

OUR FAITH



Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single

mother struggling with homelessness, Tereesa's only concern was finding stability for her children. Seeking a better future for her family, Tereesa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Tereesa access housing and psychological support. Today, Tereesa is studying a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community. Tereesa now works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



Mugga Hill Stations of the Cross

Next Sunday after the 6pm Mass there will be a meeting for those who are willing to help get the site ready for Good Friday. We need to organise a **Working Bee** and also people to assist on the day with parking, water, booklets etc. Please consider if you could be involved in some way. If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact Fr Greg, Mike Twohill or Dennis Crimmins.

REFLECTION

Think for a moment about some of the things you have on your walls at home. They don't have to be fancy or expensive. They might be photos of your family or perhaps of deceased grandparents. They might be prints of famous paintings or posters with sayings that mean a lot to you. It is very common that Christians have special things: crucifixes or images of saints.

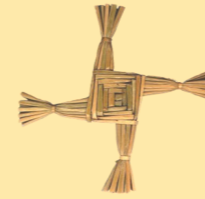
All of these things inspire us in one way or another. If ever you have had to pack up to move house and looked at your bare walls as you leave, they will seem empty and colourless. Art is one of the things that transfigures our world and makes it more beautiful. Other things do this as well: laughter, tears, cooking, music, hugs and sharing stories. They all transfigure our houses and allow us to see them as homes. They unlock the true potential of an otherwise ordinary space.

This week Project Compassion, organized by Caritas Australia, presents us with the story of Tereesa, a 27-year old Indigenous woman from western Sydney, the area with the largest urban Indigenous population in the country. Tereesa became pregnant at the age of 16. With your help, Project Compassion has been able to support the Mums and Bubs program run by Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation. This allowed Tereesa to find accommodation, gain skills and continue her education. She was also able to connect with her culture. Her glorious artwork was featured on the Wulugul Walk during Sydney's Vivid Festival last year. Her use of light and colour transfigured the environment where it was displayed. In so many places, Project Compassion helps people to achieve their vision.

Of course, the transfiguration of Jesus is unique. We hear in today's Gospel that Jesus took his closest friends to the top of a high mountain. His face shone like the sun and his face became 'as white as the light'.

A voice from heaven said "this is my beloved son; listen to him," Peter said how wonderful it was to be there. The transfiguration may have only lasted a few minutes but it was clear that Jesus' friends never forgot it. Like a work of art on a wall, the memory made the world seem very different. During Lent, we are also called to transfigure the world, to make a difference.

Catholic Parish of St Brigid's Dubbo



Our Parish Vision Statement

St Brigid's will be a community that actively lives the Good News of Christ. We strive to be Christ centred, welcoming to all and to encourage everyone to grow spiritually.



OUR WORSHIP

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A - 5TH MARCH 2023

Today's Readings: Genesis 12:1-4; Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9
Next Sunday's Readings: Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

1st reading:

A reading from the book of Genesis
The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22 R/v.22

*R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

2nd Reading:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Timothy
God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

Gospel:

From the Holy Gospel according to Matthew
His face shone 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.'

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel Reflection

Through the Transfiguration, Jesus reveals himself and his future glory to us. This glory is also a glimpse of the future glory of our final destination.

Do I believe this? If so, how have I lived to reach that destination?

"This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him"

Am I a beloved son or daughter of God? If so, do I listen to Him?



We acknowledge the original owners of this land and pay respects to the elders: past, present, and emerging of the Wiradjuri people.

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WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:
Colin Thomas
Frances Betty Scanlon
(Hillston)

ANNIVERSARIES:
Colleen Moffit
Jimmy Walkom
Geoffrey Gleeson
Margaret Oldfield

Masses to be offered for:

Special Intentions, Cecil, Kieran & Kay O'Leary, Melbourne Stephenson, Joanne Cheetham, Wally Coleman, John Joseph Reynolds, Deceased members of the Reynolds, Kingham & Ryan families, Prayers for Phillip, Neville Heron, Marguerite Taylor, Alfred Walsh, James Elliott, Patricia Bosman, Enid Porch, Luciani, Crisante, Sulpizio families, Maria Angeloni, Rina Mastellotto, Marcello Pavan, Special Intentions, Dick & Margaret Ryan, Jim Slavin (seriously ill), Colleen Moffitt, Paula Gray, P A, Val & Shirley Egan, Tom Nelson, Ray & Maureen Nolan, Judy Prentice, Don Egan, Greg Tratt, Paul, Phillip, Karen Van Denhoven, Marcia, Terry & Jim Fahy, Francesco & Bibiana Lappa, Lappa family, Arturo & Angela Marinucci, Dec'd members of the Marinucci family, Ida Mathes, Tim Meehan, Ray Meehan, Bill O'Neill, Tom & Joan Slattery, Dec'd members of McMillan, Munro & Olsen families, Madden, Duggan & Honeysett families, Jake Walton

Those who are sick:

Helen Barter, John Bonnington, Carmel Carolan, Molly Croft, Anthony Galea, Joe Gough, Brian Heron, Rachel Hobden, Brooke Kaluzyn, P A, Margaret Main, Mike, Hollie Mulligan, Neil Musgrave, Keith Newton, Pat Nitschki, Tom Schiemer, Mick Simmons.

Lord, may your peace
come upon people across our world
who are struggling in our present crisis.
May the hope of resurrection
sustain and comfort us.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen



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Open Monday to Friday
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2.00pm-4.30pm

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HOME ROSARY

Monday 6th
March
to Friday 10th March,
at the home of
Mike & Margaret
Twohill
4 Moonah Street
Dubbo
Commencing at 4.00pm
All are most welcome.

If you would like to be included
on the roster contact
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OUR LIFE TOGETHER

This week at a glance

Monday 6th March February
7.00am Mass St Brigid's
12.00pm Mass St Laurence's
5.30pm Choir Practice
6.15pm Pastoral Council

Tuesday 7th March
5.00pm Meditation
5.45pm Mass St Brigid's
Men's Choir following Mass

Wednesday 8th March
9.30am Mass St Laurence's
10.30am Craft Group M/Room 3

Thursday 9th March
10.00am Rosary Makers
5.45pm Mass St Brigid's
6.30pm Melody Music Practice

Friday 10th March
12.00pm Mass St Laurence's

Saturday 11th March
9.30am Mass St Brigid's
6.00pm Vigil Mass St Brigid's

Sunday 12th March
7.30am Mass St Laurence's
9.00am Mass St Brigid's
6.00pm Mass St Brigid's

Reconciliation
9:00 - 9:20am Sat. St Brigid's
5:00 - 5:20pm Sat. St Brigid's

HARD OF HEARING?

St Brigid's Church hearing loop can
be accessed by using the T-switch
on your hearing aid.



Every Sunday after 9am
Mass, come along for a
cuppa in front of the
Meeting rooms.



Dubbo Wellness Centre
Seniors Day was a very
successful event on
Wednesday 22nd
February. Thank you to all parishioners who
attended

Geoff is no longer in need of
USED CLOTHING
He thanks the Catholic community for
their support.

2nd Thursday Parish Dinner



"Pizza & Plonk"

9th March from 6:15pm
in the hall. Cost \$10



The sheet sign up is on the notice board in the foyer.

Please **PRINT** your name.

To assist with the ordering of food and refreshments,
if you put your name on the sheet, please make sure you come,
or else, if you are not sure, you can always ring the office on
Tuesday - 6882 4233

Bring along someone who hasn't been before.

Dear Friends in Christ,
As you know, we were considering a new appointment for
Father Laurie Beath after Easter Sunday, with Fr Dong Van
Nguyen to take on the role of Administrator of Cowra at that
time.

However, out of concern for Fr Laurie's health, this will not be
possible now. So, he will remain as Parish Priest of Cowra
as we follow his progress and support him.

I have now asked Father Dong to go to Cowra next week as
Assistant Priest, as part of the support for Father Laurie and
the Parish, for as long as needed.

I know that you will understand the need for Fr Dong to leave
Dubbo a little earlier than anticipated; and I know the Cowra
parish will welcome and help him in this new appointment,
as they continue to support Father Laurie, who has given so
much to the parish over the last decade and more.



Let us pray for one another.
+Michael McKenna
Bishop of Bathurst



The Parish Office is updating contact details
of Parishioners and New-comers to St
Brigid's.

If you have had a **change of address, landline**
phone number, mobile number of email
address, would you please advise the office, so that our
details are current.



Meals on Wheels

Community Volunteers Meals on Wheels

The Roster for **March** is on the notice board in the
church foyer of St Brigid's &
St Laurence's.

*If you are considering giving your time to a
worthwhile cause, this would be a chance to help a very
important service in Dubbo. Thank you to all volunteers for
this Community Service. Or, if you are in need of Meals On
Wheels, please call: MOW 6882 4083 or
Mary McCarthy on 0428 818 379*