



City Pastoral REGION

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

St Benedict's Inner Newcastle Parish: Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle West; St Joseph's Church, The Junction; St Mary, Star of the Sea Church, Newcastle; Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Tighes Hill; St Laurence O'Toole Church, Broadmeadow. **Mayfield Parish:** Christ the King, Mayfield West. **Stockton Parish:** St Peter-in-Chains, Stockton.

SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2024

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

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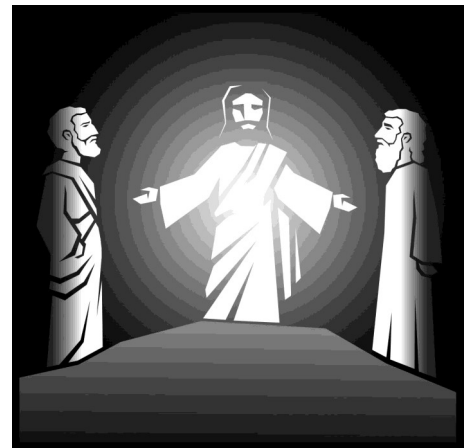
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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Lord has always given signs to those He has called to be His messengers, so they could have no doubt amidst whatever trials they faced, they were acting in the service of the one true God. In today's readings, Abraham on Mt Moriah and the Apostles on Mt Tabor received powerful signs vindicating *their* faith in God. Though perhaps less dramatic, there will also be powerful signs from God in *our* lives too. Fr John

Parish Bulletin: Prayer requests and items for the Bulletin should be received at the Parish Office by 5pm on Wednesdays.

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Our Parishes incorporate suburbs located on the traditional country of the Awabakal and Worimi peoples. We acknowledge their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing relationship with the land, pay respect to their Elders past and present, and commit ourselves to work together for reconciliation and justice.

THE PARISH DIARY...(for the week ahead)

Second Week of Lent, Year B

Monday 26th February

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday 27th February

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

Wednesday 28th February

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9am Mass @ Christ the King, Mayfield West

Thursday 29th February

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

Friday 1st March

10:15am Mass @ St Joseph's

11:00am Exposition, Adoration & Reconciliation @
The Cathedral (until 12pm)

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

6:00pm Stations of the Cross (in Polish)

Saturday 2nd March

9:15am Mass @ The Cathedral, followed by the
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
(followed by Reconciliation)

5:30pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Mass @ The Junction

5:30pm Mass @ Mayfield West

Sunday 3rd March

3rd Sunday of Lent, Year B

7:30am Mass @ St Mary's

8:00am Mass @ Tighes Hill

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

9:30am Mass @ The Cathedral *

11:00am Mass @ The Junction (*Italian*)

11:30am Mass @ The Cathedral (*Polish*)

1:00pm Men's Rosary @ The Cathedral

3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion @ Mayfield West

5:00pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5:00pm Taize service @ Tighes Hill

6:00pm Mass @ Mayfield West (*Vietnamese*) **

* *Livestreamed on the Cathedral's YouTube channel—
www.youtube.com/c/SacredHeartCathedralHamilton
and on the Diocesan website*

** The Vietnamese Mass is now celebrated fortnightly

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20:1-17,
1 Corinthians 1:22-25
John 2:13-25



PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED: Craig Neal Wheatley (Kaiser),
Sr. Rosemary Jackson rsj Estelita Diwa

ANNIVERSARIES: John Tully, Isabella Haggerty, Joan
Levy, Helen McCullen, Norman Woodland

SICK: Tui Innes, Ronoel Diwa, Jolina Joyce Saranillo,
Maureen Francis, Angela Cottier, Patrick
McInerney Cowan, Joshua Zalanardo,
Rosa Silivinec, Harry Melville, Doreen
Mason, Elaine Johnson, Stewart
McKinnon, Mark Caesar, Peter Kefecek,
Carlo Rossi, Neil Thomas, Kathryn Gray,
Emilie Tseronis



*Names may be placed here by contacting the Parish Office. Please
refer to the Policy Document on the Parish website—visit
www.newcastlecatholic.org.au/downloads.*

OUR BELOVED DEAD

We remember those in our Columbaria whose
anniversaries occur in February
At Sacred Heart

Robert Bartholomew

Jean Belcher

Gwenneth Bennett

Anthony Bookallil

Beryl Jean Clarke

Marie Forrest

Edna Jean Hancock

Michael Henessy

Ronald Jarrett

Czeslaw (Cec) Kizeweter

Xuyen An Le

Patricia (Trish) Leishman

Alan James Long

Frank Monaco

Stan O'Brien

Kathleen O'Neill

Roger Saunders

Robert Smith

Gregory Smith

Toni Van Schyndel

William (Bill) Warren

Clare Alice Withers

Joan Woodcock

At St Joseph's:

*Eternal rest grant unto them and may perpetual light
shine upon them. May they rest in peace, Amen.*

Nicholas Evans

Robyn Field

Marie James

Marie Maddrell

William McNeil

Margaret McVie

Gerald Meighan

Bob Smyth

Kath Walsh

Alan Watt

Johanna Schmuck

Rodney Wright

MEN'S ROSARY GROUP

The Men's Rosary will be held on the
first Saturday of each month @ 1pm
at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter
St, Newcastle West. For more
Information contact Jason on 0499
854 928.



SEASONS FOR GROWTH

No season lasts forever, not even winter.

Our lives, like the seasons, are constantly changing. These changes often involve many losses and deep grief. Learning how to recognise and adapt to the stressful events and changed circumstances we experience, as well as the ongoing challenges these may bring helps to bring peace and hope into our lives. The Seasons for Growth small group, peer-based educational program offers the opportunity for individual reflection and group discussion by gently and symbolically using the metaphor of the seasons to support adults to:

- **Learn** about how different people respond to change, loss and grief
- **Understand** that it is normal to experience a range of grief reactions
- **Explore** new approaches to dealing with change, loss and grief in their lives
- **Build** communication, decision making and problem solving skills
- **Participate** in a supportive network of peers and adults
- **Integrate** their new learning into their relationships with family, friends and others.

Please consider joining this supportive space in 2024 if you would like to share conversation and learn together with others who are also navigating the different seasons of life and loss.

Seasons for Growth is a four week program, which we will offer during Lent, 2024. The program will run for four Saturday afternoons from 1pm until 4pm on the 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd of March in the Parish Centre. Contact the office to sign up.



WAY OF THE CROSS

Our Diocese is blessed with rich diversity. This year's Ecumenical Way of the Cross, held on the 5th Sunday of Lent, invites us into a multicultural journey of remembrance. As we relive the story of Jesus' Passion, we recall the stories that have brought us together. This event is a celebrated gathering of our wider community and one not to be missed.

When: Sunday 17 March, 3pm (you are invited to gather from 2pm)

Where: St Joseph's Toronto Church, 140 Wangi Road, Toronto

ENROLMENTS FOR 2024 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

A child's catholic faith journey began with the Sacrament of Baptism and continues by the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation, Confirmation and First Eucharist.

The preparations for these sacraments in the Inner Newcastle Parish run between February and June of every year and are designed for children going into Year, 4, 5 or 6 in 2024. Preparations are completed as a family with online activities and volunteer work within the community.

Enrolments are now open for the 2024 program. If you are interested in being apart of the program this year please visit the parish website and complete the online enrolment form.

<https://www.newcastlecatholic.org.au/sacramental-enrolment-form/>

For more information please contact the office on 49791101 or newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au

ART AND SPIRITUALITY WORKSHOP

Creation of art provides an opportunity for a deepening awareness of oneself and the world, and can act as a catalyst for evoking the Spirit. Art is a means to see-to-re-search and find the living meaning of what it means to open the heart. Everyone has the ability to create art, but in order for it to be theological, the artist needs to explore ways that it makes sense of faith. Opening the heart through art involves making meaning through the creation, then reflecting on the art itself and the unfolding the moment-to-moment direct experience of the process.

This workshop will provide an opportunity to awaken the Spirit through the beauty of God's creation, prayer, and reflection. Participants will engage in art making experiences which will nourish their faith.

Date: Thursday 14 March (9am-3pm)

Venue: Kilaben Bay Community Centre

Cost: \$25 per person

Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/art-and-spirituality-workshops-2024-tickets-808605269127>

VIEW, CHEW, CHAT, AND LECTIO

View, Chew, and Chat continues with the Lenten program on February 28. To participate, please email the parish office. We will return to the first series of The Chosen after Lent.

POPE FRANCIS' HOMILY

from March 1, 2015

Last Sunday the Liturgy presented Jesus tempted by Satan in the desert, but victorious over temptation. In the light of this Gospel, we are again made aware of our condition as sinners, but also of the victory over evil for those who undertake the journey of conversion and, like Jesus, want to do the Father's will. In this second Sunday of Lent, the Church points out to us the end of this journey of conversion, namely participation in the glory of Christ, which shines on the face of the obedient Servant, who died and rose for us.

The Gospel page recounts the event of the Transfiguration, which takes place at the height of Jesus' public ministry. He is on his way to Jerusalem, where the prophecies of the "Servant of God" and his redemptive sacrifice are to be fulfilled. The crowds did not understand this: presented with a Messiah who contrasted with their earthly expectations, they abandoned Him. They thought the Messiah would be the liberator from Roman domination, the emancipator of the homeland, and they do not like Jesus' perspective and so they leave Him. Neither do the Apostles understand the words with which Jesus proclaims the outcome of his mission in the glorious passion, they do not understand! Jesus thus chooses to give to Peter, James and John a foretaste of his glory, which He will have after the Resurrection, in order to confirm them in faith and encourage them to follow Him on the trying path, on the Way of the Cross. Thus, on a high mountain, immersed in prayer, He is transfigured before them: his face and his entire person irradiate a blinding light. The three disciples are frightened, as a cloud envelops them and the Father's voice sounds from above, as at the Baptism on the Jordan: "This is my beloved Son; listen to him" (Mk 9:7). Jesus is the Son-made-Servant, sent into the world to save us all through the Cross, fulfilling the plan of salvation. His full adherence to God's will renders his humanity transparent to the glory of God, who is love.

Jesus thus reveals Himself as the perfect icon of the Father, the radiance of his glory. He is the fulfillment of revelation; that is why beside Him appear transfigured, Moses and Elijah appear; they represent the Law and the Prophets, so as to signify that everything finishes and begins in Jesus, in his passion and in his glory.

Their instructions for the disciples and for us is this: "Listen to Him!". Listen to Jesus. He is the Saviour: follow Him. To listen to Christ, in fact, entails taking up the logic of his Pascal Mystery, setting out on the

journey with Him to make of oneself a gift of love to others, in docile obedience to the will of God, with an attitude of detachment from worldly things and of interior freedom. One must, in other words, be willing to "lose one's very life" (cf. Mk 8:35), by giving it up so that all men might be saved: thus, we will meet in eternal happiness. The path to Jesus always leads us to happiness, don't forget it! Jesus' way always leads us to happiness. There will always be a cross, trials in the middle, but at the end we are always led to happiness. Jesus does not deceive us, He promised us happiness and will give it to us if we follow His ways.

With Peter, James and John we too climb the Mount of the Transfiguration today and stop in contemplation of the face of Jesus to retrieve the message and translate it into our lives; for we too can be transfigured by Love. In reality, love is capable of transfiguring everything.

Love transfigures all! Do you believe this?



DIOCESAN LIBRARY

We are excited to invite Library Patrons to the Diocesan Library located within the Diocesan Resource Centre, 12 Tudor St (corner of Tudor and Parry St). While the space is yet to be officially opened, patrons will be able to physically access and borrow resources from **Monday 26 February**.

We have a number of formation opportunities occurring in the space before 26 February which are included below, as well as opportunities that will be ongoing each month.

On the *first Friday* of each month commencing the 1st of March there is an opportunity for parents and children to join us in *Storytime* from 10.15am - 11.00am and at 1.00pm - 2.30pm patrons are invited to come together for *Faith Formation*. Each month Faith Formation will focus on a different theme, the emphasis in March is on Lent. In addition, on the *last Friday* of the month from 10.00am - 12.00pm patrons are invited to a *Human Library Experience* where we listen and learn from others' life and encounters.

Library Opening Hours: Monday - 10am-6pm, Friday - 10am-6pm, Saturday- 10am-2pm

If you would like to become a **volunteer** at the library, please complete this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/5CLnqMwZLm>

REVIEW OF CONFIRMATION GUIDANCE AND PROCEDURES

All parishioners, parents and sponsors, ministers and anyone else involved in the preparation and celebration of Confirmation over recent years, are invited to participate in our review process. Ideally please read [‘Liturgy Matters: It’s Time – Christian Initiation and Confirmation Review \(13 Feb 2024\)’](https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/media/6754/confirmation-review-process.pdf) where everything is explained and the ‘Review Document’ is available. You can access the Review Document directly by using the following link: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/media/6754/confirmation-review-process.pdf>

Otherwise, you can access the questionnaire but NOT the background information via this QR code. The closing date is 17 March.

With thanks, Louise Gannon rsj



aMeN caMiNo

The purpose of pilgrimage is journey. Camino has a long and established Christian history, it means ‘road’ or ‘way’. A famous Camino is St James Way or Camino de Santiago in Spain. The first Christian movement in the 1st Century was known as ‘The Way’.

The aMeN CaMiNo is a response to a desire to be in communion with each other and our sacred earth. It is an opportunity to pause from routine, immerse yourself in reflection, contemplation and to provide a moment of space for each person to be conscious of God’s gift of Grace.

Amen is the word Christian’s use to say ‘Yes, we are on our way to God.’ By joining us on the “aMeN CaMiNo”, you are saying yes to something in your heart which is calling you.

The aMeN caMiNo takes place over five consecutive days. The pilgrimage starts at St John’s Chapel, Maitland and concludes at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton. Pilgrims will walk an average of 20km per day through the beautiful landscape of bush, beach and beyond which we are blessed to have in our backyard. We will also be holding a weekend experience.

Dates: 6-10 July, 3-7 August and 7-8 September. Flyer: [amen-camino-flyer-for-2024.pdf](#)

Expression of Interest: <https://forms.office.com/r/>

IRELAND PILGRIMAGE THE WAY OF MERCY

In 2024, Maitland-Newcastle Diocese will be journeying to Ireland to explore “The Way of Mercy”. Embark on a soulful 15-day Irish spiritual journey, drawing inspiration from Catherine McAuley, the founder of the Sisters of Mercy in 1831. Traverse Dublin’s sacred sites and the serene landscapes of Glendalough and the Ring of Kerry, immersing yourself in Ireland’s rich religious legacy. Marvel at the majestic Cliffs of Moher, pilgrimage to the Holy Shrine of Knock. This pilgrimage covers seven captivating cities of Ireland, instrumental in building the foundations of our Christian faith.

As we journey together we will take time, to pray, reflect and care for one another. The spirit of Mercy, compassion, respect, justice, reconciliation, hospitality service and courage will be reflected upon each day in our journeying together.

Date: Thursday 26 September – Saturday 12 October 2024

Contact: Erin McCort (Pilgrimage Coordinator)
erin.mccort@mn.catholic.edu.au

BOOK CLUB

Sunday, 3rd March @ 6:15pm: Bookclub meets to discuss *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan. If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please email newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au



MEDITATION GROUPS AT LIVING WATERS CENTRE

LIVING WATERS CHRISTIAN MEDITATION CENTRE, 34 Kenrick Street, The Junction, offers meditation sessions on Wednesdays at 7.30am and Fridays at 11.00am – and has done so for the last 25 years, in which time many hundreds of people have taken up this prayer form. After meditation on Fridays Lectio Divina, a personal interaction with Sacred Scripture, is offered. Through both practices we open ourselves to the fullness of life; we come to know ourselves by knowing that we are known and loved by God. For more information: Carmel Moore rsj -0412122297 - or just come.

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP

Each Wednesday following 9am Mass in Mayfield West Church. All welcome.

UNDERSTANDING THE BEATITUDES

One of the most striking examples of Jesus' teaching is the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's gospel. The Beatitudes are the foundation on which that sermon is built. They are also one of the most beautiful statements of Christian ethics. Yet at the same time, they are also some of the trickiest verses in the Bible to interpret. In this subject, we'll tackle the meaning of the blessings by putting them into the context of the gospels, the Hebrew Bible, and wider Jewish literature, like the Dead Sea Scrolls. We'll think about what the Beatitudes contribute to our understanding of Jesus' teaching and mission. And finally, we'll think about how the Beatitudes still matter today.

Dates: Thursdays 7 & 14 March (4.00pm-5.30pm)

Venue: Library in Diocesan Resource Centre Register at: <https://forms.office.com/r/cGXZ545eRX>

FOOD BASKETS FOR THE NEEDY

Items of dry goods or tin food e.g. (Vegemite, cornflakes or breakfast foods, sugar, packet or tin soup, sardines, tea, coffee, tin fruit etc), can be placed in the basket at the back of **St Joseph's Church**, The Junction and in the foyer of **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**, Tighes Hill. St Vincent de Paul members will pick up for distribution to the needy who are very grateful to receive the items. When donating please check expiry dates. Thank you. Questions to Sr Carol Woodland rsj (mob) 0423 700 523 or 4967 2998. The St Joseph's community kindly requests that you do not donate peanut butter.

EPIC (EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IN CHRIST) YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Are you aged between 20 and 40? Are you interested to share your faith with like-minded young adults?

Then our new faith sharing group might be for you! We meet Wednesdays @ 7pm in the Cathedral precinct.

Email Elul.tecle@mn.catholic.org.au to find out more.

THE CHUCKLE

An Irish man was given the job of painting white lines down the middle of a road.

On his first day, he painted eight miles, on his second day he painted three miles, and on his third day he painted just one mile.

The boss was not pleased.

He asked "why is it that you are painting less each day?"

"Because each day I get further away from the can of paint."

** The editor advises that three of her four grandparents are Irish.



2024 – LENTEN REFLECTION – TRANSFORMATION THROUGH REVELATION

During the season of Lent, we are called to look deeply at the human condition, just as Jesus, the Son of God, experienced. We are reminded during this time of hardship, suffering, and ultimately dying that we must stretch ourselves. We must pray and fast from whatever is taking hold of the fullness of life. This time calls for personal reflection and encourages us to look out with missionary eyes to intentionally give to those in need.

To access our Diocesan Resource, Transformation Through Revelation, please visit <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/media/6680/0003733-dio-2024-lenten-program-06.pdf>

BEQUESTS

To help our Catholic Pastoral Region of Parishes continue its important mission of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus, you might consider including us in your Will. You would just need to specify which parish or parishes you would like to help with your bequest.

SAFEGUARDING

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and well-being of children and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility if you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult please contact the Office of Safeguarding: P 4979 1390,

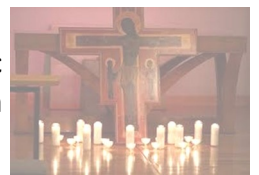
E childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au or

www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au

TAIZE SERVICE

Sunday 3rd March

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church Tighes Hill 5.00pm – 6pm
followed by a shared supper.



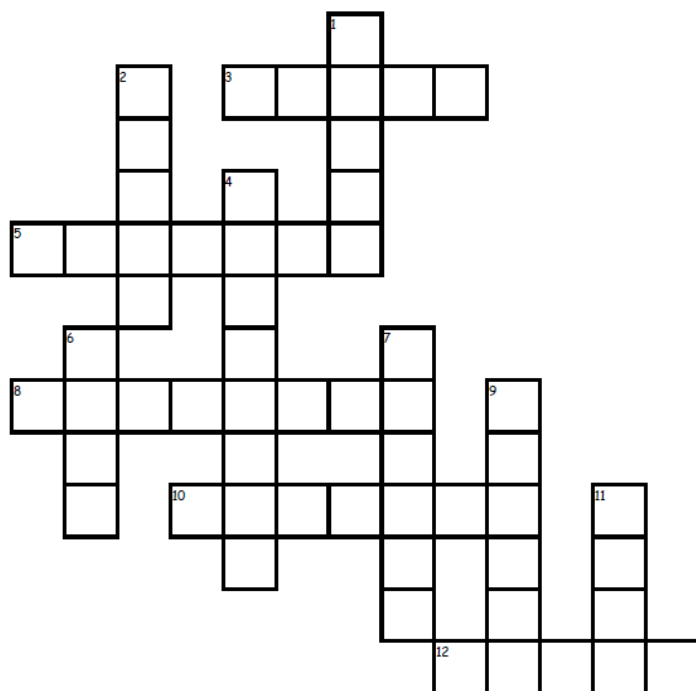
MOUNTAINTOP MOMENTS

Throughout the Bible there are instances of important encounters with God on mountaintops. Even this week's first reading, the sacrifice of Isaac by Abraham, occurs on a mountaintop. It is not the potential sacrifice, but the new relationship between God and Abraham that is a mountaintop moment. In modern language, we often speak about 'peak experiences' – moments of exceptional clarity, intense emotion or extraordinary accomplishment. Sometimes, like Peter, we are tempted to try to remain 'in the moment' rather than using the peak experience as a motivator for when we go back down the mountain to our normal (if perhaps changed) existence

CROSSWORD

Nothing can separate us from God's love

Rom 8:31, 38-39
Ps 103:1-2, 8 & 11, R. v.8a
Mk 9:2-10



Across

- 3: Jesus and the disciples heard God's voice coming from this
5: Jesus' _____ became much whiter
8: Jesus and some of his disciples went up a high _____
10: if something is happening now, it is happening in the p_____
12: this man wanted to build three shelters

Down

- 1: _____ and Elijah appeared and spoke to Jesus
2: the opposite of above
4: Peter wanted to build three of these for Jesus, Moses and Elijah
6: nothing can separate us from God's _____
7: heavenly beings
9: if something hasn't happened yet, it might happen in the f_____
11: certain

SENIOR WORDSEARCH

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K I M T G Q U C S V C J I W M W A
Y A I R U R E X U Q S E S O M C T
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Try to find these words:

angels
below
clothes
cloud
future
love
Moses
mountain
Peter
present
shelters
sure

TODAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Hymn: Glory and Praise to our God 1 – 16

First Reading: Gen 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

1. I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. **(R.)**
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. **(R.)**
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Rom 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son.

Gospel Acclamation: See Mt 17:5

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: Mk 9:2-10

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

Preparation of Gifts: A Trusting Psalm 1 115

Memorial Acclamation

Save us Saviour of the world, for by your cross and
resurrection, you have set us free.

Communion Hymn: Gather Your People 1 - 71

Recessional: Silence

In order to maintain a spirit of Lenten reflection,
we will keep silent until the procession leaves the
Church. Consider it a Lenten challenge!

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CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AT TIGHES HILL

This is non-denominational and everyone is very
welcome. Please come.

WHEN: Monday afternoon 3.30 for 3.45 start

WHERE: Mercy Offices, 20 Union Street (Next door
to Mercy Services) Off street parking available

The Meditation session begins with short guided
relaxation exercises then we have a reading from Fr.
John Main which leads into 20 minutes of silent
meditation

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You are welcome to participate in the Lenten
Reflection group which will be held each Friday, 23
February to 22 March in the Diocesan Library from
9am - 10am. Register at: [https://forms.office.com/r/
Jri4Ngi1vu](https://forms.office.com/r/Jri4Ngi1vu)