

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - Mass Readings

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.

First Reading Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' **R.**

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **R.**

Second Reading Philippians 3:17-4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told

you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things.] For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

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!

Gospel Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The gospel of the Lord
Praise to Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C – 16 MARCH 2025



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PARISH EVENTS & MASS TIMES

Sat 15th	6:00pm	Vigil Holy Mass - For the Parishioners. Commitment Mass
Sun 16th	8:00am 9:30am 6:00pm	Holy Mass - Soul of Fran Slodki & Izdebski Family. Commitment Mass Holy Mass - Soul of Nonna Gina. Commitment Mass Holy Mass - For the Parishioners. Commitment Mass
Mon 17th	6:00pm 6:30pm	Holy Rosary Holy Mass / Communion Service - St Patrick feast
Tue 18th	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Holy Rosary Holy Mass
Wed 19th	10:45am 6:00pm 6:30pm	Holy Mass - Karingal Aged Care, High Wycombe ADORATION & NOVENA Holy Mass - St Joseph feast
Thu 20th	10:45am 12:30pm 1:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm	Holy Mass - Donovan Nursing Home, Forrest field Rosary Funeral Mass for Terry O'Neill and interment Adoration & Holy Rosary Holy Mass
Fri 21st	9:00am 9:30am 6:00pm 7:00pm	Holy Rosary Holy Mass Adoration Stations of the Cross
Sat 22nd	9:00am 9:30am 10:00am	Holy Rosary Holy Mass Confession



**MATTHEW GIBNEY CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We have one of our favourite fundraisers for the year, the annual St Patrick's Day Food Stall. It is a huge sugar hit, but thanks to the Year 5 students, there is a lot of money raised for Caritas and St Vincent De Paul. Thank you to Mrs Brescacin and the Year 5 students and families for helping us celebrate in a fun way. At the end of the week, we will celebrate Harmony Day. This is a day to celebrate our diversity and reflect how as Australians, we are one - but we are many. The children will be wearing either orange for harmony or family heritage flag colours.

We are going to have a long table lunch with all our buddies. We would like to invite the parish to our Holy Week/Easter Play on Wednesday 9th April at 9am, followed by morning tea. One for your diaries.

For further information contact Matthew Gibney Primary School, 30 Munday Rd, High Wycombe on 62168400 or by email admin@gibney.edu.wa.au



Parishioners need to be careful when entering and exiting the carpark. Parents should ensure children are supervised around the premises and when visiting the toilets near the old Parish Hall. **Thank you.,**

FEASTS OF THE MONTH OF MARCH

SAINTS

MARCH 25 The Annunciation of the Lord

Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope & Easter Novena books

Books are now available for purchase at the Piety Shop.

FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT: TOTAL RAISED - \$325,584.86

EFT Bank Details:

National Australia Bank Limited
BSB No. 086-006

Account No. 90517-9623

Cheques Made Payable to:

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Fundraising

Thank you for your generosity. God Bless!

Fr. Benny (Parish Priest) and Jennifer (PPC)



Second Sunday of Lent
15th and 16th of March 2025

Toefuata'iga - (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.



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Eastern Districts Curia ACIES Ceremony
To be held, 2.00pm on Sunday 30th March 2025

St Francis of Assisi Church
6 Lilian Road, Maida Vale

Followed by fellowship in the Parish Hall.

For the Sick: Lynette Arnold, Chris Muller, Phillippe and Noelle Payet, Clare Arnold, Bernadette Lach, Rachel Kaciuba, Rudi Sirr, Justin Clohessy, Mary Aung-Sein, Florlito Tenido, Shanelle Murray, Lucy Aung-Sein, Michelle Tompson.

Contact Joela Sequeira, Parish Secretary for names to be added or continued to the Sick List, otherwise the names will be deleted after two weeks. Thank you. Fr. Benny

In Memoriam: Peter James Hegney, Michael Giovinnazzo, Charlotte Findlay, John Campbell, Feliciano Noronha, Thomas Doyle, Giuseppe Mancuso, Anne Yoke Lan Chai, Norman Llewellyn Walters, Doris Cowell, Maureen Berkers (STK), Gerrard Murphy, Kathleen Conway, Eva Kelly, Nonna Gina, Fran Slodki & Izdebski Family.

Parish Centre Diary

Sun 16th	9:30 am	Children Liturgy
Tue 18th	4:00pm 5:45 pm 7:00pm	PREP Legion of Mary Vincent de Paul
Wed 19th	4:00pm	Ukulele group
Thu 20th	9:30 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	Craft Group Legion of Mary RCIA
Fri 21st	10:00am	Morning Tea

MIND YOUR STEPS!



Our pews are slightly raised, but may not seem obvious to some of our beloved guests. Please mind your steps when coming in and out of the pews.

SWAN REGION FESTIVAL HOLY MASS 2025
MAIDA VALE CONFERENCE

The Maida Vale Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society warmly invites all our wonderful Parishioners to attend the Swan Region Festival Holy Mass on Sunday, 30th March 2025 at 9:30am, St Francis of Assisi Catholic Parish.

Please join us for morning, tea after Holy Mass. Please bring a plate to share.



Children's Liturgy:

Our Children's Liturgy Program has started for the year. Please bring your children to the old Parish Hall before the 9.30am Mass on Sunday. The children sing and pray and listen to the Gospel at their level. They then do an activity about the Gospel, before coming over to the church after the Homily.

For enquiries please contact Philomena on 0417 936 757.

15th/16th March	6:00 PM	8:00AM	9:30 AM	6:00 PM
Commentator	George F	Jennifer D	Helga S	Philip M
1st Reader	Jan F	Sue D	Philomena T	Lauren M
2nd Reader	Abigail R	Kevin F	Tibor A	Sarah M
Acolyte	Josef	Michael	Adrian	David
22nd/23rd March	6:00 PM	8:00AM	9:30 AM	6:00 PM
Commentator	Adrian D	Joe K	Matt W	Paolo J
1st Reader	Emmy S	Kevin F	Tibor A	Margaret O
2nd Reader	Joash J	Gale M	Neha K	Benjo C
Acolyte	Lester	Clem	Edwin	Michael

	15th/16th March	22nd/23rd March
Counters	Philomena Theseria, Brian Menezes	Ingrid Dekker, Bill Pocock, Betty Flynn, Christine Peters
Church Cleaner	Sherwin Moreira, Ramos Family	Sue Dodgson, Amber David,
Reading for	Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36	Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9