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## SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:00am 10:00am 6:00pm

On the second Sunday of each month at 11:00am

Mass, celebrated in Filipino.

## WEEKDAY MASSES Mondays 9:10am Communion service

Tuesdays - Fridays 9:10am Mass

## RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays between 5:00pm and 5:30pm or after any  
weekday Mass or by appointment. Conducted only in an  
open space within the clear line of sight of another adult.

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Thursday after the 9:10am Mass for an hour.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every 1st Friday of the month during the 9:10am Mass

## BAPTISMS By appointment only. Baptisms are celebrated on

the 1st and 3rd Sundays and all Saturdays at 11:00am.

## MARRIAGES By appointment at least 6 months notice.

## Thought of the Week

"In the face of my darkness, You are light.  
In the face of my mortality, You are life."

— St Gregory of Narek (950-1003)  
Father & Doctor of the Church

## Second Sunday of Lent/B 25TH FEBRUARY 2024

### Gospel Reading Mark 9:2-10

On the second Sunday of Lent in each Lectionary cycle, the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. This event is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This year, in Lectionary Cycle B, we hear Mark's report of this event.

The context for Mark's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew's and Luke's Gospel. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his passion. After this, in each of these Gospels, there is also a discussion of the cost of discipleship.

In each case, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospel, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem.

Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfilment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed and that Peter's offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death.

We thank Joe Agostino, Michael Pisano & Joe De Jesus for mowing the grass last Thursday.

Fr Danai  
Parish Administrator

## Catholic Parish of Mary Immaculate, Bossley Park

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

#### (RCIA):

Heartfelt Congratulations to our Catechumens namely, **Ngoc Tran Ngo and Peter Nguyen Tran**, who will participate in the "Rite of Sending" this Sunday at the 8:00 am, Mass. Their names will be inscribed in the Book of the Elect to be taken to St Mary's Cathedral next week (18<sup>th</sup> of February) for the "Rite of Election", to be presented to Archbishop Anthony Fisher. Please continue to support our soon to be "the Elect" catechumens through your prayers and encouragement. Thank you from the RCIA Team

#### We pray for...

**Our sick:** Alan Biag, May Vargas, Josephine Schembri, Fr Joy, Ante, Massimo Baroni, Eddy Hrkac, Felicia Perera, Catherine Cordina, Sam & Teresa Barbara, Kathleen Grogan, Cveta, Joe, Zvonko, Francis Agius, Roman, Marin, Josip, Ed Malapitan, Rolly Rocela, Elizabeth Mifsud, Tommy, Darko, Steve, Gani Rael, Kate/ Edwin Bachar, Rita Francis, Diosdada Penollar, Magdalena, Marcelina Isagani, Carole Robertson, Sipina family, Rita Zammit, Edwina Borg, Bernadetta Russo, Lina (*Names will be removed from the sick list after 3 months unless Parish Office is notified otherwise*).

Please keep in your prayers the soul of the **Recently deceased:** Renza Martignago, Lilian Camba, Dennis De Martin, Gil Ilagan, John Svircevic, Zenaida Matias, Carlo Farrugia, Tobia Panuccio, Bruno Debortoli, Geraldine Jansen, Narciso Ignacio, Liliam Camba, Antonio Gooden Lapuz, Vincenzo DeMaio, Rita Malapitan, Joseph Francis, and those whose **Anniversaries occur at this time:** Nestor Belenn Guido Soligo **Other deceased including:** Gaetano and Agnes Cordina, Fr Denis Foley, Peter Sanfilippo, Anita Wilson, Miriam & Victor Busuttill, Edwin Zammit, Mario Todaro, Giuseppe Varrica, Sandro Oselli, Josip & Andelko Lozina, Grazia & Giuseppe Panuccio, Purificacion Ortega, Rosaro Violi, Juliana Medina & Rolando Olano, Thomas Yousif, Steven Suplat, Albert & Jean Montgomery, Thelma Fernandes, Mario & Antonina Sinacori, Frank Ieroianni, Angelita Bowrow, Slavko Kucinic, Ramon Umali, Pasquale Carboni, Anna Cattelini, Carlo Farrugia, Stefano Cantele, Anita Wilson, Margaret Bastic, Stephen & Maria Suplat, Francesco Papalia, Milagros Gaspi, William Barton, Reynaldo Morales, Bernard Gitz, Emmanuel Attard, Vincenzo Demaio, Vincenzo Oliveri, Domenica Oliveri, Carmelo Oliveri, Maria Oliveri, Vincenzo Bugge, Vince Fedele, Giuseppa Oliveri, Francesco Leuzzi, Nonata San Miguel, Michele, Concetta, Antonio & Giovanna Fedele, Antonino Vella, Mariantonio Pisano, Vincenzo & Anna Peci, Honorio Mercene, Guido & Bertilla Soligo, Marcello & Elsa Soligo, Domenico Soligo, Guido Pontello, Marcello & Angela Seraglio, Mary Mahony, Dulcie Soans, Giuseppe & Orazio DiMarco, Gloria & Sybil Roache, all departed souls in the families of Dimaano, Colomb & Mack & Bulner, Pontello, Smith, Sernagiotto, Soligo & Certali, Borg, Seraglio, Zammit, & Skondro families & all Souls in Purgatory. **May they rest in peace.**

**Other Intentions:** Ana, Marija-Marina, A Froio, Ljivicic & Serka, Michael, Melisa

### The Parent's information evening for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

will be on the 7th March at 6pm in the church.

Children must be 8 years old & above at the time of preparation. Please bring the baptismal copy and a \$50 fee.



## Parish Diary



|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Monday</b><br>26th February    | <b>9:10am</b> Communion Service<br><b>10:00am</b> Praise & Worship (Italian)   |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>27th February   | <b>St Gregory of Narek</b><br><b>9:10am</b> Mass<br><b>3:15pm</b> Altar Servers Training<br><b>4:30pm</b> Legion of Mary<br><b>7:00pm</b> Lenten Reflection—Deacon<br><b>7:00pm</b> Praise & Worship (English)                       |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>28th February | <b>9:10am</b> Mass<br><b>9:40am</b> Rosary<br><b>3:15pm</b> Junior Legion of Mary—Queen of Angels<br><b>7:00pm</b> Choir   |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>29th February  | <b>9:10am</b> Mass<br>Adoration after the Mass for an hour.  |
| <b>Friday</b><br>1st March        | <b>8:30am</b> Stations of the Cross<br><b>9:10am</b> Mass-Anointing<br><b>9:40am</b> Rosary<br><b>7:00pm</b> Stations of the Cross<br><b>7:30pm</b> Healing Mass-JHPGroup<br><b>7:30pm</b> Rosary-Disciples of Sacred Heart of Jesus |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>2nd March      | <b>11:00am</b> Baptism<br><b>5:00pm</b> Reconciliation<br><b>6:00pm</b> Vigil Mass   |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>3rd March        | <b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b><br><b>8:00am</b> Mass (including 1st Scrutiny)<br><b>10:00am</b> Mass<br><b>11:00am</b> Baptism<br><b>6:00pm</b> Mass  |

### Second Sunday of Lent

#### 1st Reading

Genesis 22:1-2,9-13.15-18

#### 2nd Reading

Romans 8:31-34

#### Responsorial Psalm

I will work in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

#### Gospel

Mark 9:2-10

#### Next Weekend: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20:1-17

Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

## Striving to be a “Loving, Caring, Christian Community”

From the Liturgy Office...

### ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS & MINISTERS: YOUR HELP IS NEEDED for HOLY WEEK & the TRIDUUM!!

Your help is required in the following areas to ensure our Palm Sunday and Easter Triduum celebrations run smoothly. If you can assist, please write your name and phone number on the helpers lists located in the Church Foyer. Thank you.

#### PASSION "PALM" SUNDAY:

- ✦ Donations of large and small palms are most welcome. (NO Cycad palms please as they are too sharp!) Please contact Parish Office to arrange drop-off or pick-up time.
- ✦ Helpers (especially a few strong, strapping men) are needed to help decorate the Church and Courtyard with large palm branches.
- ✦ Additional Ministers of the Word are required for the proclamation of the Lord's Passion during the Palm Sunday masses.

#### HOLY THURSDAY:

- ✦ Commentator, Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and PowerPoint Operator are also needed for this Mass.

#### GOOD FRIDAY:

- ✦ Ministers of the Word are needed for Morning Prayer at 10:00 a.m.
- ✦ Participants (Readers/Actors) are needed for the Good Friday Stations of the Cross.
- ✦ Commentator, Ministers of the Word (for Readings and Passion), Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Altar Servers and Data Projector Operator are required.

#### EASTER Saturday Morning & Easter VIGIL Mass:

- ✦ Helpers are needed to fill water bottles for the Easter Masses.
- ✦ Ministers of the Word are required for Holy Saturday Morning prayer at 10:00 a.m.
- ✦ Helpers are needed to decorate the Church for the Easter Vigil.
- ✦ Additional Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and Data Projector Operator are needed for the Easter Vigil Ceremony.

For any further information, please contact me at the Liturgy Office on 96096087.

Thank you and God bless,

Rita Cordina (Liturgy & Music Coordinator)

#### Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2024

##### FEBRUARY: For The Terminally Ill

Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

### Altar Server's Training

There will be an altar server's training (4 sessions) on Tuesdays 27th February, 5th, 19th & 26th March at 3.15pm until 5pm. Children must be at least 8 years old and above and received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.



## 3rd Sunday of Lent 2/3 March 2024

|  | Vigil<br>6pm   | Sun<br>8am                                 | Sun<br>10am  | Sun<br>6pm                 |
|--|--|--|--|----------------------------|
| <b>Commentator</b>   | B Borbe  | C La Delfa                                 | R Williams   | F Morandarte               |
| <b>Minister of the Word</b>                                | J Cordina  | C Aranda                                   | B Ventura  | T Seraglio                 |
| <b>EMHC</b>  | F Di Marco<br>E Sadsad                                       | Y Dawood<br>A Maiuolo                      | E Ventura  | R Morandarte<br>L Bykowski |
| <b>Data Proj/<br/>Musician</b>                             | Volunteer<br>Choir   | M Tran<br>M Vargas                         | R Mannino<br>Disciples   | D Maymac                   |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                       | A La Rosa<br>M Bahno<br>C Nastasi<br>M&G Agopian<br>J Bahbah | Volunteer                                  | B Rice<br>J Salameh<br>A Banbekian   | M Nicolaou                 |
| <b>Piety Stall</b>   | M La Rosa  | G Smith                                    | F Varrica  | F Morandarte               |
| <b>Counter:</b><br>Group 1<br>N&P<br>Redoblado<br>M Dandan | <b>Altar Linen :</b><br>A Trimboli                           | <b>Flowers :</b><br>No flowers during Lent | <b>Cleaners :</b><br>Group 1<br>Jesus the Healer<br>M Abogado<br>D Elizes<br>M Alejandro |                            |

### LENTEN SCHEDULE 2024

#### All are invited to attend the Lenten Reflection to be led by Deacon Mervyn

Every Tuesday at 7pm in the Parish centre, led by Deacon Mervyn is providing an opportunity for the faithful to come together to pray and to prepare for the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ, using the **Lenten Companion now available in the foyer**. Please register (clipboard in the foyer).

#### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday throughout Lent commencing on the 16th Feb. at 8.30am and 7pm in the Church.

#### 23/24 March—Passion (Palm) Sunday

Procession of Palms into the Church

Masses: Vigil 6:00pm Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

#### 28 March—Holy Thursday

Celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm followed by Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 11:00pm

#### 29 March—Friday of the Passion of the Lord

10:00am - Morning Prayer

10:30am - Stations of the Cross

1:00pm - Filipino Liturgy

4:00pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross

#### 30 March—Easter Vigil—Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer at 10am followed by the Blessing of Easter foods. Easter Vigil commencing (time tba) with the Blessing of Easter Fire, Lighting of the Paschal Candle & procession.

#### 31 March - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Masses: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12pm (Laos Community)

**Note : No 6pm Mass**





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