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glimpse, a foretaste of the glory that is to be revealed. This is an assurance to all of Jesus' followers that everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or property for God's sake will receive a hundred times as much in return and will inherit eternal life. Wait... Isn't this almost similar to the blessing and promise given to Abraham after God tested Abraham and he passed the test? So, too, Jesus' followers will have to go through the "test" and if they remain faithful, will also be blessed and rewarded.

It is only a glimpse, a foretaste. Jesus and the disciples had to come down from the mountain and Jesus had to tell them about his impending death and resurrection. This is something entirely new to the disciples. So as they carried on, they were to slowly understand what Jesus meant. And they had to be with Jesus and witness what he told them would happen. They, too, would go through it but not without faith and trust in Jesus. What He showed them would be their source of hope, strength and inspiration.

Lenten Blessings
Fr Gilbert Ramos, St Benedict's — Newton

Reflection

Jesus hastens up to Tabor where his glory and divinity are revealed to the three apostles with him. They had now seen and heard God and are frightened and bewildered. Towards the end of his life, Jesus goes up another mount, one with many olive trees, with the same three apostles. This time, Jesus reveals his anguished humanity. Again the apostles are frightened and bewildered. But Jesus is consistent in his gift of himself, both at Tabor and Gethsemane. May we allow the joy of the gift to give us energy as we collaborate with Jesus in the hard work of making God's kingdom come.

Extract from Daily Prayer 2024

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PARISH TIMETABLE: SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 5.00PM
SUNDAY MASS 9.15AM
ADORATION & HOLY ROSARY EVERY 10.35AM
SUNDAY AFTER MORNING TEA

RECONCILIATION RITE | AVAILABLE BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT— 25TH FEBRUARY 2024

Pastor's Note

From the land of Moriah to Calvary.



God asked Abraham to take Isaac, his only beloved son, to the land of Moriah and offer him up as a holocaust. God was testing him. And we know that Abraham passed

the test. What we do not know is what was truly going on in the mind of God. Why did he have to do that to the poor, faithful old man? That is so cruel, and maybe, beyond any justification. Then, after toying with his emotions, God blessed Abraham in the end. Was that to compensate for all possible emotional, mental, moral, physical and spiritual damages God may have caused? Remember, "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways," declares the Lord." We will never really fully comprehend. But rest assured, in faith, God only wants what is best for us.

Here is the bigger puzzle. God spared Isaac but did not spare His own Son. God, willingly, handed over His only Begotten Son as a sign of His great love for us. And according to St Paul, "How will He not also give us everything else along with Him?" This God who was so "cruel" to Abraham seems to be so obsessed with humanity that He is willing to sacrifice ALL, and He means ALL, for us. What have we done to deserve Him? Nothing. It is just that, it is God's nature.

Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James and John. This is a

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PARISH ROSTERS 24th February – 24th March 2024

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 Creator of Heaven and Earth;
 and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our
 Lord: who was conceived by the Holy
 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary;
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried.
 He descended into Hell;
 on the third day
 He rose again from the dead;
 He ascended into Heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand
 of God the Father Almighty;
 from there He will come to judge
 the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and life everlasting. Amen

PSALM # 115

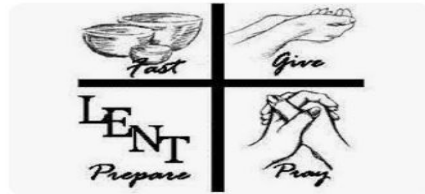
(PRAY TOGETHER)

I kept my faith, even when I said,
 "I am greatly afflicted."
 Precious in the sight of the Lord is
 the death of his faithful ones.
 O Lord, I am your servant. You have
 loosed my bonds.
 I will offer to you a thanksgiving
 sacrifice and call on the name of the
 Lord,
 I will pay my vows to the Lord in the
 presence of all his people,
 In the courts of the house of the
 Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.



LENTEN PRAYER

E te Atua o nga Maunga,
 God of the Mountains, we stand in
 awe of You! Sometimes life is tough
 and Your plan for us is not clear.
 We choose to follow Your instruction
 to listen to Jesus more.
 Let us be transformed by Your light, so
 that those we encounter will draw
 closer to You. Amen



CONFITEOR

I confess to almighty God
 and to you, my brothers and sisters,
 that I have **greatly sinned**
 in my thoughts and in my words,
 in what I have done and
 in what I have failed to do,
through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
 therefore I ask blessed Mary
 ever-Virgin,
 all the Angels and Saints,
 and you, my brothers and sisters,
 to pray for me to
 the Lord our God



PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

| | Welcome / Prayers of faithful: | 1st reader: | 2nd reader: |
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| Saturday 24 February | Bronwen Muir | Mary Sullivan | Pat Sullivan |
| Sunday 25 February | Christine Sloan | Mark Mullins | Viki Trainor |
| Saturday 2 March | Carol Grbin | Bronwen Muir | Ivan Grbin |
| Sunday 3 March | Gaileen McGivern | Judith Aggrey | Judith Walshe |
| Saturday 9 March | Ruth Gracie | Ceri O'Connor | Don Sheridan |
| Sunday 10 March | Viki Trainor | Sheldene Crookes | Kirsten Sloan |
| Saturday 16 March | Mary Sullivan | Pat Sullivan | Bronwen Muir |
| Sunday 17 March | Mark Mullins | Christine Sloan | Judith Aggrey |
| Saturday 23 March | Ruth Gracie | Carol Grbin | Ivan Grbin |
| Sunday 24 March | Christine Sloan | Judith Walshe | Gaileen McGivern |

MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION (*responsible for set up only)

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| Saturday 24 February | *Pauline / Velvet |
| Sunday 25 February | *Fe De La Haye |
| Saturday 2 March | *Ruth Gracie |
| Sunday 3 March | *Ann Ita Harrison |
| Saturday 9 March | *Pauline / Velvet |
| Sunday 10 March | *David Sloan |
| Saturday 16 March | *Ruth Gracie |
| Sunday 17 March | *Fe De La Haye |
| Saturday 23 March | *Ruth Gracie |
| Sunday 24 March | *Ann Ita Harrison |

DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE

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| 24 February | Patrick Newton | | |
| 02 March | Barbara Boyce | 09 March | David Harold |
| 16 March | Patrick Newton | 23 March | Barbara Boyce |

CHURCH CLEANING – n/a – done by professional cleaning company



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK, RECOVERING FROM SURGERY OR NEEDING OUR PRAYERS, ESPECIALLY: Louise Shave, Angela Marsden & daughter Janet, Shona Sullivan, Grevatt family, Mike & Josie Glynn & son Mark Walsh and his family, Debbie Sheridan, Freddy Gonzales, Monica Kelsey (sister of Tom Hughes), Bronwen Muir, Kennedy Harper Wilson, Joyce Camilleri, Roy & Jan Carroll, Mary Wright, Ivan Grbin, Brian Henry and Jill Saintsbury, Felicity Gonzales Malanay (sister of Fe & Eil), Pat Mullins (mother of Mark Mullins).