



St. Lawrence's Parish Coonabarabran

A Reflection on Today's Gospel by Greg Sunter

In all three versions of this Transfiguration event that appear in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, the context in which the event occurs is identical. That's a little unusual with these three gospel writers who like to put their own spin on events and often play with the chronology or settings of events. However, in this case, all three writers report the Transfiguration event as taking place immediately after a particular sequence of events. Jesus has asked the disciples who they think he is and Peter has made his confession of faith by declaring that Jesus is the Messiah. This declaration is followed by Jesus teaching about the demands of discipleship and then the account of the Transfiguration.

Furthermore, all three versions are directly followed by an account of a man who brings his possessed son to Jesus for healing after the disciples have tried and failed to cast out the demon. When all three of the synoptic gospels use the same story with little variation and all three retain the same context around the event then there are some pretty clear signals that this was a commonly accepted sequence of events and their sequence holds significance. The core message of this sequence of stories is about the faith of the disciples. Whilst Peter declares Jesus to be the Messiah, he and the others don't really know what this means. In the Transfiguration they are given the clearest possible indication of Jesus' identity and yet they're confused and scared by what they witness. The following failure by the

disciples to cast out a demon shows that they still haven't understood fully who and what Jesus is. During this Lenten season, like the disciples, we are called to consider who Jesus is and what role he plays in our lives.

PROJECT COMPASSION
"GO FURTHER, TOGETHER"



Week 2: Cambodia

Twenty-seven-year-old Phany, lives in a village in western Cambodia. Struggling to earn a living as a rice farmer, she was forced to leave her daughter behind in the village, to take up construction work in the city. Then in 2016, Phany joined a Caritas supported program, learning more productive farming and irrigation techniques. Her community learned to work together for better water management to combat drought.

<p>Mass Times this week</p> <p>9 Mon St. Lawrence's school Mass 11.30 PM</p> <p>10 Tue No Mass</p> <p>11 Wed St. Lawrence's 6.00 PM</p> <p>12 Thur St. John's Baradine 1.00 PM</p> <p>13 Fri St. Lawrence's 9.00 AM</p> <p>14 Sat St John's Baradine 6.00 PM</p> <p>15 Sun St. Lawrence's Mass 9.30 AM</p>			<p>Sacrament of Penance Wed 5.00-5.30PM</p> <p>Rosary Wed 5.30 PM</p>	<p>Word & Faith</p> <p>Bible Study Group Wednesdays at 10AM In Coonabarabran Thursdays at 8AM & 10 AM in Baradine (Except in Baradine in School Holidays)</p> <p>ALL WELCOME</p>	<p>BAPTISMS: Sundays at 11AM by Appointment: Contact Parish Office 6842 1043</p>
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We acknowledge the original owners of this land, and pay respects to the elders and deceased members, of the Gamilaroi people.



St John's Church Baradine

Saint Frances of Rome Feast Day – March 9th

The life of St Francesca (Frances) of Rome was never dull or boring. God called her to serve Him in every way possible for a 14th century woman: rich and then poor, wife and mother, then widow and nun. Her love for God's poor was so great that once she even sold all of her jewellery and best dresses in order to provide money for them! On another occasion, her prayers to God brought a poor widow's dead infant back to life!

In the midst of all this goodness, many of Frances' friends began to gossip about her saying, "Imagine a Lady of Rome entering the filthy shacks of the poor and actually touching those who live there!" Frances soon found that many of her relatives and friends were turning away from her. Yet she knew she was doing the right thing. She was following the Gospel teachings of Jesus. She continued her works of mercy while praying for those who persecuted her.

At the same time other sufferings entered her life. Her husband and a son were taken as prisoners of war, family fortunes dwindled to almost nothing, and her two other children died from severe illnesses. Did these things shake Francis' faith in the love of God? Never. She bravely accepted these events and carried on with her family life and religious activities.

(from Saints for Young Christians – David Previtali)

Readings for next week

15th March, 2020
3rd Sunday of Lent.

Ex 17: 3-7

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Jn 4: 5-42

Psalter Week 3

A Message from Bishop McKenna regarding Holy Communion

Bishop Michael McKenna is asking parishes to suspend, for the time being, the practice of offering the faithful, Holy Communion under both kinds. It seems prudent in this uncertain situation to take this small precautionary step of not sharing the chalice.



MOBILE MISSION 2020

IN COOPERATION WITH THE CHURCHES OF COONABARABRAN

BRINGING HOPE TO THE BUSH

FRIDAY 13TH MARCH – MUSIC IN BINNAWAY

6PM BINNAWAY BOWLING CLUB

SATURDAY 14TH MARCH – MUSIC OUTREACH

AT THE COONA SHOW

SUNDAY 15TH MARCH – CONCERT AT COOINDA

AT 10:30AM

SUNDAY 15TH MARCH – COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE

4PM AT COONABARABRAN TOWN HALL

FOLLOWED BY BBQ AT

COONABARABRAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Loving God

Thank you for the water that fell from the sky,
To quench the parched earth, to give drink to the thirsty
trees, to fill the creeks and rivers, to swell the lake, to
replenish the wells.

Thank you, heavenly Father, for the gifts you give us all.

What a gift.

Our God and Lord, that we may use the gifts we have from
you to exalt you.

One God, forever and ever.

Amen

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Salvation Army Mobile Mission: Will again be in Coonabarabran from the 12th – 15th March. Their program will be as follows: March 12th Thursday afternoon/evening – Concert in Binnaway (TBC), Saturday 13th March, stall for music and outreach at the Coonabarabran Show, Sunday 14th March, lunchtime concert at Coinda and Combined Church service at 4pm at the Town Hall (venue TBC) followed by a BBQ at the Presbyterian Church.

Beyond Words: Liturgy and Scripture through Art: Sr Susan Daily IBVM OAM, a Loreto Sister, has worked in Religious Art for over thirty years. Susan specialises in silk painting and in graphics using a variety of mediums including iPad graphic apps. 11th March – Dubbo, 9.30am to 3.00pm. St Brigid's Hall, Dubbo. See flyers in churches for details.

Shalom Carcoar Enneagram Workshops: March 12th, 2020: Introduction to the Enneagram: This is a one-day introduction to the Enneagram that not only helps you to identify core beliefs and unconscious habits, it also gives you a unique opportunity to discover other ways of being in the world. On March 13-15, there is a 2 day Subtypes workshop about creating awareness of our instinctual behaviour in the 3 areas of Self Preservation, Bonding and Social, so that we can relate better to people who have priorities in a different subtype from us. For more information go to shalomcarcoar.com

Job Vacancies – Are you a confident public speaker? Are you looking for flexible ongoing part-time work? Will you share the stories of suffering Christians? Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across Bathurst. For all details visit, <https://www.aidtochurch.org/work>

LENT is about

BECOMING,
DOING, and
CHANGING,
WHATEVER IT IS
THAT IS BLOCKING
THE FULLNESS OF LIFE
IN US RIGHT NOW.

-- Sister Joan Chittister, OSB

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#Lenticipation

PEACE entails a conversion of heart and soul; it is both interior and communal; and it has three inseparable aspects:

1. Peace with oneself, rejecting inflexibility, anger and impatience: in the words of Saint Francis de Sales, showing 'a bit of sweetness towards oneself' in order to offer 'a bit of sweetness to others'
2. Peace with others: family members, friends, strangers, the poor and the suffering, being unafraid to encounter them and listen to what they have to say.

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3. Peace with all creation, rediscovering the grandeur of God's gift and our individual and shared responsibility as inhabitants of this world, citizens and builders of the future.

Pope Francis, Message for the celebration of the 52nd World Day of Peace: Good politics is at the service of peace, 1 January 2019. {from Madonna Magazine Autumn 2020}

What to Give Up...

Give up complaining ...	focus on Gratitude
Give up pessimism ...	become an Optimist
Give up worry ...	trust Divine Providence
Give up bitterness ...	turn to Forgiveness
Give up hatred ...	return Good for evil
Give up negativism ...	be Positive
Give up anger ...	be More Patient
Give up pettiness ...	become Mature
Give up gloom ...	enjoy the Beauty all around you
Give up jealousy ...	pray for Trust
Give up gossiping ...	control your Tongue
Give up sin ...	turn to Virtue
Give up giving up ...	Hang in there!

Coonabarabran Roster				Mass Intentions
		8 March	15 March	<p>Please pray for the sick of our parish community and family members: Rodrigo Jaboneta, Regina Lemon, Sr. Madeline Breen, Bill Campbell, Jacinta Mallon, Greta Sutherland, Nancy Hadfield, Tim Forrest, Percy Milsom, Sr. Maureen Sanderson, Lisa Williams, Cedric Hicks, Ben Robinson, Fr. Tim Cahill, Jack Shannon, Sandra Wark, Charlie Knight, Margaret Collins (Sutton), Roland Soussa, Albert Markland, John Estens.</p> <p>Prayer for the Sick <i>Merciful God, hear our voices joined today With people all over the world as we pray for those who are sick.</i> <i>O gentle Companion, help all suffering people to recognize your sacred presence in the broken spaces of their lives.</i> <i>Send your healing Spirit to all who suffer the pain of physical, emotional and spiritual illness.</i> <i>May the gift of your presence be light for their long, lonely nights.</i> Amen</p>
1 st Reading		Kay Martin	Carmel Munns	
2 nd Reading		Nathaniel Higham	Maria Deep	
Commentator		Annette Estens	Noraine Railz	
Collectors		Mary Milsom & Raphael Milsom	John Davis Herbert Wuersch	
Prep Gifts		Kevin & Anita Tighe	Mary & Raphael Milsom	
Communion				
P1		Len Roberts	Natasha Milford	
P2		Margo MacKay	Mary Graham	
C1				
C2				
C3				
Altar Servers		Ryan Maher & Raphael Milsom	Maggie Shannon & Tyler Hadfield	
Computer		Natasha Milford	Beatrice Wuersch	
Welcomers		Ashley & Ruth Sparke	Lyn Tootell Margaret Jones	

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