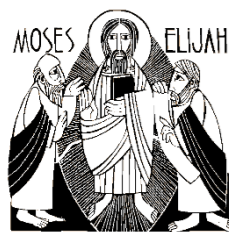


2nd Sunday of Lent Year A

28th February / 1st March 2026



Genesis 12:1-4

Abraham was sent on a journey by God and given remarkable promises. Abraham would become a great nation, God would bless those he blessed, and by him all the families of the earth would be blessed. It was difficult to imagine a more outstanding future. And all that was promised came to pass.

2 Timothy 1:8-10

Paul from prison wrote to Timothy, his "beloved child," encouraging him to take his share of suffering for the gospel's sake. The gospel was the power of God and a holy calling. Christ has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light.

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a high mountain where he was transfigured. His face and garment shone like white snow. Moses and Elijah talked with Jesus, and a voice from above said, "This is my beloved Son listen to him." As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus said "tell no one Until I am raised from the dead."

Next week:

3rd Sunday Lent
Year A

Exodus 17:3-7

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-42

Universal Prayers

2nd Sunday of Lent Year A

1. That we might risk our reputation to reach the social outcast as Jesus did. Let us pray to the Lord
2. That we might risk our health to minister to the diseased as Jesus did. Let us pray to the Lord
3. That we might risk offending our families by doing good works as Jesus did. Let us pray to the Lord
4. That we might challenge religious bigotry among our leaders as Jesus did. Let us pray to the Lord
5. That we might extend forgiveness to people who have betrayed us as Jesus did. Let us pray to the Lord.
6. That we might be will to suffer and even die for our faith as Jesus did. Let us pray to the Lord

Weekday Liturgical Schedule

Tuesday	Mass	8:00am
Wednesday	Mass	8:00am
Thursday	Mass	8:00am
Friday	Mass	8:00am

Confessions

Tuesday 3rd March, 6:00pm

Mass Intentions

Saturday 28 th	Bernard McRae
Sunday 1 st	Karl & Eilen Bucher Patrick Keenan
Tuesday 3 rd	Fr. Patrick Kenna
Wednesday 4 th	Marjorie & George Ingham
Thursday 5 th	Gai Smith
Friday 6 th	Bishop Peter Ingham

Diary Dates

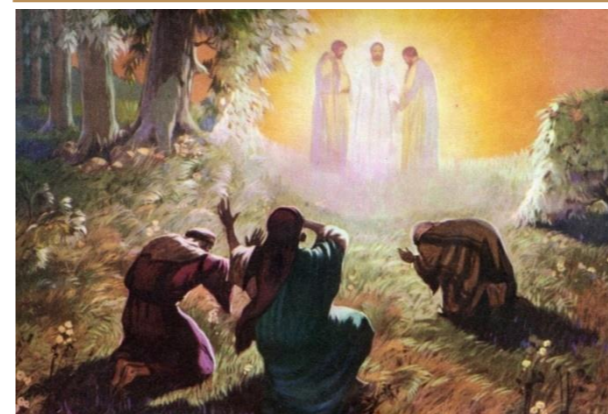
Choir Practice	Tuesday 3 rd March	7:00pm	STA Church
Woman's Faith Circle	Wednesday 4 th March	9:30am	Parish Hall
MMP Cenacle (Rosary & Reading)	Thursday 5 th March	5:00pm	Chapel
Men's Group	Wednesday 11 th March	7:00pm	Parish Hall
Morning Tea	Thursday 12 th March	10:15am	Parish Hall
CWL Meeting	Monday 16 th March	10:30am	Parish Hall
Scripture Study	Tuesday 17 th March	6:00pm	Parish Hall
Solemn Vespers & Benedictions	Sunday 22 nd March	4:00pm	STA Church
Conversations	Thursday 26 th March	10:30am	Parish Hall
Crafternoon	Friday 24 th April	4:00pm	Parish Hall

Lenten penance & obligation

The Church's Canon Law reaffirms our obligation to do penance. The special times of penance are all Fridays throughout the year, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and the season of Lent.

- We recall that St John the Baptist prepared for the coming of the Lord by "preaching a baptism of repentance." Christ began his ministry on earth with the exhortation to repent: "Repent and believe the Gospel". (Mark 1:15)
- Repentance means the rejection of sin. It implies conversion to, and reconciliation with God.
- Penance is the concrete expression of repentance. It takes the forms of prayer, self-denial, and works of charity. Each of these identifies us more closely with our Saviour. By penance we make satisfaction for our sins, and take real steps in the renewal of our lives. Penance is the proof of our repentance.
- Repentance and conversion are central, ongoing features of Christian living. Penance has to be a constant, even daily, practice in our lives. In nominating special times of penance, the Church encourages and promotes in all of us the habit of penance.

- Furthermore, observance of these special times by all Catholics throughout the universal Church emphasises what we call "the social dimension of sin". The sin of the individual member always in some measure affects the whole body. Therefore during Lent and on the Fridays of the year, we do penance, not only on our own account, but also in the name of the Church and of the world.
- We must take very seriously our penitential obligations and be sure to carry them out. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has not restricted our penance to fast and abstinence in all cases, it has left room for our own responsible choice. Where we make the choice, we should carefully select the form of penance that we consider most appropriate for our own circumstances and growth in the Christian life.



Lenten Devotions

Each Thursday during Lent, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11:00am – 12noon in the Church.
Each Friday during Lent, Stations of the Cross 9:00am in the Chapel

Garden Group

Next gathering of the Garden group will be held next Saturday 7th March from 10:00am. All welcome.

Catholic Grandparents Association

The next Catholic Grandparent's Association gathering will be held on; 9th March at 10.30a.m. at Geraldine and John's home in Mittagong. Anyone who would like to join us for 1hr, starting with a cuppa is very welcome.
Enquiries John and Geraldine Dayball:
Mobile: 0421 329 365
Email: geraldinedayball@hotmail.com

The monthly online Faith Café from Ireland is a social and spiritual space for grandparents worldwide. The zoom comes from Ireland on Wednesday; 11th March which is 6.30a.m. in Australia.

<https://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org>

SAVE THE DATE!
ST. PATRICK'S DAY
MORNING TEA

All parishioners are warmly invited to celebrate
St Patrick's Day at a morning tea, hosted by the
Catholic Woman's League

SUNDAY 15TH MARCH
AFTER 9AM MASS
INTHE PARISH HALL