

# Tallangatta & Corryong

## February 28th - 2021 2nd Sunday of Lent

Please Note: Face coverings are required to be worn again indoors, this includes churches

### Looking at the Readings:

Life has its ups and downs. This was true, literally and figuratively for Peter, James and John in the gospel today. They climbed a high mountain and while on the mountaintop had the experience of their lives. They saw Christ in his glory accompanied with two great figures from the past and most influential in their faith tradition: Moses and Elijah. Peter, James and John wanted to stay there. They are the same three that accompanied Christ into the Garden of Gethsemane. They witnessed his glory and his agony. They had to continue the journey with Christ by going down to the valley and the plain and going back to the lows of ordinary life, work, criticism and hardship.

We need highs and lows. We cannot always be high, just as we cannot always be low. In our Christian faith we have feasts and fasts, dry times and rich times in prayer, great community gatherings and quiet and sometimes lonely periods. The challenge is to find and listen to God in all these times and situations, especially the grey and ordinary times. There are times of testing as with Abraham in the first reading and times of delight with Christ by our side and who rescues us.

### Quote of the Week

The great reason for the transfiguration was to remove the scandal of the cross from the hearts of his disciples and to prevent the humiliation of his voluntary suffering from disturbing the faith of those who had witnessed the surpassing glory that lay concealed. ... The whole body of Christ was to understand the kind of transformation that it would receive as his gift. the members of that body were to look forward to a share in that glory which first blazed out in Christ their head.  
*Homily of St Leo the Great*

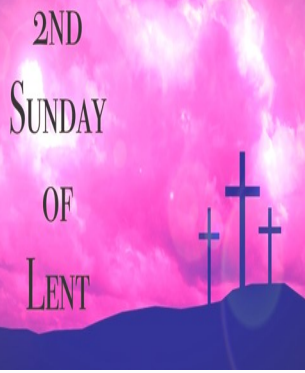
### Autumn Ember Day Prayer Friday 5 March

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. *2 Corinthians 9:10-11*

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the fruits that earth has given to benefit the human family and, we pray that, as the working of your supreme providence has produced them, so you may cause the seed of justice and the fruits of charity to spring up in our hearts.

### On the Lighter Side

Advent, Christmastide, Lent and Eastertide walk into a pub and order an eggnog, a shiraz, a glass of water and a sparkling pinot, respectively. The Barman says: "That's very Seasonal; nothing Ordinary about you lot!"



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### **Weekend Masses**

Every weekend

#### **Tallangatta**

**St Michael's Church**

**Sunday - 9.00 am**

#### **Corryong:**

**Sacred Heart Church**

**Sunday - 11.30 am 2nd,**

**4th & 5th Sunday.**

**Walwa. Christ The King,**

**1st & 3rd Sunday - 11:30am**

**Mitta North, St Joseph's**

**Sandy Creek, St Michael's**

**No Masses**

#### **TANGAMBALANGA**

**Our Lady Help of Christians**

**2nd & 4th Sunday 10:30 am**

#### **BETHANGA**

**St Francis No Masses**

#### **DEDERANG**

**St Joseph's**

**1st, 3rd, Sunday 10.30 Mass**

**5th Sunday 10:30 am Liturgy**

**of The Word and Communion**

#### **MT BEAUTY**

**St Joseph's**

**1st to 4th Sunday 8.30am**

**5th Sunday 8.30am**

**Liturgy of The Word and Communion**

#### **WEEKDAY MASS:**

**Sacred Heart Church**

**Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am**

#### **SATURDAY**

**St Augustine's Church**

**Saturday 9.30am**

#### **RECONCILIATION:**

**Sacred Heart Church Saturday**

**9.00am to 9.30am**

**Country Churches before Mass**

## Recent Death: Anniversaries:

If you would like your loved ones' recent death, anniversary or ill health acknowledged in this bulletin for prayers to be offered. Please pass this information on to the Priest or email Sonni at : [wodcath@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wodcath@bigpond.net.au).

**Sick:** For parishioners who are ill, their families and carers.

## Prayers of Intercession:

### **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B**

#### **Celebrant:**

Like St Peter, we believe that "It is wonderful for us to be here ...". In the divine presence, we confidently bring our prayers to our God and Father.

**Our Prayer: Lord hear our prayer.**

#### **Reader:**

For Pope Francis and the Bishops and other leaders of the Church, that they always lead us to our heavenly homeland: **Lord hear us**

We pray for the inspiration and courage to shine a light on global injustices, especially in places like the Solomon Islands where people lack access to clean water. May we let our own light shine unto others, so that we may be agents of change who bring about the kingdom of God on earth through our support of Project Compassion. **Lord hear us**

For the world, that the transfiguration of Jesus Christ may make us aware of the presence and glory of God: **Lord hear us**

For those in need that we help the poor, the lonely and the oppressed, so they may hear, through us, the favoured Son of God **Lord hear us**

For our community, that we always find it wonderful to be together in the company of God and his saints **Lord hear us.**

For all the sick in our community, those suffering from COVID19 throughout the world, those who care for them and those who have asked for our prayers: **Lord hear us**

For the members of our faith community who have died recently and those whose anniversaries we now remember that they may enjoy the blessed vision of divine glory: **Lord hear us**

#### **Celebrant:**

Almighty Father, with grace and glory you transform our lives; by these prayers, strengthen us, to come through the trials of this earthly life, we ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Readings this week:

Genesis 22:1-2,9-18  
Romans 8:31-34  
Mark 9:2-10

### Reading next week

Exodus 20:1-17  
1 Corinthians 1:22-25  
John 2:13-35

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

**Gospel Acclamation:** 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. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Lord, hear our prayer.

## Gospel Mark 9:2:10

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.

### **2021 LENTEN PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES Thursdays 25 Feb, 4,11 & 18 March 2021.**

*Jesuit College of Spirituality Prof Maryanne Confoy rsc, Fr Chris Gleeson SJ, Fr Michael Head SJ, and Frances Tilly.*

- ***The Spirituality of Ageing: A Paschal Experience?***
- ***Exploring Michael Leunig's Prayer for Balance – Aligning Our Inner and Outer Lives***
- ***The Years of the Suppression of the Jesuits***

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247 Flinders Lane, MELBOURNE

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## MARGARET'S STORY Week 2

*"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things, with great love." – Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

Margret, 39, is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands. She was born deaf, so she knows the challenges it poses to education and employment.

The school faced water shortages for about half the year. Staff and students would walk for up to half an hour to collect water for drinking, cooking, washing and growing vegetables. Then in April 2020, amidst the threat of COVID-19, Tropical Cyclone Harold struck, damaging school buildings and its vegetable garden.

With Caritas Australia's support, Margret's school installed eight large water tanks and provided cyclone-proof materials to repair the damage. It also helped the school to implement COVID-19 prevention measures, providing fabric for students to make face masks.

Margret's school now has enough safe water to supply the school's population of 150 and has the capacity to cater for more students. It plans to boost food security, by increasing its agricultural production. This will improve nutrition and boost the school's income, while building resilience to future disasters.

**Margret hopes that the school can aspire to 'Be More'.**



***"I am proud that our school community works together with Caritas Australia as our partner in ensuring that we live in a healthier environment,"*** Margret says.

In challenging times, it is often our instinct to pull back and withdraw into ourselves. It can feel especially hard to help others when we are struggling to satisfy our own needs, unsure what tomorrow might hold. The COVID-19 pandemic has stirred this feeling of unease in many of us and we hope for a more stable and positive 2021.

However, it is when life is toughest and most demanding that the gospel calls us to "dig deeper" and to go further. In Matthew 5, Jesus says "if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles."

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