

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 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.

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## GOSPEL

Mk 9: 2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to Mark.

*This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi', he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah'. He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him'. Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## THE GIFT OF GOD'S OWN SON

In the second week of Lent, we are taken to an encounter of God with Abraham where he is asked to sacrifice his son. This seems incomprehensible to us. Is this the ultimate sign of commitment or faithfulness to God? If it is a test, Abraham shows his fidelity but the sacrificing of Isaac doesn't happen. God spares Abraham's son. This reading is in direct confrontation with the second reading from Romans where "God did not spare God's own son." These words are stark and a testament to the faithfulness and compassion of God.

This invites our attention to the enormity of God's gift echoed in the words of Jesus: "God loved the world so much, he gave his only Son" (John 3:16). It is in this context that we embrace the transfiguration. This is the second occasion in Mark's Gospel where Jesus is revealed to be God's son. In light of the dazzling appearance of Jesus with Moses and Elijah and the voice from heaven, we see these disciples in fear. Occurring shortly after Jesus has revealed his fate, these leaders, Peter, James and John, witness this event and when it subsides and they go down the mountain, they are told not to say anything till the Son of Man has risen from the dead. This is baffling. They are distressed about what "rising from the dead" could mean. This insight into the community of Mark may also intersect with our own searchings. How do we understand God's gift in the death and resurrection of God's own son?

Dr Rosemary Canavan



# THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / B

25 FEBRUARY 2024

## FIRST READING

Gen 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis.

*The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.*

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son', God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

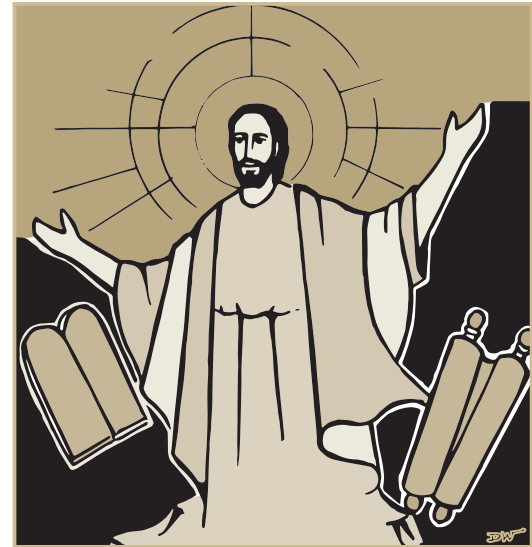
■ The word of the Lord.

## RESP PSALM

Ps 115: 10, 15-19. R. 114: 9

**R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

1. I trusted, even when I said: / 'I am sorely afflicted.' / O precious in the eyes of the Lord / is the death of his faithful. **R.**



2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; / you have loosened my bonds. / A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: / I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil / before all his people, / in the courts of the house of the Lord, / in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Rom 8: 31-34

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

*God did not spare his own Son.*

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

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Welcome to  
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## 2nd Sunday of Lent

### Reflection:

Like the disciples, we periodically need to go to a “listening place,” our own private “mountain top.” This Lent, why not set aside a few minutes each day to read and meditate on the scriptures? If our parish is offering a Lenten scripture series we might want to attend and, with other disciples, “listen to Jesus.” We don’t have to travel very far to find a “mountain top” to listen to the Good News Jesus has for us.

### So we ask ourselves:

- Is there so much noise and rush in my life that I have no time for prayer and reflection?
- Have I ever had a “mountain top” experience when I felt God was close and spoke a word to me?
- What effect did that experience have on my life?

## Pilgrimage to Shrines of Italy

Come walk in the Footsteps of St Francis, on an 11 day Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy from 3-13 Nov 2024. Visit St Mary of the Angel in Assisi, Church of San Francesco, Lanciaio (Eucharistic Miracle Church). Visit the Shrine of San Padre Pio and his uncorruptible body. We will also be going to Rome to visit the Vatican and St Peters Basilica. Full Board cost is \$6518 for 25 paying persons. For the itinerary and booking form, do whatsapp us or call us at 0433 771 979 (Sheila) or 0402 290 827 (Veronica).  
Email: info@anawimjourneys.com

### MASS THIS WEEKEND

*The Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before weekend Masses.*

Sat 24 Feb 6pm	Tommy Flannery	St Dom
Sun 25 Feb 8am		OLGC
Sun 25 Feb 9.30am	Peter Riney	St Dom

### MASS DURING THE WEEK

Tues 27 Feb 7pm	St Dom
Wed 28 Feb 9am	St Dom
Thurs 29 Feb 9am	OLGC
Fri 1 March 9am	St Dom
Sat 2 March 9am	St Dom

Healing Mass

### MASS NEXT WEEKEND

Sat 2 March 6pm	St Dom
Sun 3 March 8am	OLGC
Sun 3 March 9.30am	St Dom

*Reconciliation will be celebrated before & after every weekend Mass or by appointment. Contact Fr Bernard 9245 3899 or parish office 9446 1666 to receive Communion at home if you can't attend Mass.*

## Stations of the Cross: Fridays of Lent

Beginning Friday 16 February  
6pm at St Dominic's and 7pm at OLGC

## The Journey of Forgiveness

During the season of Lent, as part of our preparation for Easter, we are going to explore “The Journey of Forgiveness”. You are encouraged to join us each Monday between 7.00pm-7.45pm at St Dominic's.  
All are welcome.

### Parish Contact List

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### Upcoming Events

27 Feb: Senior's lunch 12 noon Swan Lake Chinese

Rosters this weekend	24 Feb 6pm St Dom	25 Feb 8am OLGC	25 Feb 9.30am St Dom
Readers	M Munckton	K Wear	C Pilot
Acolyte	Boni		D Ee
Offertory Procession		W McC E Jeffery	
Altar Society	Group 1	I Rodriguez	
Morning Tea		L Howell D D'Souza	
EMHC	Pablo, Berly		Gillian, Luke

Rosters next weekend	2 March 6pm St Dom	3 March 8am OLGC	3 March 9.30am St Dom
Readers	K Hart	M Smith	G Rodriguez
Acolyte	I Azzalin		I Baviah
Offertory Procession		B Croxford M Tester	
Altar Society	Group 2	K Wear E Jeffery	
Morning Tea		K Wear E Jeffery	
EMHC	Ward, Peggy		Ben, Anna

### Safeguarding Officers

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