

Dear brothers and sisters,

The full text of God's testing of Abraham is a masterpiece of narrative art. Today's First Reading (Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18) is an abbreviated version. It is worth reading the complete text at home. However, the story presents a troubling image of God who appears to be cruel. It is better to concentrate on Abraham, rather than on God. Our reading today also omits the exchange between Isaac and his father as they climb the mountain (vv. 7-8). The boy points out the lack of a lamb for sacrifice. Abraham's enigmatic response, 'My son, God himself will provide ...' reveals the depth of the patriarch's faith. In the end God does provide and he renews his promise of a multitude of descendants and good fortune.

Any ambiguity regarding the image of God falls away in the light of the Second Reading (Romans 8:31-34) which alludes to the First Reading. Paul is here arguing for hope in the face of suffering. If God has already shown such an extremity of love in giving up his only Son for us all, how could we think that God would stop there and not see us through to the fullness of salvation? How could God abandon us 'half-way' or, after such sacrifice, let us fall out of the divine saving hand? If God is for us, who can be against?

Today's Gospel (Mk 9:2-10) gives us Mark's account of the Transfiguration thus completing the picture of God's love and human suffering. The dazzling Heavenly brilliance, the voice of God and the witness of Moses and Elijah point to Jesus as the eternal fulfilment of all human hope. The Father affirms the status of Jesus: 'This is my Son, the Beloved', but adds, 'Listen to him!' – that is, listen to what he has been saying about going up to Jerusalem to suffer and die. The Father does not punish Jesus or require his suffering as an end in itself or even for our salvation. Jesus is a victim of the powers of domination in our world. His suffering is the cost of his love which does not hold back anything. Being God's 'beloved Son' does not exempt Jesus from human life and suffering as part of the divine plan of salvation. As we continue our Lenten journey, we are invited to enter this life-giving union of divine love and human suffering at the heart of the Paschal Mystery.

SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS



Sally Palmer



Barbara Taylor



Lyn Anderson



Mike Garay



Patrick Mooney

Today at the 9.30am Mass we will introduce and bless our new safeguarding officers as they begin their service. We welcome Sally, Barbara, Patrick and Mike, and their commitment to help us be a safe and joyful community for all especially children and vulnerable adults.

—*Blessings, Greg*



Look to Jesus

52 Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter

If you missed out on getting a copy of the Lenten book, Evangelisation Brisbane is giving the pdf version and the podcast as a free Lenten gift. To download please visit evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/Lenten-program/



LECTION DIVINA GROUP

Wednesdays after 9am Mass
In the parish Library

Please note, the Lenten series of Lectio Divina discussion will be meeting on Wednesday mornings from 3rd of March after 9am

Mass in the parish library. Papers are available for collection from the Hospitality cupboard. All are very welcome.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LENT

The service starts at 7pm and concludes at 7.30pm during Lent. PLEASE NOTE: *The Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of Mt Carmel will not be held during Lent. It will be replaced by Stations of the Cross.*



BIBLE STUDY WITH FR TADGH

Join Fr Tadgh this Lent to read *and discern Luke's Acts* of the Apostles on Thursdays at 7pm to 8pm in the parish library.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Margret is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the



Solomon Islands that suffered long-term water shortages and damage from Tropical Cyclone Harold. With Caritas Australia's support, Margret's school installed water tanks, repaired cyclone damage and implemented COVID-19 prevention measures, and is now planning to boost food security. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

CONGRATULATIONS...

We welcome our recently baptised little ones and pray that God will bless, guide and protect them— Lilly Fannin; Alexis Filpo; Ingrid Francis; Chloe Setiadi; Levi Kane; Eliana Cosentino; Lachlan Laffrey; Ansa Pangilinan; Stevie Shiels; Ivy Kemp; Mya Howison; Remy Wait; and Abigail Sheridan.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

An Ecumenical Day of Prayer with a focus on the needs of Vanuatu

Date: Friday—5th March
Time: 10.30am—11.30am followed by lunch
Place: St Martins Anglican Parish, Bramwell Wy, Noranda
Speaker: Rev. Jan Boyle
Cost: Gold coin donation

All welcome.
Please support this opportunity to join our Christian sisters and brothers in prayer.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH?

INFANT JESUS PLAYGROUP

Children aged 0-4 years are welcome on Thursdays from 9.30-11am in the parish hall. All children must be accompanied by their parent/guardian. Please bring your own children's morning tea. If able, we always love a gold coin donation to help with the costs of water, electricity, tea and coffee. For further details, feel free to contact Lucy on 0411 362 080. See you there!!



YOGA CLASSES with Marion Wayne

Begins again for 2021 on Tuesday 2nd March 9am in Joseph Room
BYO yoga mat & water bottle
All welcome—small fee applies



LINE DANCING



Monday 9.30am to 11am in the parish hall with a short break for a cuppa and a chat—All welcome—small fee applies

24:7 MORLEY YOUTH GROUP

For all youth in Years 6-12, bring along a gold coin donation, and friends! Every Friday, 6.30pm-8.30pm at Infant Jesus Primary School hall! Contact Catherine 0424196585 or Joe 0482687063 for more information. Find us on Instagram@247morley or @youthministry247



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Morley-Dianella Conference Meeting

Tuesdays at 7pm in the parish library
ALL welcome



In Our Church

Morning Mass: Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am, Sat and Public Holidays: 8.30am
Sunday Masses: 6pm (Saturday), 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian), 6pm
Reconciliation: Saturday 10 - 11am and 5pm - 5.30pm
Perpetual Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel: Wednesday 6.30pm
(Suspended during Lent and replaced by Stations of the Cross at 7pm)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday 9.30 - 10.30am
Eucharistic Prayer: Friday 6.30 - 7.30pm
Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments: Please contact the Parish Office.—Ph: 9276 8500

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Garden FUNraiser – Mother's Day fair

Keep up to date with everything that is happening by liking our FB page "Garden Funraiser"

Thank you to everyone who has contributed by donating all sorts of items, it is so much appreciated.

We are still collecting: Banana boxes, small smooth stones, fabric, any kind, but especially floral/garden themed; natural hessian pieces (clean) or jute string; larger pots; ceramic or décor pots, old metal buckets, basins, wheelbarrows etc; hand creams, soaps, bath products etc, to include in Mother's Day gift packs, Milo or coffee tin lids.

Cuttings cut off date: It is now too late to plant any more cuttings – **there won't be time for them to establish strong roots** before the day. However, we still appreciate your help in potting established plants or some flower seedlings so that we have some lovely potted colour on the day. It is time to plant ageratum, alyssum, cineraria, cyclamen, forget-me-not, French marigold, Iceland poppy, lobelia, lupin, pansy, phlox, primula, stock and wallflower, chives, oregano, marjoram, parsley, coriander. Potting Mix is available from parish centre.

Thank you so much to all our happy potters who have been keeping us informed about their progress – it truly is wonderful that so many are happily helping at home.



PILGRIM STATUE

This week in the home of
Mrs Jackie Sbbrocco
51 Fitzgerald Road, Morley.
Ph: 9276 4885

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently deceased: Edwin Bowers, Teresa Paonni;

Deceased: Peter Meek, Deceased family members of Le and Tran;

Anniversaries: Lisa Delaney and Helen Pittaway;

The Sick of the Parish: Trudy Berghuber, Natalie S, Sharon Rosielle, Phillip Mitchell and all the sick who are in need of our prayers.

"Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old."

NEXT WEEKEND — 7 March 2021—3rd Sunday of Lent

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Bob Burns	Eamon Delaney	Naveen Joseph	Marion Wayne
Altar Servers	Aaditya; Abhay and Abigail	Jamie; Mary and Elizabeth	Allan and Akash	Denver; Marcus and Noah
Proclaimers	Donna Marie and Clare	Sacred Heart	Rod and Barbara	Fely and Rita
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Hospitality	Rose and Milly	Angela and Mercia	Sophie and Joshila	Luisa and Anne
Church Cleaning	Team C — Saturday, 6 March @ 9.30am			

PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please arrange for someone else in your Ministry to take your place.

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