection weekly envelopes for the period commencing 5th April 2020 will be available for collection in the Church foyer from 28th March 2020.

Contributions can be made via the Tap and Go Terminal in the foyer. No receipt can be issued for Tap and Go donations. Enquiries Fr Tom.

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY: All Members of the Pastoral Care Ministry and those who take Communion to the sick, are invited to a blessing of the hands by Fr Tom this Wednesday 11th March 2020 at Noon in the Parish Hall. A light lunch and meeting will follow for catering purposes please rsvp to Betty Flynn on 87573307.

DIARY DATES

Monday	10.00am Bingo in the Parish Hall – Everyone Welcome
Monday - Saturday	Rosary after Morning Mass
Wednesday	11.00 Christian Mediation in the Lady Chapel
Friday's in Lent	Stations of the Cross after 8.00am Mass followed by the Rosary
Sunday	After the 9.00am Mass, prayer group to say prayers in front of the statue of Mary

RECENTLY DECEASED: Michael Geoghegan; Maureen Johnson; Francis (Frank) Crowley; John McAnelly; Gerard Lopez; Dovelio Favero; Brian Clarke; Ciaran Reilly (Ireland); Denis Klein; David Roberts; Assunta Cerra; John Costigan; Valerie Mordaunt (NZ).

ANNIVERSARY AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Maria Oliveri (30 Days); Sonja Moore (6th Anniversary); Beverley McGriskin (1st Anniversary); Marie Edna Parmenter; Gladys Parmenter; Peruzzi & Favero Families; Carmelo Tindiglia; Elizabeth O'Connell; William Smith; Ernests Barbarici; Italo Di Fuccia; Patricia McKeon; Mary Weichmann; John Preston; Michael Moloney; Mary Monaghan; Maureen Anderson; William Chambelain; Harold Williams; Francesco Garcea; Nellie Bailey; Josef Kazner; John Naylor; Noel Gurney; Charles Mathias; Jane Rawstrom; John O'Sullivan;

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: Please join the Prayer Group after Sunday's 9am Mass to say one decade of the Rosary and the Memorare for petitions received; John Walker; Magda Cassis; Sr Judith Clark; Nanette; George; Jill; Edward Azjan; Maryellen Partlin; Tony P; Marie; Loretta; Antonietta; George Cepak; Bill Young; Don Khoury. To have your own petitions included, please see one of the group, or phone Carmel Moliterno 9736 1718.



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