

# PIUS VOICE

6th Aug, 2017, Transfiguration



## UNDER THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE OBLATES

**Parish Priest**

**Fr. Mathewraj OMI**

**Assistant Priest**

**Fr. John O'Doherty OMI**

**Parish Manager**

**David Cunningham**

**Mass Times**

**Tuesday , Wednesday &**

**Friday 9.15 am**

**Thursday 9.30 am**

**Saturday 6.30 pm**

**Sunday 9.30 am & 5.30 pm**

**Daily Morning Prayer**

**Tues, Wed, Fri 8.40 am**

**Thurs 8.55 am**

**Rosary: Tues, Wed,**

**Fri 8.55 am & Thurs 9.10 am**

**Reconciliation**

**Saturday 11.30—12.00 noon**

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**Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,**

Christ's Tabor radiance is a kind of mirror in which we glimpse the glory that God wills to give his friends. The resplendence of the Transfiguration reveals the fullness of life destined to be ours. The transfiguration story is recorded in the three synoptic gospels almost word per word. Jesus takes his three favourite apostles up a high mountain and the apostles were privileged to witness the inner life of Christ, when his splendour was revealed to them in this holy place. He is transfigured and glorified before their very eyes. In a short interval they become aware of the divinity of Jesus. They see Jesus in a new way that was humanly unimaginable and they want to stay there forever.

Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor was his exultation. It is rich in material for reflection and contemplation. He invited his disciples to have a glimpse of his glory. There is always something awe-inspiring about mountains. On the top the air is clean and crisp. The panoramic view of the surrounding country-side lifts us from the hustle and bustle of the rat-race, and raises our mind and heart to God. The top of a mountain is a natural place for encountering God. It is small wonder then that in the Bible God often chooses a mountain top to reveal Himself and His plans. Mountain indicates the divine presence. It was on Mount Sinai that God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses. Jesus gave his first teachings in the Sermon on the Mount. He was crucified on Mount Calvary and ascended to heaven from Mount Olivet. In transfiguration on the mountain we experience the divine presence and his closeness to us.

As we celebrate the feast of transfiguration of our Lord, we also should have great desire to behold the glory of the Lord. The first step to have this vision of the glory of God is to allow ourselves to be transformed from egoistic to altruistic, unloving to loving, and ever forgiving and forgetting.

If we are transformed on earth, we will be glorified in heaven with the vision of the glory of God. We should leave the path of sin, turn to God and let ourselves be transformed into the image of Jesus through his grace in us.

As we are at vocations awareness weeks it is good to know that the foundation of a vocation to the Priesthood is God's call. It's not command but an invitation. Last Tuesday Casmir Arul Omi, was ordained to the Priesthood in India, We congratulate Fr Casmir. Br Thuan from Sydney who has completed his novitiate and made his first vows. Br Josh Nash from Tea Tree Gully who renewed his vows for 12 months. Next week Stephen Cheon from Melbourne will commence his novitiate. Congratulations to these men. Please keep them in your prayers.

God Bless you all..... Fr. Mathew

### **THE FIRST SUNDAY OF NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK**

This first Sunday of National Vocations Awareness Week is centered on the fact that each person is called into the fullness of life by God. As Baptized Christians each of us is called by God and has a unique vocation to be another Christ in the world, bringing forth God's love and goodness. The focus this Sunday is on all vocations within the Church for the sake of God's Kingdom. And so this Sunday we acknowledge the vocations of all the Baptized and explicitly pray for Marriage and Family Life, the Single Life, and the call to Ecclesial Ministry in the Church. **SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR VOCATIONS To coincide with National Vocations Awareness Week, next weekend**. Through this appeal you will be contributing to the formation and training of Priests and Deacons for service in the Archdiocese

### **1st Communion students this weekend at 6.30pm Mass**

We congratulate the following students from St Paul's college and Kildare who will celebrate the sacrament this weekend. Joshua, Cody, Mitchell John, Joshua Joseph, Danielle, Jed, Christian, Toby, Joseph Paul, Max, Tyer, Taylan & Lucas.

### **RCIA**

RCIA is for those wishing to explore the possibility of becoming Catholic. We are getting ready to start a new group for anyone who is interested in joining our journey to explore our Catholic faith. If you or anyone you know may be interested please contact Kay on 8261 8501 or parish office on 82612428. The next course will be commencing soon.

### **The Australian Church Women**

The Australian Church Women invite parishioners to attend a Community Concern Morning Tea on Tuesday, 29 August at 10 am at the Tea Tree Gully Uniting Church 592-600 Milne Road, Banksia Park. Donation \$5. Trading Table. Guest speaker from Team TLC which supports carers of people living with Younger Onset Dementia. RSVP/Enquiries: Margaret Roberts 0411 097 562

### **60 year celebration**

To celebrate 60 years of the Oblates in Adelaide and our parish a special concelebrated Mass will be held on Sunday 3rd September at 9.30am followed by sausage sizzle. All welcome.

### **Deacon to visit parish**

On the feast of St Lawrence on 10th August the Archbishop has asked the Permanente Deacons to move around the parishes to talk on Deaconate. Deacon Arturo Jimenea from Salisbury parish will visit on weekend 19th / 20th August. He will speak at the two evening Masses.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Charlie Bell, Cynthia Edwards, Denzil Simmons, Elisabeth Burns, Graham Smith, (terminal cancer), Fr Pat Moroney OMI (recent heart problems), Helen Durkin, Ian Wallace, Margaret Baughn, Mary Meatheringham, Maureen Simmons, Pam Tully, Tony Petrie, Roger Price.

Recently Deceased :- Brigitte Van de Water

**Parish Prayer Network:**

Prayers for any need. All you need to do is call one of the following: Marie 8264 9569, Maureen 8261 6906 or Beth 8396 2079

**Mass Intentions this week**

10th Patricia Doherty 4th Anniversary , 13th 9.30am Dosh Zupp 6th Anniversary

**This Week's Saints**

7th St Sixtus II & companions, 8th St Mary of the Cross, 9th St Teresa Benedicta, 10th St Lawrence, 11th St Clare

**Next Week's Readings 19th Sunday of Year A:**

1 Kgs 19:9.11-13 , Rom 9:1-5 , Mt 14:22-33

**Vinnies Food Bank**

**This week— WEETBIX, BREAKFAST CEREAL, RICE, FULL CREAM LONG LIFE MILK, PASTA, PASTA SAUCE, Cans of Tomatoes, Jam, Milo, Vegemite. Items for baby layettes: cotton vests, socks or booties, nappies, nappy pins, disposable nappies, cotton blankets, cotton sheets, towels, soap, wipes, wash cloths, baby shampoo, bibs, onesies, wool.**

**Thank you**

Jenni Zupp wishes to thank parishioners for the collection of used stamps for Salesian Overseas Missions. Please leave a boarder of 4mm around the stamp when you tear the stamp off.

**Ministry Roster 12/13 August**

**6.30pm** C Anna Szczepanik, R1 Sr Pat Keane RSJ, R2 Mary Grace Estrada, E1 Roman Szczepanik E2 David Lloyd, E3 Pat Beaven, E4 M James Lloyd.

**9.30am** C Margaret Duggan, R1 Roderick Essery, R2 Betty Vowles, E1 Jos Hensing, E2 Norma Barretto, E3 Peggy McNeil, E4 Annette Stone, M Peter Roberts.

**5.30pm** C Amy Bartjes, R1 Susan Timpani, R2 Alex Kaminski, E1 Terry Roberts, E2 Stuart Feirclough, E3 Maria Cid, E4 Sanjay Mohanaraj M

**Church Cleaners:** Team F Bona Family

**Altar Linen:** Trish

**First Reading** Dn 7:9-10. 13-14

**A reading from the book of Daniel**

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9. R. vv.1. 9.**

**(R.) The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.**

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, let all the coastlands be glad. Cloud and darkness are his raiment; his throne, justice and right. **(R.)**

2 The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth. The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. **(R.)**

3. For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth exalted far above all spirits. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 2 Pt 1:16-19

**A reading from the second letter of St Peter**

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Mt 17:1-9

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

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.'