

THE STRANGE EXPERIENCE of the Transfiguration described in the Gospel took place very soon after Jesus had been recognised by his disciples as the Messiah. This acknowledgment on their part was a wonderful breakthrough and discovery in their relation with their Teacher and Master.

This had been immediately followed by Jesus telling them he would be rejected by their political and religious leaders and made to suffer and die before rising the third day. It is clear that this came as a terrible shock to the disciples. Their vision of the Messiah was of a glorious, victorious king defeating all the enemies of Israel.

The idea that Messiah would be rejected, made to suffer and die at the hands of his own people was simply unthinkable. It was a total contradiction of the whole concept of the Messiah as Saviour King.

Now it seems that this special experience is being given to balance out the picture. Only a small inner circle is chosen for the experience. It seems that these three disciples, including the leader Peter, are given a glimpse of the “real” Jesus to help them through the dark days ahead.

Full of biblical images

It is a scene full of biblical images. The disciples are brought by Jesus up a solitary mountain. Tradition identifies the mountain as Tabor but it does not really matter. Mountains are traditionally places where God is to be found. Moses delivered God’s Law from the summit of Mount Sinai. Jesus, the new Moses, delivered the New Law (the Sermon on the Mount) from a mountain. There was also Mount Carmel linked with the prophet Elijah and the mountain in today’s First Reading where Abraham took his son Isaac to be sacrificed.

Jesus is transformed with the dazzling light of God’s glory. We remember how Moses on Mount Sinai could not look on the face of God. With Jesus appear Moses and Elijah. Moses represents the Law and Elijah the prophets. Together they represent the whole tradition of God’s people. In being seen talking with Jesus, it is understood that they are endorsing fully all that Jesus says and does as being a continuation of the tradition they represent.

Peter’s reaction

We now have Peter’s impetuous reaction. He is totally overcome by what he realises is a uniquely privileged experience, “Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here!” He suggests that three shrines be set up in honour of Jesus, Moses and Elijah to commemorate the vision. The Gospel comments that he did not know what he was talking about. There never would be a shrine to Jesus except in the hearts of his followers.

Sacred Space

O L I V E R I A N

ST OLIVER’S CATHOLIC CHURCH, PASCOE VALE

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Parish Office Hours: 9am – 3pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Sunday Mass

Saturday (vigil) 6pm
Sunday 8.45am & 10.30am.

Weekday Mass

Wednesday 9.15am
Thursday 6pm

You can register through the parish website <https://stolivers.org.au/>
& Click “Join Sunday Mass”

Reconciliation

Saturday 10.00am – 10.30am

Reconciliation is held outside at back of church between church and presbytery.

FROM ST PATRICK’S CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 11AM: Live Streamed and C31 Televised (Channel 44 on Digital TV)

6AM: Channel 10 - "Mass for You at Home"

MONDAY - FRIDAY 1PM : Live Streamed. (*Link below*)

SATURDAY 8.00AM: Live Streamed. (*Link below*)

<http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> and

<https://www.youtube.com/user/archmelb>

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - 27/28 FEBRUARY 2021

Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken, seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Response to the 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!!

Communion Antiphon: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Please remember in your prayers the following:

Those who have died: Giovanni Cappello

Anniversaries: Betty Verduci, Hermogenes Tamayo, Thomas Watts

Those who are ill: Maria Coreno, Monica Wickerson, Joe Grech, Pasquale Buonomo, Sofia Ruggiero, Karen Hardy, Eileen Squires, Lamberto Cruz, Vicenta Santos

	27/28 February	6/7 March
READERS:		
Sat 6 pm	J. Pertile [L], C. Rowland [R]	L. Teoh [L], A. Borelli [R]
Sun 8.45 am	T. Baltatzis	M. Ziccone
10.30 am	L. Willason [L], C. Grech [R]	R. Robles-McColl [L], O. Aquino [R]
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:		
Sat 6 pm	C. Rowland	M. Pascoe
Sun 8.45 am	M. Bolitho	T. Baltatzis
10.30 am	L. Verduci	M. Dwyer

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You can register for Mass each weekend during Lent via parish website <https://stolivers.org.au/>
For parishioners unable to register online you can register as you come in.

Every Friday during Lent:
7pm - 8pm the Way of the Cross followed by Adoration and Confession.

Project Compassion Boxes and Envelopes are available at all weekend Masses on the weekend and during Office Hours during the week.



Congratulations to our Grade 5 school children from St Oliver Plunkett Catholic School, on receiving their First Eucharist on Saturday 27th February 2021. They have been waiting for some time. May this be the first of many. Let us keep them and their families in our prayers.

Happy Birthday Fr Michael

Wishing you many blessings on your special day Sunday 28th February.

Please continue to support St Oliver's Parish and Fr Michael. The link:

<https://bit.ly/CDFpayPascoeVale>

We are very grateful for your support at this challenging time.

COVID19 INSTRUCTIONS

All participants must wear a face covering in church at all times, unless under 12 years of age or have a lawful reason not to. Contact recording is required. Please come 10 to 15 minutes before Mass. Doors will close when Mass starts.

Please visit our website for the newest update from the Archdiocese regarding liturgical guidelines: <https://stolivers.org.au/>