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Second Sunday in Lent Year A- 1st March 2026

Beyond the Mask—The Mystery of Mount Tabor

In the original Greek of the New Testament, schema refers to outward appearance—the fashion we wear, the status we project, and the "brand" we curate for others to see. In our modern world, we are often obsessed with the schema, making sure the "outside look" is successful, composed, and seemingly holy. But this Sunday's Gospel of the Transfiguration pulls the curtain back on a completely different reality.

When Matthew describes Jesus on the mountain, he doesn't use a word related to schema. He uses the word metamorphosis—derived from morphe. In Greek thought, morphe isn't about a costume change or a spotlight hitting you from the outside. It refers to your essential nature, who you are at your very core.

When Jesus was transfigured, He wasn't reflecting a light from somewhere else. Instead, His internal, divine glory simply radiated through His humanity. His face didn't shine like a mirror reflecting the moon; it shone like the sun, which generates light from its own heart.

This is the "Forensics of Faith" for us this Lent. The world demands we fix our schema, but God is interested in our morphe. We often treat holiness like a coat of paint we put on to look "religious." We show up, we say the right things, and we hope nobody sees the mess underneath. But the Transfiguration reminds us that true change starts from the inside out. The light of Christ we received at Baptism isn't a badge we wear on our lapel; it is a sacred ember living inside us.

Lent isn't about "polishing the glass" so people think we're better than we are. It's about clearing away the internal clutter—the pride, the anger, and the fear—so that the light already dwelling within us can finally be seen. As the Father says from the cloud: "Keep on listening to Him." That is a continuous command. If we stop worrying about how we are perceived (our schema) and start listening to the Voice that defines who we actually are (our morphe), we stop being mirrors of a dark world and start being suns that bring His light into it.

"At the centre of our being is a point of nothingness which is untouched by sin and by illusion... a point of pure truth, a point or spark which belongs entirely to God... It is in everybody, and if we could see it, we would see these billions of points of light coming together in the face and blaze of a sun that would make all the darkness and cruelty of life vanish completely."

— **Thomas Merton**



MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

6.00pm: Monday—farewell mass
Of Fr. Mark Freeman
7.30am: Tuesday — Friday
5.00pm: Saturday (Vigil Mass)
10.30am: Sunday
6.00pm: Sunday

Sacred Heart Church New Town

9.15am: Tuesday—Thursday
6.00 pm: Friday(Way of the cross)
8.00am: Saturday
8.30am: Sunday

Lawrenny Court

(131 Hill St West Hobart)
10.30am: Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart
4.00pm - 4.30pm: Saturday

NOVENA TO OUR LADY AND ROSARY

Sacred Heart Church, New Town

After 9.15am Mass: Wednesday
7.30am: Saturday

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St Mary's Cathedral Crypt, Hobart
6.00pm - Midnight: Friday

SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

*ENQUIRIES FOR BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGE
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE*



St Mary's Cathedral Parish embraces and wholeheartedly supports the Archdiocese of Hobart Safe Communities Policy and Framework, which can be found at the Parish office. Any enquiries regarding Safe Communities contact the Parish Office (03) 6234 4463.

COMING UP

- **Fr Marck Freeman—Diocesan farewell mass**—2nd March, 6PM at the cathedral
- **Parish Lenten Program 3**—5th March
Day session— Cathedral Parish Centre 10 AM –12 PM| Evening Session— Sacred Heart Parish Centre 5.00 PM –7.00 PM
- Healing Service—6th March, 7pm at Cathedral Centre
- **Stations of the Cross**— Every Friday During Lent Season, 6.00PM—7.00 PM at Sacred Heart Church

Celebrating Milestones at Sacred Heart Church, New Town

Earlier this year in January and February, the Sacred Heart Church at New Town celebrated three milestones - The laying of the Foundation stone, Opening of the church and the blessing of the Sanctuary.

With joy to mark these milestones the Sacred Heart Church community gathered for morning tea to share stories, cut a cake by Audrey and Maureen and be blessed by the occasion.

Thank you to all who were involved and it provided a true and wonderful moment of fellowship.



The Way of the Cross: We Need You

This Good Friday, we seek your help to bring the Stations of the Cross to life at **Sacred Heart**. We're looking for a few reliable souls to help us ensure the morning is as solemn and impactful as it should be.

Where we need a hand:

- **Readers:** To lead us through the reflections with clarity and heart.
- **Cross Bearers:** To carry the processional cross.
- **Marshals:** To help manage the flow and assist those with mobility needs.
- **Set-up/Pack-down:** To help prepare the sanctuary and tidy up afterward.

Your help is invaluable!

From Our Anniversary Book:

John Mitsou, Peter Graham, Giuseppe Attuoni, Agnes Owen, Ada Mohr, Donato Botte, Fr Terence Yard, Geraldine Brennan, Rachel Waters, John Howe, Katherine Peters, Dorris Innes, Jasmine Bentley, Donato De Cesare, Colleen Gladys Margaret Fahey, John Hudson, Emma Landers, Edward Collis, Cecilia Lynch, Michele Paternoster, Giuseppina Di Re, Sabatino Monaco, Gesiotto, Toigo and Siravo Families, Angelina Di Domenico, Elsie Thornhill, Anne Daly, Olga Sowby, Donato Vacca, Isabel Chapman, Angelina Monaco, Rev. Fr. Vincent Allen, Marjorie Hayward, Ada Williams, Emilio Marchesich, Zelinda and Donato Vacca, John Anderson

May they rest in peace !

THE ANGELUS PRAYER



V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with Thee; Blessed art thou among women, And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done to me according to your word. **Hail Mary. . .**

V. And the Word was made flesh.
R. And dwelt among us. **Hail Mary. . .**

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.

Through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LENTE RESOURCES: Sign up to the Cathedral Parish FORMED Subscription for free <https://formed.org/>

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Formed is excited to present curated content to help the Church journey through this Lenten season. In this collection are resources to help the faithful deepen their understanding of various Lenten days, practices, and devotions. You can find resources on prayer, the mystery of Christ's Passion, the roots of Holy Week found in Judaism, and many things to help guide the faithful through the holiest days in our liturgical year—the Triduum. We pray that all of these resources draw us deeper into the mystery of Lent, Holy Week, and the Triduum as we look forward to the joy of the Resurrection. If you would like to access the subscription you will need to contact: Menaka Perera at the archdiocesan IT department menaka.perera@aohtas.org.au

NOTICE – PALMS NEEDED

As we prepare for Palm Sunday, we are looking for palm branches. If you have a palm tree, or know someone who does and would allow us to collect palms, please contact: Deacon Michael on 0403 741 913 or speak with him after Mass.

PIETY SHOP— Thursday, 10 am –3pm. Saturday & Sunday the shop is open after every weekend Mass



JESUS REPLIED,
"I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE. WHOEVER COMES TO ME WILL NEVER BE HUNGRY AGAIN. WHOEVER
BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER BE THIRSTY." JOHN6:35

MASS AND HEALING *Service*

6 MARCH 2026

7:00 PM AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL CENTRE,
LEVEL TWO (UPPER MEETING ROOM),
180 HARRINGTON STREET,
HOBART

ROSARY AT 6.40 PM

MASS AT 7.00 PM



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH IN COLLABORATION WITH
THE RISEN LORD COMMUNITY TASMANIA



Episcopal Ordination and Installation of Bishop-Elect Mark Freeman for the Diocese of Ballarat

The Episcopal Ordination Mass will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 11.00am. Due to limited seating capacity in the Cathedral, attendance will be by invitation and entry card only.

The Mass will be livestreamed online, and into St Patrick's Hall, adjacent to the Cathedral. Seating in the Cathedral cannot be guaranteed for those attending the Mass without an entry card.

To assist with accommodating as many people as possible, please register your name and email address with Julie [Boyd Julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:Julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au) at the Diocese of Ballarat so that you can be placed on the reserve list

Beloved

THE MYSTERY AND MEANING OF MARRIAGE



Mark Griffin, Director of the Office of Life, Marriage & Family AOH, will lead an upcoming session of Beloved:

Finding Happiness in Marriage

This course explores the deeper meaning of the sacrament of marriage.

Understanding God's plan for marriage is one thing...living it out is another. *Beloved: Living Marriage* examines the day-to-day challenges of being united as husband and wife while maintaining individuality.

14 March 12-30 pm.

St John's Parish Centre, Glenorchy.

You're welcome to bring a plate to share for the gathering.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise..

PSALMS 100:4-5

Living waters

WORSHIP NIGHT

THURSDAY, 12 MARCH
7.00 PM

An evening of WORSHIP
featuring a testimony by Darcy Rogers
on thanksgiving in prayer.

PIZZAS AND A CUPPA AVAILABLE FROM 6.30 PM



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Archdiocese
of Hobart

Cordially invites parishioners to attend a

Mass of Thanksgiving and Farewell

to honour

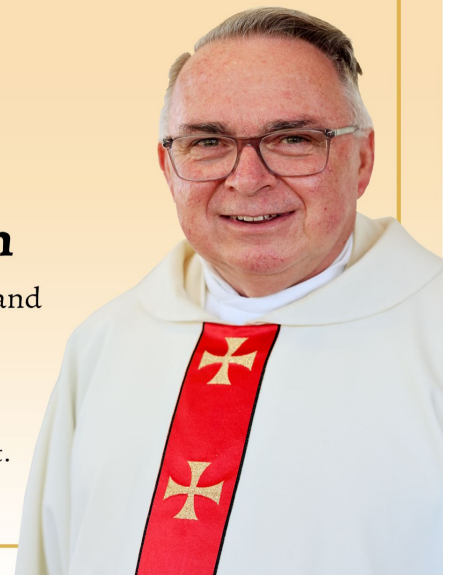
Bishop-Elect Mark William Freeman

Mass will be celebrated by His Grace, Most Reverend Anthony J. Ireland



Monday 2 March, 2026 | 6pm
St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

Following Mass, a reception will be held at Best Western Hobart.
Reception attendance is by RSVP only, for catering purposes.
Please RSVP by 20 February 2026 by scanning the QR code.



First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

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.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 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

Matthew 17:1-9

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.'



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 2nd March	- Luke 6:36-38
Tuesday 3rd March	- Matthew 23:1-12
Wednesday 4th March	- Matthew 20:17-28
Thursday 5th March	- Luke 16:19-31
Friday 6th March	- Matthew 21:33-43. 45-46
Saturday 7th March	- Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

First Reading	- Exodus 17:3-7
Responsorial Psalm	- Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8
Second Reading	- Romans 5:1-2. 5-8
Gospel	- John 4:5-42

Pray and Reflect on the Word of God !