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## Transfiguration Sunday 6th August 2017

**Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14;**  
**2 Peter 1:16-19;**  
**Matthew 17:1-9**

**“God places us in the world as his fellow workers—agents of transfiguration. We work with God so that injustice is transfigured into justice, so there will be more compassion and caring, that there will be more laughter and joy, that there will be more togetherness in God's world”- Desmond Tutu.**



Writer Arthur Gordon tells a true story about when he was young, his scout leader used to take them on hikes. After they had walked about 10 minutes, they would stop and the leader would say to them “tell me what you saw and heard”. Invariably the young hikers would only be able to remember a fraction of what they really had seen and heard. The leader then would say “creation is everywhere and you’re shutting it out by not paying attention”.

The same could be said about the Transfiguration of our Lord. For a few moments on the mountain Jesus shone like the sun. The Glory of him as God shone out brightly. The thing is, Jesus always had the glory of God in him, whether it appeared obvious or not. The Transfiguration was a momentary glimpse of what was always there but not always obvious. Today’s feast is a reminder for us to open our eyes and ears and hearts to God and notice the glory of God shining out around us in the ordinary as well in the extraordinary.

Speaking of people shining light, the Old Testament has the example of Moses, who after speaking with God, in prayer, Moses is described as coming away from this holy meeting glowing...his face shining with light..... The encounter with the “God of glory and light made him glow..... In the case of Moses, his shining face is slightly different. Unlike Jesus.. (Whose light comes from within... It is his inner nature)... Moses’ shining face is a reflected light. He radiates the joy and glory of God by reflecting that glory that he himself has experienced in his encounter with God; in his worship of God.



We have seen, throughout the generations, and in our own time too, people whose lives have been truly transfigured by God’s love and grace.... They are people who truly shine with God’s love and graciousness.... People who certainly do seem to radiate God’s love, forgiveness, compassion and kindness... that their faces almost literally shine...

They are people who shine out with God’s love even though their lives have not been a bed of roses. The light, in fact, is most appreciated when all around is dark and confusing.....

These are people who inspire us with such graciousness and care... that it lights up our day... such people’s light is contagious.... Their energy, vitality, radiance also is transforming.....

I truly believe that we Christians can, in a sense, shine with the reflected light of Christ’s grace living in us.... We have received the light of Christ at our baptism... we are children of the Light.... We carry the light of Christ to all we meet.... And we meet the light of Christ shining out of others we meet, too...

We are called to shine that light for all to see so that people can in turn worship God, the source of that light...



Listen to Jesus and follow him.  
That’s the message of the  
Transfiguration.

— Pope Francis —

AZ QUOTES

St. Francis de Sales saw the Transfiguration as a “glimpse of heaven.” May we grow in our ability, through the quality of our lives, to make that “glimpse of heaven” more clearly visible and available to the eyes – and in the lives – of others. May God help us to recognise the remarkable things that occur every day in our own lives...and in the lives of one another!

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## For your reflection:

One day, a Samurai warrior went to a Zen master for instruction. "Please," the huge man asked in a thundering voice that was used to instant obedience, "teach me about heaven and hell."

The master scowled at the swordsman, then broke into mocking laughter. "Me, teach you about heaven and hell? I wouldn't waste a moment trying to instruct the brain of an overweight ignoramus like you! How dare you ask me for such a lofty insight?"

Well, upon hearing these words, the Samurai grew furious. No one could insult him like this and get away with it. Enraged, his face flushed and he drew his sword to chop off the teacher's head. Just as he was about to strike, the master raised his hand and calmly said "That, sir, is hell."

Upon hearing this, the Samurai suddenly realised the profound lesson the Master had just taught him – that we make our own hell by indulging in anger and resentment. The warrior was so grateful for this teaching that he dropped his sword and fell to his knees in front of the Master, bowing in humility and gratitude. When he looked up, the old man was smiling.

"And that, sir," the teacher noted, "is Heaven.

"You risked your very life to teach me in this way?" the Samurai couldn't help asking the master.

"I figured that there was no other way you would have learnt," the master calmly explained."

This reality of transfiguration in our day-to-day life experiences is meant to affect the way we live our lives beginning right now. (Sources duly acknowledged)



**God's blessings, Fr. Vince**



### NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

are now available in the foyer. Please pick up your box and if you could, please deliver that of your neighbour as well. That will help save postage costs for the parish.

If anyone is interested in joining the envelope scheme or contributions by direct debit, please fill in a registration form and the office will organise this for you.



The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **2nd September** at **4:30-5:30pm** at the St Joseph Centre. To book, please call the parish office on 96542260.

Baptisms are held on the 4th Sunday of every month at 11:20, or within the Mass at 10am on other Sundays.

## PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Session 1 will be held next week, 13 August, 4:30pm, followed by a Teaching Mass (part 1) at 5:30pm.

## Let the children come to me ...

(Matthew 19:14)

We'd love to see you at next month's

**All-Youth Mass on Sunday, 13th August, 5:30pm.**

Stay for PIZZA and fellowship afterwards to meet some new people from the parish!



### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

**1st Collection** (for Diocese) = \$ 1524.50

**2nd Collection** (for Parish)

**Envelopes** = \$ 1821.75 **Loose** = \$ 1003.55

**Credit cards/Direct Debit** ave weekly = \$1935

**TOTAL** = \$ 4760.30 (target = \$5577)

Thank you for your generosity!

If you donate to the parish and have recently changed your credit card, please phone the parish office on 96542260.

### PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

#### For the recently deceased

Fr Tony Aidan Reynolds, Norma Sattler, John Lynch, and Alan Gorman

#### For other dearly departed

Vincenzina Americano, Keith Byrne, Norman and Chahide Hajje, Sheaddy and Chahid Hajje, Hanna and Raymond Chiha, Mary Merhi, Youssef and Emily Maait, Marcello Pellizzon, John & Phyllis de la Hoyde, Helena Culligan and all deceased members of the Culligan and Mulvihill families, Thelma Navarro McDowell, Josefa Estrada, Anthony & Maryann Vella, Joseph Vella, Nenu Zammit, Angelo Vella, Alfio Trovato, Dermot John Murphy, Laurence Bernard Riley, Caterina Musso, Filomena and Francesco Corcoglioniti, Frank Piperata, and Maria Gatto

#### For healing of the sick

Teresa Masiello, Ivan Ceccato, Johann, Joe Gelonesi, Desmond Grogan, Louise, Tony, Vanessa, Ben Johnson, Cathy Voss, Mary Madden, Harriett Rogers, John Donnelly, Louise Lambert, Rosanna Ceroli, Charlie, Frank Tabone, John Lippman, Donard Doyle, Sarah Bilford Beattie, Giuseppi Grasso, Faye Willing, Annabelle, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Christy Sherlock, Tina, Marie, Joe, Charles Vencyel, Maisie Hughes, and Christine Wilson.



## Come-Along Sing-Along!

Would you like to share your voices to help enliven our celebrations?



Please come to our rehearsal on **Wednesday, 9th August, 7:15pm at the church.** Come learn our new hymns and review the old ones. All are welcome!!!

All are invited to attend Mass on the **Feast of the Assumption of Mary on 15th August, Tuesday.**

This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Our Mass times are:

**9:15 am** (with students)  
and **7pm.**



**Do you know anyone who has expressed interest in exploring and embracing the Catholic faith? Would they perhaps like to ask a few questions before committing to any formation program? Please let them know that Fr Vincent would love to have a chat with them. Just ring the office— 96542260—to organise a time.**

## SEE YOU AT THE PIETY STALL

Beautiful items are available at our piety stall to help our young parishioners prepare for their First Communion! The stall is open after the 8am and 10am Sunday Masses, and during sacrament preparation sessions. For special orders, please contact Sandra on 0413272400.



Issues of the Catholic Weekly are available in the foyer for \$2 each.



*Let us continue to pray for our application to build a free-standing church for our parish.*



*May the Lord bless our plans and dreams!*

## OUR DIOCESE AND BEYOND

### Oakhill College: Year 7, 2019

Applications for enrolment into Year 7, 2019 close on Friday 18 August, 2017. Interviews will take place on Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 September, 2017. Parents who wish to apply for enrolment of their sons in Year 7 at Oakhill College in 2019, and who have not yet submitted an Application for Enrolment, are requested to contact the Registrar before the closing date Friday 18 August on 9899 2288 or registrar@oakhill.nsw.edu.au. Applications are also being taken now for Years 8-11, 2018.

### Volunteers Needed

Chisholm Cottage is a four bedroom accommodation house in Westmead operated specifically to offer comfortable, affordable accommodation to people from regional NSW who are attending or accompanying loved ones to hospital stays or medical appointments in Sydney.

Chisholm Cottage is operated by the Sisters of Charity Outreach. We are currently seeking Volunteers to assist with housekeeping, laundry and front office duties including washing, ironing, taking guest reservations and welcoming guests. Are you interested in volunteering for either morning shifts from 9.30am to 1.00pm or afternoon from 1.30pm to 4pm?

Please contact: The Volunteer Co-ordinators, (02) 832 6432. Learn more about Chisholm Cottage by visiting <http://www.sistersofcharityoutreach.com.au/>

### CAMELOT:

From the writers of My Fair Lady, Camelot is a much-loved but only rarely performed musical, and with a cast & orchestra of 75 people, this brand new production is expected to be the largest version of the Lerner & Loewe musical staged in Sydney in more than 30 years. There are now less than 2,000 seats left for Camelot so bookings are essential.

FRI 18 AUG, 7.30PM SAT 19 AUG, 1.00PM\*\*  
SAT 19 AUG, 5.30PM SUN 20 AUG, 2.00PM

For more info, visit [www.camelot2017.com](http://www.camelot2017.com)

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: 18 – 20 August

A Marriage Enrichment experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset: your Marriage! Weekend date: 18-20 August at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Book online at [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au) or call Adrian and Janet Sullivan (0490 774 419).

### Vocation Weekend with the Capuchin Franciscan Friars: 1-3 September 2017.

Come for a chance to explore the inspiring and uplifting vocations to the priesthood and to consecrated religious life. It's a Live-in weekend retreat for young men (18-35) to aid the discernment of God's call and our response. Starts 7:30pm Friday at 98 Catherine St, Leichhardt and concludes with 6pm Mass on Sunday. Cost is FREE/optional donation. There will be Mass on Saturday and Sunday, Adoration, quiet prayer, talks, confession available, quiet time and the opportunity to get useful advice.

If you're discerning, come along! Contact Fr Thomas on [vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au](mailto:vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au) or 0432 362 052. Retreatants must register as there are limited spaces available. Website: [capuchinfriars.org.au](http://capuchinfriars.org.au)

### "In a Gentle Way, You Can Shake the World"

Young Women's Retreat  
13-15 October 2017; Jamberoo Abbey  
Registration via [www.trybooking.com/RAXG](http://www.trybooking.com/RAXG) by 8 of September

*The work of interior transformation is necessary in order to become a fitting instrument in God's hands, to work for God's glory.*

—St Madeleine Sophie

### PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Welcomers Coordinator: Amira Campo  
Eucharistic Ministers Coordinator: Eileen Sherlock  
Music Coordinators: Barbara Mathias and Joan Sattler  
Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil

**Children's Liturgy Coordinator:** Deb Rankin  
Baptism Preparation: Angelique Easton  
RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry  
Playgroup Coordinator: Grainne Barker  
SRE Coordinator: Maureen Jones  
Friendship Group: Jenny Puleo

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**PARISH TEAM**

Parish Priest:  
Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

Parish Secretary:  
Lisa Echevarria

Sacramental Coordinator  
Sally Coppini

**St Madeleine's Primary School**

Phone: 9654 6751  
Principal: Mrs Jeanette Black

Marian College  
Phone: 9654 6700  
Principal: Mrs Jayne Campbell

St Vincent de Paul 1800 606 724

Parish Services

Weekend Masses:  
Saturday 5.30pm  
(Eucharistic Adoration at 4:45)  
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00 am, 5.30pm

**Children's Liturgy**

10am Mass during School terms

Weekday Masses:  
9:15, Tuesdays to Fridays

Playgroup –Tue 9:00am  
at St Joseph Centre during school terms  
Prayer Group: Wednesdays after the  
9.15 am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm  
Baptisms: Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 11:20,  
or during 10am Masses

Weddings: By appointment

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<b>THIS WEEK</b>		5:30pm Sat	8:00am	10:00am	5:30pm
	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	John Cice	<b>Carmel &amp; Mike O'Connell</b>	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	Lesley & Rick Gangemi
	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Peter Balnaves	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	Sam Ursino
	<b>READERS</b>	Geoff and Jacinta Mifsud	Pat Lynch Gerry McArdle	Deb Rankin Jacqui Nisbet	Margaret Foley & Gael Carpani
	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Pat Waters Dianne Millington	Deb & Paul Copperfield	Bob Burke Marian Piper	Pauline McAlary Teresa Barisic
	<b>JUN MINISTERS</b>	Akash Arnold Monica Bruggeling	Sarah Eastman	Christian Santelmann Christian Maait	Ruby Kinchington Tiago Gregory
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>		Joan and David	Bobby, Mark, and Matt	Youth Group
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	(8 Aug) Frank & Ivanka Valencic, Kay & Archie Brooks		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Marie Coddington

<b>12/13 AUGUST</b>	<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Trish Keating	Fran and Rocco Scardino	Peter and Jenny Firkins	Nicole Foxall & Joe Spina
	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Vince Luca	Neil John	Phillys Hannah	Joe Touma
	<b>READERS</b>	Steve Kinchington Paul Cashman	Dan Doyle Bill Dowers	Ann & Mark Lee	Youth Group
	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Colleen Dunlop Maria Aiossa	Pat Lynch Tricia Spencer	Sandra Tabone Trish Takahashi	Selina Calleia Jason Hatcher
	<b>JUN MINISTERS</b>	Annabel Rogers	Jack McNeil	Christopher Kang Kerstin Grima	Ellyse & Edward Noy
	<b>MUSICIANS</b>		Joan and David	Doug	Youth Group
	<b>COUNTERS</b>	(15 Aug) Sandra Tabone & Michelle Romeo		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Sally Coppini
	<b>FLOWERS</b>	Nick Ceroli, arrgd by Peg Grogan		<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>	Pat Waters