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**“To grow in discipleship of
Jesus and go make disciples”**

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LENT

prayer • fasting • almsgiving

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil – 6.00pm @ Sacred Heart

Sunday – 7.30am @ Our Lady of Good
Counsel, Chidlow

9.30am @ Sacred Heart Mundaring

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday 8.30am

Wednesday 8.00am

Thursday 8.30am

7.00pm ***Men's prayer group***

Friday 8.30am

9.00am ***Adoration & Benediction***

7.00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 8.30am

9.00am Rosary & Cenacle

Reconciliation:

Friday 9.00am (Sacred Heart)

Saturday 9.00am (Sacred Heart)

1st Wednesday of the month 12-1.00pm
(Our Lady of Good Counsel, Chidlow)

Parish Cuppa:

Mundaring: **28th Feb Saturday Vigil** and
8th March Sunday morning Mass

Welcome to bring a plate to share.

Chidlow: Following each Sunday morning
Mass ALL WELCOME!

Time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament:

When she [Teresa] heard some persons saying they would have liked to have lived at the time Christ lived and walked in the world, she used to laugh to herself. She wondered what more they wanted since, in the most Blessed Sacrament [of the Eucharist], they had Him just as truly present as He was then. Saint Teresa of Avila, The Way of Perfection, Ch. 34 § 6.

World day of Prayer 930-1030am 6th of March

This chance for local Christians to unite in prayer was hosted by Sacred Heart Mundaring 2024 & Mundaring Anglican Parish in 2025. This year is being hosted at Mundaring Church of Christ at 1470 Stoneville Rd. Flyers in foyer. Rsvp for catering to Corry 0409960851 or Fr Stephen

As requested by parishioners, the convenience of **EFTPOS DONATION** facilities will become available soon.

DIRECT DEPOSIT collection details

1st Collection: Priest upkeep

Sacred Heart 1st Collection

BSB: 086006

A/C #: 985196641

2nd Collection: Parish

Sacred Heart Mundaring Parish

BSB: 086006

A/C #: 673418807

🙏 **PRAYER CORNER** 🙏
✚ Prayer Intentions for the sick

Tess Howden

Janina Wren

Trevor Clark

Dennis Denoual

Do you know of someone in the parish who is sick and would appreciate some prayers?



NEWS, EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS



In 2028, Australia will host the 54th International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney, a global encounter with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and attended by Pope Leo.

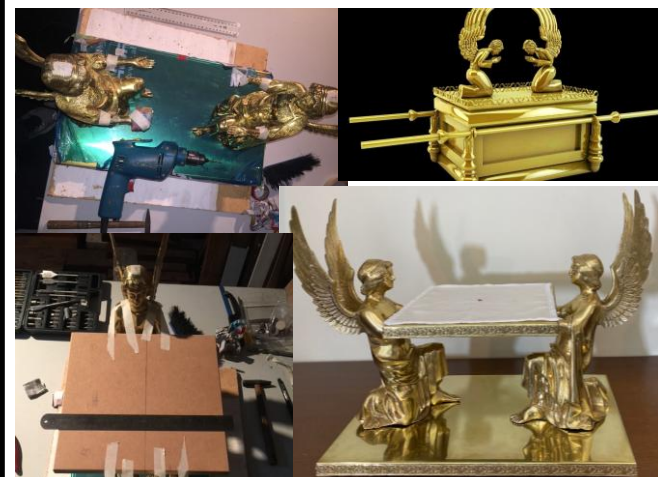
To prepare for this event, the President of the Bishops conference, our own Archbishop Timothy Costelloe and the congress team **has asked that each parish celebrate a “Holy Hour”**: an hour of *Eucharistic Adoration*, after Mass **THIS Sunday 1st March next week**. It will help us prepare for what Archbishop Fisher describes as “the most grace filled event on our shores in a generation.”

After the conclusion of Mass, the altar will be soon prepared for exposing the Blessed Sacrament and the ritual of **Benediction** with the Blessed Sacrament will take place about **1120ish**, for a conclusion around **1130am**. It is possible to come for any part of this time of prayer.

*“Certainly amongst **all devotions**, after that of receiving the sacraments, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament **holds first place, is most pleasing to God, and most useful to ourselves**. Do not then, O devout soul, refuse to begin this devotion.”*
- St Alphonsus Liguori, Doctor of the Church

“A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.”
- Saint Padre Pio

Derived from today's Gospel, the **Tabor** is an elevated throne for the monstrance to be placed on. The brass angel tabor used on Fridays was made by Fr Stephen back in 2018 for better introducing the wondrous marvel of Eucharistic adoration. It reminds us of the Old Testament “Mercy Seat” between the cherubim angels where God dwelt in the Ark of the Covenant, who's design God Himself ordained.



Where can I attend Eucharistic Adoration outside of Friday mornings? We can adore Jesus in the tabernacle in any Church, such as after Mass. Fr Stephen will also be happy to let you into the Church if you wish to come pray. Otherwise you can also adore Jesus exposed in the Monstrance **24/7** at either **Greenmount** Church (Cathy Forrester on [0415 176 249](tel:0415176249)) or **Midland** chapel ([9274 1495](tel:92741495)).

Cuppa THIS SATURDAY after 6pm MASS.

1st SUNDAY Cuppa postponed until: Sunday 8th March, where the Sacred Heart Primary School Staff will be commissioned. Please join in prayer for our staff and growing school.

Some basic tea and coffee refreshment will be available after Sunday 1st March 930am Mass to support prayer during the Holy Hour 1030-1130am.

JUMP IN AND JOIN

A LENTEN GROUP THIS WEEK:

* **Tuesday 10am** – 1190 Stevens St, Mundaring
You can notify Donna 0447 641 227 you are coming.

* **Wednesday 7pm** – 1645 Stoneville Rd, Stoneville
Thank you Justin and Kerensa for hosting

* **Thursday 9am** – Church Patio space with Fr Stephen. Children welcome!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

His face shone like the sun.

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.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Breaking Open the Word

THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / A

1 MARCH 2026

GOD’S BELOVED

On the Second Sunday of Lent the focus is on Jesus’ transfiguration. This speaks into the experience in Matthew’s audience of suffering and even death. With Jerusalem and Jesus’ imminent suffering looming, he takes Peter, James and John on to a ‘high’ mountain, the place of divine encounter. The reference to ‘high’ celebrates the mountains’ divine closeness. Here, alone, they are in the presence of God who comforts Jesus before what will shortly unfold in the Sacred City.

Two Old Testament figures appear, Moses (the traditional author of the Torah—the first five books of the Bible) and Elijah (the first recognised prophet of the Old Testament). Their appearance confirms that what is about to take place for Jesus will reveal God’s protective presence. That presence is confirmed by the ‘cloud [that] covered them with shadow’ and the heavenly voice that attests that Jesus will always be God’s Beloved and delightful One. The disciples’ response to this experience is palpable. They are overcome with ‘fear’ – a deep sense of reverential awe in what they have just witnessed and experienced with Jesus, even though Peter earlier wanted to capture it by building three tents.

The scene is not a literal ‘twitter-feed’ of what actually or historically happened to Jesus. It is a story of theology and religious meaning for disciples aligned with Jesus who know the experience of suffering and death in their own day. At those times, we, too, must go up on to our ‘high’ mountain, accompanied by faithful friends, and allow God’s presence and word to accompany us. We, too, need to hear that we are God’s Beloved and delightful Ones.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Gen 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

The call of Abraham, the father of God’s people.

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP 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 Tim 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to Timothy

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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!

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