



Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Matthew 17:1-3

This was not the first time that the Son of God spoke to Moses and Elijah on a high mountain. Recall that Moses was called up to Mount Sinai (also called Horeb) to be with the Lord for forty days and forty nights, during which time the finger of God inscribed the Law on tablets, given to Moses to give to the people. During that time, the Israelites, from the base of the mountain, saw the summit consumed in fire. Similarly, Elijah, the great prophet, was called up that same mountain to encounter the Lord. He entered a cave and waited. Elijah then encountered a strong and violent wind, an earthquake and a fire. But God was not in any of them. Then Elijah heard a light quiet sound, a whisper, and he hid his face out of reverence as the Lord spoke to him.

In the experience of the Transfiguration, which we ponder today, the Son of God, now in the flesh, allowed His glory to once again shine forth. As He did, He conversed with Moses and Elijah in the presence of three of His disciples. These disciples were in awe, just as Moses and Elijah had been during their first encounters with God on Mount Sinai. These two great Old Testament figures now stand as witnesses of God's unfolding plan, revealing by their presence that Jesus is the fulfillment of all they had been entrusted to teach in their lifetime.

Moses' encounter with God on the mountain provided the foundation of the Law for the people of Israel. This Law guided them for centuries and ultimately came to fulfillment in Jesus, Who transformed the Law and elevated it to a new level by grace and mercy. Elijah's encounter with God on the mountain gave him direction to anoint kings to lead the people and to anoint Elisha as the prophet to succeed him. Elijah and Elisha continually preached to the people, calling them back to fidelity to the covenant God had made with them.

On the Mount of the Transfiguration, Jesus prepared three new disciples to continue the mission He began through Moses and continued through Elijah. Jesus gave these disciples the New Law of grace and mercy that He came to institute. The disciples were also entrusted with the prophetic mission of Elijah to call people to repentance and to fidelity to the covenant.

Today, our Lord calls all of his faithful servants up a spiritual mountain with Him so as to entrust to them the ongoing mission given to these great servants of old. Through prayer, God will manifest His divine presence to each of us if we are willing to make that journey. As He does, He will entrust to us His New Law and inscribe it on our hearts. He will command us to embrace the perfection of the love of God and the bestowal of mercy on others. He will entrust us with the prophetic mission of calling others back to God and will empower us to fulfill that mission in accord with His perfect will.

Reflect, today, upon this glorious scene of the Transfiguration. This image teaches us about the entire plan of God throughout time. Prayerfully ponder the idea that Jesus is inviting you to make the arduous journey up the mountain of prayer, self-discipline, virtue and holiness. Pray that your eyes will be open to see His glory and that this experience will inspire you and strengthen you to continue to fulfill the mission of God started long ago, until it comes to completion when He returns at the end of time.

My Transfigured Lord, You spoke Your divine will to the great leaders of old on a high mountain. You also entrusted Your mission to the disciples on a holy mountain. Please give me the grace and determination I also need to journey with You up the mountain of prayer so that I will be entrusted with the mission You give to me. Jesus, I trust in You.



**SCL
Social - Bus Trip**

Let's all be Irish on the 17 March.

SCL invites everyone to join us on this wonderful green day with a bus trip to Brisbane. There you will participate in Mass at St. Stephen's Cathedral at 10am where Father Gerard will be the celebrant. Then we head off to Western Rugby Football Club Toowong for 12noon lunch followed by Irish dancing and entertainment.

As we all know, there are no other peoples who can make merriment and have so much marvellous fun as the Irish.

Please invite your family and friends as all are welcome.

Date: Friday 17 March (**RSVP: Tuesday 7 March**)

Location: The bus will depart and return to Lumen Christi Centre, Labrador (44 Imperial Parade)

Times: 8.30am to 4.30pm

Cost: \$25.00 for bus hire (dependent on numbers). Lunch and drinks are at your expense.

*** IMPORTANT UPDATE***

Bookings for our *St. Patrick's Day Bus Trip* are filling up fast and only a limited number of seats are left.

Please register **immediately** through Christine by email **winlock2@hotmail.com** or by **mobile** on **0431 630 446**.

Lenten Program

Come and join us for an opportunity to reflect on ourselves, our community and our Church as we prepare this Lent for Easter

Every Tuesday for 6 weeks starting 28 February 9.30 am Mary Immaculate Church meeting room tea & coffee available

It will be conducted by Yuri Koszarycz

a long serving parishioner and a teacher of Theology at ACU for 30 years



Anointing of the Sick

On the 1st Thursday of each month at Mary Immaculate 9.00am Mass we will be celebrating the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

LENTEN SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES

During Lent this year the following devotional activities are available to enrich your Lenten preparation for Easter.

EVERY TUESDAY to WEDNESDAY:

GUARDIAN ANGELS CHURCH

1.00 pm Tuesday—1.00pm Wednesday: 24 Hour Vigil Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, silent prayer

12.20pm Wednesday: Rosary & Confession

12.50pm Wednesday: Benediction

EVERY THURSDAY: MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH

7.45am—8.45am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, silent prayer & Benediction

9.00am: Holy Mass

6.00pm: Stations of the Cross

EVERY FRIDAY: GUARDIAN ANGELS CHURCH

11.30am—12.30pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, silent prayer, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Stations of the Cross with scriptural meditations.

12.30pm: Holy Mass

**STOPLINE receives information about suspected abuse,
(information can be provided anonymously)
misconduct & serious policy breaches by Archdiocesan clergy, employees or volunteers.**

PHONE: 1300 304 550 EMAIL: aob@stopline.com.au

ONLINE: www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com

Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR)

Kerri Kleidon

Our Parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all our employees and volunteers and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.

RECENTLY DECEASED

By request, the names of our sick and deceased family and friends will be recorded in these books in each church

Please pray for all whose names are recorded in the Books of Remembrance

2023 Reconciliation Program



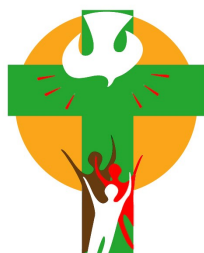
Reconciliation (1st Rite)

Wednesday 15 March @ 4.30pm to 5.30pm

Thursday 16 March @ 4.00pm to 5.00pm

If you have any queries please contact
Lisa Perkins on 5510 2222 ext 3 or
sacramental@scp.org.au

Dear Parishioners,
Paul Porter, a member of our Parish for many years, would like to start a Charismatic Prayer group within our parish. If you are interested and would like more details, please contact Paul on 0451 131 989



**ANGELS ON
SCARBOROUGH**

GIFT SHOP

LENT A SEASON OF RENEWAL



Please come and join us at Marian Valley Church for the feast of Our Lady of Fatima on 13.03.2023. The bus will be picking up at 8.15am at the Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters. The cost for the bus fare is \$25.00 return. You can secure your seat with name and contact number To Xavier Solomon 0404 843 260, Madeleine on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573. All are welcome.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Xavier on 0404 843 260

Volunteers wanted

We are seeking volunteers to work in our gift shop, Angels on Scarborough in Southport.

The shifts are for 4 hours either
9.00am to 1.00pm or 12.30pm to 4.30pm

It offers parishioners a great opportunity to gain valuable retail experience if needed

For more information please contact
Catherine Francis, Office Support
Monday and Tuesday
Southport Catholic Parish
5510 2222 or parish@scp.org.au

St Joseph the Worker Church

44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

Sunday Mass

8.00am

Weekday Masses

Monday & Wednesday 7.00am

1st Wednesday 7.00pm

1st Saturday 9.00am

Rosary

Monday & Wednesday 6.00am

1st Wednesday 6.00pm

1st Saturday 8.30am

Novena

Wednesday 6.00pm

Guardian Angels Church

99 Scarborough Street, Southport

Saturday & Sunday Masses

Reconciliation Saturday 4.30pm

Saturday (Vigil) 5.30pm

Sunday 7.00am & 9.00am

Korean Mass

Sunday 3.30pm

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Filipino Mass

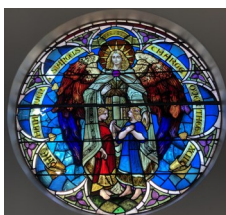
1st Sunday 12.00pm

Prayer & Adoration

Wednesday 12.00pm

Rosary & Mass

Friday 12.00pm



Mary Immaculate Church

31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore

Saturday & Sunday Masses

Saturday (Vigil) 4.30pm

Sunday 9.30am & 5.30pm

Weekday Masses

Tuesday & Thursday 9.00am

Adoration & Rosary

Tuesday & Thursday 7.45am

Gold Coast University Hospital

Rosary & Mass

Friday 10.00am

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Fr Gerard McMorrow PP

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