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### **Mass Times:**

- Weekdays: Tues to Saturday 9:15am
- Saturday night: 6pm
- Sunday: 9am, 11am
- Anointing/Healing Mass: 9:15am  
[1st Friday of each Month]

**YOUTH MASS: 2nd & 4th Sunday**  
each Month 5pm.

### **HOLY HOUR / ADORATION:**

- Every Friday after 9:15 Mass
- 1st Saturdays each month after 9:15am Mass
- 3:30pm 2nd & 4th Sundays

### **RECONCILIATION:**

After 9:15am Mass: Wed & Saturday

**YOUTH GROUPS: QUINN'S PLACE:**  
Year 7+ Friday's 6pm-10pm Community House / Hall / Church.

**ENCOUNTER:** Youth Group: Primary school age 3pm-4:45pm before Youth Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays of each Month. Community House.

### **Video Sunday Mass:**

#### **NEW SETTINGS FOR VIDEO MASS**

Watch Mass Live: Every Sun. 9AM

<http://vimeo.com/event/3606496>

Or go to website to copy link:

<https://www.stmacartansparish.com.au>

ALSO: at our regular YouTube link:

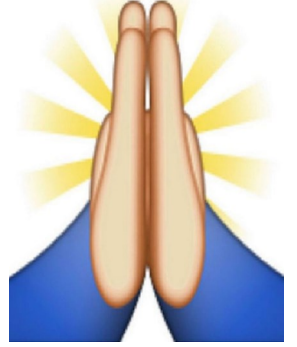
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### **Upcoming Holy days:**

- Sun 6th: THE TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD
- Tue 8th: St MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP, Virgin
- Thu 10th: St Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr
- Fri 11th: St Clare, Virgin

## **WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Pray for the sick and their Carers:** Tony Formosa, Betty Corke, Kevin Paganoni, Fiona Rush, Aaron Eastley, Bruce Reekie, Val Carr, Evan Senn, Adeline Lyn Tilden, Angela Turner, Laurence Turner, Roy Cahill, Poala Solvy, Geoffrey Lane, Terry Said, Kathleen Rose, Barbara Seymour, Barbara Hent, Collen Steele, Gai Beveridge, Barbara Hunt, Dr Ron Fitzgerald, James Tokarczyk, James O'Meara, Sarah-Jane Sharp, Pat Guest, Rhonda Vernon and Sinead Ryan.



**Death Anniversaries:** Peter Bastianon and Virginia Speirani.

**Recently Deceased:** Sylvia Pingiaro, John O'Donohue and Wendy Waldie.

### ***First Reading*** Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14

A reading from the book of Daniel

*His raiment was as white as snow.*

As I watched:

Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat.

His robe was white as snow,  
the hair of his head as pure as wool.

His throne was a blaze of flames,  
its wheels were a burning fire.

A stream of fire poured out,  
issuing from his presence.

A thousand thousand waited on him,  
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

A court was held and the books were opened.

I gazed into the visions of the night.

And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,  
one like a son of man.

He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence.

On him was conferred sovereignty,  
glory and kingship,

and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.  
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away,  
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

### ***Responsorial Psalm*** Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9. R. vv.1. 9.

**(R.)** The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,  
let all the coastlands be glad.  
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;  
his throne, justice and right. **(R.)**

2. The mountains melt like wax  
before the Lord of all the earth.  
The skies proclaim his justice;  
all peoples see his glory. **(R.)**

3. For you indeed are the Lord  
most high above all the earth  
exalted far above all spirits. **(R.)**

## **Second Reading** 2 Peter 1:16-19

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

*We heard this voice from out of heaven.*

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

## **Gospel Acclamation** Matthew 17:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight:  
listen to him.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel** Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*His face was shining like the sun.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.'

And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

*When this Feast falls on a Sunday, the Creed is said.*

## **Communion Antiphon** Cf 1 John 3:2

When Christ appears, we shall be like him,  
for we shall see him as he is.



## Have you thought?

### **Transfigured / Transformed**

*Jesus' transfiguration was a physical transformation that was able to be witnessed by his disciples. In our lives when we have many transforming moments but they are rarely as physically obvious to others as Jesus' transfiguration. Sometimes we fail to recognise a transformative event until well after the fact – sometimes years later. It might be nice if our clothes began to shine white whenever something significant and transformative was happening to us! It might help us to pay attention to the important and life-changing moments of our lives instead of letting them slip by!*

### **Gospel Reflection**

Jesus takes his most trusted disciples up a high mountain to allow them to share in what he knows is about to occur. It is a very clear teaching moment in which Jesus hopes the disciples are going to finally grasp the truth about him. As the disciples stand by, Jesus is transformed before them – suddenly bathed in light and his clothes become dazzlingly white. The disciples also see Moses and Elijah standing and talking with Jesus. Moses was the great Law-giver of Jewish tradition and Elijah the great prophet. Together, they represent the Law and the Prophets – the combined wisdom that make up the tradition of Jewish teaching and Jewish scripture. It is the Law and the Prophets that Jesus' life and ministry brings to fulfilment. It is fitting that Moses and Elijah appear beside Jesus, as the three figures

combined represent the fullness of Jewish tradition – the Law of Moses; the challenge and promise of the Prophets; and the compassion of Jesus that completes the other two. Sadly, the disciples don't really get the point of what they see before them. Peter, caught up in the moment, wants to build tents on the spot to mark the moment and to continue to dwell in the moment. Jesus, however, leads them back down the mountain – back into the valley; back into the reality of life; back into the tragedy that he knows lies before them. No matter how powerful a religious experience may be, Jesus shows us that we always have to return to real life. It is not possible to remain on the 'mountaintop' as Peter would have liked to do; we have to take the experience back into the everyday of our lives.

### **Historical Context – Moses and Elijah**

Both Moses and Elijah had powerful encounters with God on the top of a mountain – it is appropriate that it is they who appear beside Jesus in the transfiguration account. Moses travelled up Mt Sinai to receive the Law from God in the form of the Ten Commandments. When Elijah was fleeing for his life from Queen Jezebel he fled to Mt Horeb. The word of the Lord came to Elijah and told him to stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord was about to pass by. Elijah experienced the Lord in the whisper of a gentle breeze.

### **Living the Gospel – Down from the mountain**

Sometimes we experience powerful moments of connection with God or with other people. Sometimes this might be through a special experience of nature; a meaningful retreat experience; a powerful sense of being 'in tune' with another person; a reflective prayer experience; or some other significant experience. The temptation when we have these experiences is to wish that we could remain in the experience. The challenge, however, is to take that experience back into the everyday of our lives – changed by it without remaining in it.



## Pope's August prayer intention: For World Youth Day in Lisbon

*Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of August, which is dedicated to the upcoming World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, and invites young people to set aside fear and embark on a joyful journey to bear witness to Christ in our world.*

*By Deborah Castellano Lubov*

### Q & A with the young

Pope Francis responds to several young people from different continents who pose questions in various languages, including the Philippines, Brazil, Ivory Coast. Some ask whether the Church is just a relic of the past; why he chose Lisbon as the theme for World Youth Day; and, what is the hope for this inter-generational meeting of young people in Portugal. Pope Francis explains Mary's attitude is a lesson for all.



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Later, the Holy Father shares his desire to plant "a

ther shares seed for the

world's future." He also prays for a world which puts love at the center, especially at a time when "we are at war," as well as joy, "because if we Christians have no joy, we are not credible, no one will believe us."

### Encounter with Christ after the pandemic

According to Cardinal-elect Américo Aguiar, President of the Lisbon 2023 WYD Foundation, "the meeting is essentially a meeting of young people with the Pope, an encounter of young people with young people, and an encounter of each young person with the person of the living Christ." Father João Chagas, who heads the Youth Office for the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, says, "It is good to be able to pray together, to meditate on an intergenerational dialogue, a theme dear to our beloved Pope Francis." "After the horrible experience of the pandemic, of social isolation," he said, "I hope this WYD might be an opportunity for the young people of the entire world to meet each other once again, with the hope of living in times of peace."

### Ways to participate from afar

Father Frédéric Fornos S.J., International Director of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, said this month's Pope Video is one of the signs of the presence of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network in World Youth Day in Lisbon. "As of 2020, preparations for this event have been accompanied by prayer through the Click To Pray app, which is both the Pope's official prayer app and that of the meeting in Lisbon, regularly dedicating a prayer for WYD 2023 on the 23rd of each month."

During the course of this event, from 30 July to 6 August, he explained that the Click To Pray App will be available to connect WYD participants, and those who cannot be physically present but who want to accompany WYD.

They can do so by praying three daily meditations in both text and audio formats, available in five languages: English, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian and French.

## News from WYD Pilgrimage

*Olá!* Travelling from Melbourne to Fatima, Portugal is a long way. It took more than 18 hours to get there with two long flights and one bus ride. However, it was fun as we were socializing & helping one another and even playing riddles & games.

We were all tired and sleepy as we arrived in Fatima and it was Saturday midnight as well. We spent Sunday and half of Monday in Fatima, visiting the Shrine of Fatima and the house of Francisco & Jacinta. It was a breathtaking experience to witness the Shrine's grandiosity, spirituality and symbolism.

The shrine of Fatima includes the Chapel of Apparitions – exactly where Our Lady asked the little shepherd to build a Chapel, Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima, with its 65-meter-tall tower and Basilica the Most Holy Trinity Church. A modern piece of architecture with a capacity for 8,700 people.

There is a popular term at the Shrine of Fatima: *promessas de cera*, or "wax promises" which means burning devotional candles as a way of making prayers to Our Lady of Fatima. These candles are varied in sizes and can also be found in the shape of body parts. For your prayer intentions, three massive candles were burned and three five-decades of the Rosaries was prayed at the Chapel of Apparitions.

One of my many highlights was participating at Candlelight Procession on Sunday Night. It includes blessing of the candles in the Chapel of the Apparitions, recitation of the Rosary and processions in the shrine, with thousands of pilgrims holding burning candles singing songs of praise.

Visiting Fatima will only come to completion when one visits a plaza of souvenir stands, selling Our Lady of Fatima statues, rosaries, keyrings and many other religious items.

All the Melbourne Pilgrims are already in Lisbon, as I write this reflection. But all these pilgrims will be preparing for WYD Final Mass with Pope Francis, as you read this on Sunday. In between these, we will have very exciting WYD activities, Aussie gathering, Stations of the Cross, Evening Vigil with the Pope and many more. We will be tired! As we continue to pray, we also ask you to pray for us to have a surrendering heart to welcome the Holy Spirit into our lives. On a more important note, Padua Pilgrims are well, and they are loving every bit of WYD experience.



*Our Lady of Fatima, Pray for us.*

From Fr Jude



## **VOLUNTEER DRIVERS URGENTLY NEEDED!**

As announced last week. We now have a 12 seater Parish mini-bus.



We need drivers (no special license needed) who would be willing to go on a roster to:

- Pick up residents from a couple of local nursing homes, bringing them to the Church for 9am Mass.
- Taking the residents back after Mass & morning tea.

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## **SAVE THE DATE**

PADUA COLLEGE

ANNUAL QUIZ EVENING

7:00pm Friday August 11th

Ursula Frayne Building,

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**Table/ticket enquires:**

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## **Parish Footy Tipping Competition**



Last week was one of the hardest tipping weeks in memory.

Our tippers' average score was only 3/9. Undeterred, Lincoln retains the lead. She is still 5 ahead of Peter Keightley, Pauline Peters and Michael Barden with another one back to Doggies DF and one further to Terry Roberts and Geoff Walsh.

DO YOU KNOW---Last week the Peter Mac Cup was conducted to raise funds for cancer. Do you know which 2 teams contest it annually, when did it begin and who won their first game ?

Any competition queries or help contact [James: jflob@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jflob@bigpond.net.au) / 0418 491781,  
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# Jokes of The Week



**#1) "I got a better place in Jaffa."** A certain missionary on a study trip to the Holy Land was visiting Jaffa (Joppa) where Peter was residing when he baptized Cornelius (Acts 10). The breath-taking beauty of this small seaside town was such that it inspired the missionary to come up with this joke: At the Transfiguration Peter offers to build three tents, one for Jesus, one for Moses and one for Elijah. Jesus says, "And what about you, Peter?" And Peter replies, "Don't worry about me Lord, I got a better place in Jaffa."

**#2) Transformation in old age:** Two old men are chatting. One man says, "My friend, you must try this memory pill I'm taking. I remember everything. It's an amazing memory booster." The other man says, "Sounds wonderful. What is the name of the pill?" The first man says, "Hmm! The name of the pill ... Let's see ... Hmmm, what is the name of the flower produced on a garden plant with thorns? It's red ... You give it on Valentine's Day." The other man says, "A rose?" The first man says, "Yes, that's right!" Then, calling for his wife, he says, "Rose, what is the name of that pill which I take to boost my memory?"

**#3) Remember this old Sunday school song containing the basic servant-living theology:** J.O.Y., J.O.Y. Tell you what it means: Jesus first, yourself last, and others in between.

**Below - Our Archbishop Peter Comensoli**

**With some of our WYD youth and Papa Francesco.**





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6.00pm - Carmel Coles: 5975 3080

9.00am - Helen Britton: 0437 279 029

11.00am - Patricia Duryea: 0418 139 599

5.00pm - Danielle Field: 0410 596 637

### **The Transfiguration of The Lord – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

6.00pm Readers: Carmel McGrath, Marlene Tesmann

Eucharistic Ministers: Alis Fisher, Fay Murphy

9.00am Readers: Kathleen Ronchi, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Ministers: Frank Crea, Christina Llopart

11.00am Readers: Gabriella Fialla, Joan Clements

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandra Barrett, Evelyn Atkins

### **19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

6.00pm Readers: Brian Scantlebury, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Ministers: Tricia Hird, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: Michael Kerr, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Ministers: John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers: Irene Hackett, Terry Roberts

Eucharistic Ministers: Bridie Sexton, John Spaziani

### **20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

6.00pm Readers: Fay Murphy, Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Ministers: Alis Fisher, Carmel Coles

9.00am Readers: Helen Britton, John Azzopardi

Eucharistic Ministers: Marcelle Azzopardi, Delina Frank

11.00am Readers: Michael Harrison, Patricia Duryea

Eucharistic Ministers: Rosina Di Petta, Barbara Ensil



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