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5 & 6 August - TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD - Year A

From the Dean's Desk

Dear Friends in Christ,

This week we find that the feast of the **Transfiguration of the Lord** takes precedence over the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time. We hear the Gospel of the Transfiguration twice in our liturgical calendar: it comprises the Gospel for the second Sunday of Lent and on August 6th, (the traditional date for the celebration of the Transfiguration). The story of the Transfiguration of the Lord is found in all three Synoptic Gospels [**Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8 and Luke 9:28-36**], as well as it being mentioned in Peter's Second Letter [**2 Peter 1:16-19**].

The Transfiguration of the Lord is very closely connected to the Baptism of Jesus by John in the River Jordan. During his Baptism [**Matthew 3:13-17**], we hear of the heavens opening and the voice announcing: **'this is my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests on Him'** [**Matthew 13:16-17**]. When Jesus was transfigured on Mount Tabor we hear of a similar happening: **'this is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'**. The addition of this final line which challenges the disciples to listen to Jesus is significant. We note that Moses and Elijah are present with Jesus while he is transfigured. They represent the Law and the Prophets. Jesus approaches the frightened disciples, touches them and reassures them with the following words: **'Stand up, do not be afraid'** [v.7]. As Jesus speaks these words Moses and Elijah have left his presence – he stands alone with his three disciples. In his person, now rests the entirety of the Law and the Prophets. As important and influential as Moses and Elijah are in the story of the People of God, Jesus now becomes the sole source of God's Law and message.

The enormity and significance of this event is noted by the fact that it occurs on a mountain top. In Biblical imagery, the mountain is the place of encounter with the Divine. We see this in the lives and ministry of the two persons who attend Jesus during his Transfiguration. Moses is called by the Lord through the Burning Bush on Mount Horeb [**Exodus 3:1-6**] and he dialogues with the Lord as he receives the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai [**Exodus 19:6ff**]. Elijah, after escaping the wrath of Queen Jezebel encounters the Lord on Mount Horeb, not in the mighty wind, or fire or earthquake, but in the sound of the gentle wind [**1 Kings 19:8-18**]. For a brief moment, Peter, James and John are given an insight into the divine life of Jesus as they receive a direct revelation from God in the words spoken from within the cloud.

It is significant also that God gives the disciples a direct and firm command: **'Listen to Him'**. This command in its simplicity, will cause great angst amongst the disciples. They are commanded to listen to the very real and harsh words of Jesus in his three Passion predictions [**Matthew 16:21-23; 17:22-23 and 20:17-19**]. These three predictions though short hold the significance of Jesus' mission: he is not here to be served but to give his life for the salvation of humankind. The disciples had already heard the first prediction prior to the Transfiguration, and that event caused an incredible debate between Jesus and Peter, with Jesus equating Peter's line of thinking and speaking to that of Satan. It will be a difficult road for the disciples to travel as they journey with Jesus to Jerusalem, Calvary and the great commission in Galilee after his Resurrection.

The Transfiguration challenges us to see that our personal encounter with the Risen Jesus is important, that it forms the basis of our mission. It also challenges us to see that we need to move forward from that encounter, empowered by that encounter, into a world that may not accept the word and message of Jesus. This is the essence of Christian discipleship. Listening to Jesus as the source of our life, we are strengthened to continue to be His presence in the world. The Risen Jesus touches us and raises us from our fear and trepidation and simply tells us to have no fear. May our encounter with the Transfigured Jesus drive away our fear and enable us to take that encounter back to our everyday life.

Fr Robert Bossini,
Dean and Parish Priest



ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL WEEKLY TIMETABLE		LITURGICAL CALENDAR	
SUNDAY ◆ 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass ◆ 7.30am Morning Prayer ◆ 8.00am Mass ◆ 9.30am Mass ◆ 11.00am Solemn Mass <i>with Cathedral Choir</i> ◆ 6.00pm Mass		August Sun 6 Transfiguration of the Lord <i>Readings:</i> Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pet 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9 Tues 8 Mass -12.30pm- St Mary of the Cross (Solemnity) Sat 12 Mass - Marist Bros Bi Centenary - 11.00am Sun 13 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Tue 15 Mass - 12.30pm & 7.30pm - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)	
MONDAY TO FRIDAY ◆ 6.30am Morning Prayer ◆ 6.45am Mass ◆ 11.15am Exposition ◆ 11.15am Sacrament of Penance (till 12.20pm) (Mon, Wed & Fri) Rosary after Angelus at midday ◆ 12.30pm Mass ◆ 5.15pm Evening Prayer of the Church		NON LITURGICAL CALENDAR	
SATURDAY ◆ 7.30am Morning Prayer ◆ 8.00am Mass ◆ 9.30am Mass in ExtraOrdinary Form Latin ◆ 8.30am Sacrament of Penance (till 9am) ◆ 5.00pm Sacrament of Penance (till 5:30pm)		August Sat 5 Sacraments of Initiation - Confirmation Session 3 - 4.30pm Legion of Mary - 9.45am - 11.00am - Murphy House Tues 8 SVDP Meeting - 7.00pm - Murphy House Christian Meditation - 9.30am - Murphy House Wed 9 Playgroup - 9.30am - Cathedral Hall Fri 11 Cenacle Prayer Group - 1.00pm - Blessed Sacrament Chapel Sat 19 Baptism Preparation Seminar - 4.00pm - Cathedral Hall Fri 25 Sacrament of Confirmation - 7pm - Cathedral Sun 27 Annual General Meeting - 12.00pm - Cathedral Hall Thur 31 Novena to Mary Full of Grace - 7.00pm - Blessed Sacrament Chapel	
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS Mass at 8.00am (No Adoration or Confession)			
Download our App: SPCPP on Android or Apple Facebook—St Patrick's Cathedral Website: www.stpatscathedral.com.au Weddings by appointment only. Cloister Function Room - For bookings call Parish Office on 8839 8400 or visit our website		Parish Annual General Meeting All parishioners are invited to the parish AGM (Annual General Meeting) on Sunday August 27 <i>after</i> the 11am Mass. At the meeting you will hear reports from the Parish Pastoral Council on pastoral plans for the parish and also the financial state of the parish from the Parish Finance Committee. Fr Bob will also present his report as Parish Priest and Dean of the Cathedral on this day. Be informed on what's happening in your parish. Make August 27th a priority in your diary. Please RSVP your acceptance for catering purposes. Add your name to the list in the Narthex.	
Baptisms are celebrated in the Cathedral on Sundays. Download baptism form at www.stpatscathedral.com.au			
Credo Ministries Facebook: Credo Young Adults Email: credostpats@gmail.com			
St Vincent de Paul Society Family Assistance - 1800 606 724			
Legion of Mary - every Saturday at 9.45am at Murphy House.			
Playgroup Facebook: Parramatta St Pat's Playgroup			
For the sick: James Murphy, Slavko Markovic, Radhika, Jude Muttiah, Army Sosa, Paul Fung, Jess Arranz, Hanna Doueihy, Bill Jeffery, Margaret & Lisa Farrelly Special Intentions: Van & Annie, Anna Dadic (multiple offerings), Anthony Batley, Solomon & Rosemarie Romion, Guise & Maria, Lois & Cherene Casinado, Sebastiao Bugo, David Sarreal, Vincent, Mara Senjak, Henry Brown, Alex De Montas, Isabelle Louise Batley, Diane Ashton, Rev Nithiya Sagayaraj, Song Jia Lan, Xu Guo Dong, For those recently deceased: Hannah Doueihy, Labibe Kassoum, Fr Robert Kidd, Thomas Mooney, Rev Noel Sheth, Alfonso Quinones, John Behan, Jeff Adams, Noel Barnes, N'Kou Marie Therese, N Saywessn Paul August Marie, Fr Maurice McNamara, Ni Jong Yu, Amada Dizow, Godofredo O. Peteza, Emery Burgess, Sang Hai Wong Deceased: Deanna , YT Hsu, Sally & Frank Martlew, Sherwood Family, Victorio Gavilla, Maria Somy, Victorio Gavilla, Lucian Muttiah, Carolina, Andrea, Jolanda, Maximena Manlangit, Juan Montesco, Benjamina DeVera Geminiano, Bernard Muggeridge, Sr Noni Ball, Sunandar Wrijaya, Nancy & Robsima, Karam Karam, James Vuong, Victorio Gavilla, Anniversary: Clarence Newman, Pat Miller, Nolene Hughes, Shirley Tee Ten, Joseph Boulous, Emy Masangkay, Fe Masangkay, Paulina Vallejo, Max Swain, Valeriano Estacio Sr., Deanna Hsu, Emil Augustyn Sobolewski, Juan, Paul & Antonette Elogious, Juliet Noronha, Barbera Kierdal, Gilert & Spencer, , Jean Davoren, Delfin Aaracin, Maria Anh, Thong, Claudette, Fovad, Kozal, Maria, Madeline, Basha, Emil, Augustyn Sobolewski, Samuel Appathurai, Betty Royan, Annie Ellich, Mariyanayagm, Josephin, Edward Perpetuals: Juliet Noronha, Norm Hector, Joseph Malouf, Vimal & Kavitha, Van & Phong Tran, Kaddis family, Marcus Milly, Abel Moses, Anna & Frank Grainda, Frank Agostino, Bernadette Melhen and Sally Boujandy, Jack Barrett, Ann O'Brien, Ian Sanders, Don Andrews, Bill & Alice Kendall , Allan Kendall, Maria Patterson & Ellen Bancan, Sally & Frank Martlew, Giuseppina & Giovanni Rechichi, Maurice DeNiese, Fr Bray, Mary Coady, Mary & Jack White, Vincent & Rebecca Vella, Vincent Huang, Townsend, Walter Townsend, Watson Lee, Lucy D'Mello, Ferris Grugeon, McInherny, White, McWilliam and McGuckin families, Mary Abela, Royan & Andrews Families, Sally & Frank Martlew, Robert Andrews, Sylvester Family, Rogan Family, Adcock, McMillan families, Gabrielle Baker, Paula Cowling, Sherwood Family, McDermott & Starr families, Repose of the Souls in Purgatory, Deceased Parishioners of St Patrick's and St Monica's.			

Sacraments of Initiation: Preparation for Confirmation

Confirmation 4: Saturday 19th August 4pm - Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation followed by 6pm Vigil Mass

Sacrament of Confirmation: Friday 25th August 2017 at 7pm (Celebrant Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen).

The Cloister Café

The HOSPITALITY TEAM is amazed at the generosity of people bringing supplies to pop into the Donations Basket for Sunday Morning Tea.

Last Sunday, Rob & Ann delivered two types of herbal teas and a HUGE tray of chocolates. Thanks for spoiling us!



WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE KEEN TO CONTRIBUTE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS...

1. Place donations in the basket labelled **DONATIONS FOR THE CLOISTER CAFÉ** located in the café. (e.g. tea, coffee, biscuits, long-life milk, cordial)
2. Freshly-baked goodies to be used that day, should be left on the kitchen bench or handed to a Hospitality Team member.

**Come to the Café after 9:30 or 11am Mass today.
Everyone is welcome.**

National Vocations Awareness Week takes place from 6-13 August. It is a week to pray for vocations to the Married, Consecrated, Ordained and Single States of Life. It is also a week to reflect on and celebrate our own vocations. The first Sunday is set aside to pray for vocations to the Single and Married life. The second Sunday focuses on Ordained Life and Consecrated Life. Throughout this week, communities are encouraged to share God's call, and the many ways we can respond to it.

Stay connected

We have nearly 500 parishioners & friends signed up to receive the bulletin, liturgy guide and numerous other bits of relevant information via the St Pat's App.

What are you waiting for? Follow instructions below.




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 8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.
- For android users please see the website.

CREDO MINISTRIES

Connecting with our Youth - credostpats@gmail.com

	Junior Credo: EDGE	Yrs 4-6 Every Friday in school terms-5pm
	Teen Credo	High School Students 2nd & 4th Sun. of the month - 4pm
	Credo St Pats	18-35 Years of Age 1st Fri of the month - 6.30pm

Seminar – Understanding Family Law – Two Sessions

Solo Parent Services is running two sessions for our Annual Seminar on "Understanding Family Law".

The sessions are presented by an Accredited Family Law Specialist and will cover the following topics on the dates below:

Tuesday 8th August - Understanding the Family Law Act – Focus on Divorce/Separation and Children's needs.

Tuesday 22nd August - Understanding the Family Law Act – Focus on Property Settlements.

Venue for both Sessions: 38 Prince St, Blacktown Time: 7pm – 9pm

Cost: \$7.00 per session. **Registration Essential:** Contact Rita at Solo Parent Services - PH: 8822 2222 or email:

soloparentservices@ccss.org.au Please see flyer on notice board for more details.

Volunteers Needed at Chisholm Cottage

Chisholm Cottage is a four bedroom accommodation house in Westmead operated specifically to offer comfortable, affordable accommodation to people from regional NSW who are attending or accompanying loved ones to hospital stays or medical appointments in Sydney.

We are currently seeking Volunteers to assist with housekeeping, laundry and front office duties including washing, ironing, taking guest reservations and welcoming guests.

Are you interested in volunteering for either morning shifts from 9.30am to 1.00pm or afternoon from 1.30pm to 4pm?

You will work with the on-site Accommodation Manager.

Interested? Please contact: The Volunteer Co-ordinators, (02) 832 6432. Learn more about Chisholm Cottage by visiting <http://www.sistersofcharityoutreach.com.au/>

Free Family Event

A program of Spiritual Enrichment for families on the theme of the World Meeting of Families 2018.

Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World

Sunday 27 August 2017

1pm - 3.15pm

Mass available at 11am

BYO Picnic Lunch

Mt Schoenstatt Family Hall - 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa

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