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**Last Sunday of Epiphany - Transfiguration Year B**  
11th February, 2024

**St Paul's, Gisborne 10am**

The Parish of Gisborne acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, the peoples of the Kulin Nations, and we pay our respects to their elders, living, past and emerging.  
The Parish of Gisborne is committed to being a Child Safe organisation.

## Welcome

*We extend a very warm welcome to everyone who joins us for worship. You are invited to join us in Holy Communion, whether you are a visitor or a regular parishioner of the Anglican Church. Please make yourself known to us and if you would like more information about our community and ministry, please visit our website or ask one of our parishioners.*

### Transfiguration

Traditionally the Feast of the Transfiguration is celebrated on 6th August each year. But more recently, it has become the custom to hear this section of the Gospel also on the last Sunday before Lent begins. The purpose is simple – during Lent as we hear and even act out the tragic story of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem with its terrible ending on the Cross, we are reminded by the Transfiguration of the glory that belongs to Christ from the beginning of time. The old football slogan, "no blood, no glory" is here pre-empted by a glimpse of the glory, the eternal heaviness, the weight of Christ's kingly power. Yes, our Christ chooses a low road and a humiliating path when he says yes to the Cross, but his disciples, Peter, James and John, and you and I, have already glimpsed his glory in the Transfiguration. It is as if we need encouragement to keep believing when we see our leader submitting to be lifted up on the Cross. John the Evangelist calls Jesus' crucifixion his moment of glory: but for us, struggling disciples in every age who wrestle to understand how Jesus pouring out his life and his divinity on the Cross makes us righteous before God, the Transfiguration is meant to encourage our faith and remind us that the action of salvation is all God's.

*Bishop Garry, Bishop of Ballarat 2021*

#### PARISH FIRE POLICY

If a **C O D E R E D** day is declared [this is the most extreme rating] and this occurs on a Saturday or Sunday – then please note that all services and/or parish activities will be cancelled on that day. This policy will also apply during the week and to all our centres. For other fire danger ratings, it is important that everyone implement their own fire plan.

Your own fire plan must always take precedence even if you are on a rostered duty.

### Readings

This Sunday: Last Sunday of Epiphany, St Paul's

2 Kings 2.1-12

Psalm 50.1-6

2 Cor 4.3-12

Mark 9.2-9

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## The Gathering of God's People

TiS 693

1. Come as you are:  
that's how I want you.  
Come as your are;  
feel quite at home,  
close to my heart,  
loved and for given.  
Come as you are:  
why stand alone?

2. No need to fear,  
love sets no limits;  
no need to fear,  
love never ends;  
don't run away  
shamed and disheartened,  
rest n my love,  
trust me again.

3. I came to call sinners,  
not just the righteous; I  
came to bring peace,  
not to condemn.  
Each time you fail  
to live by my promise,  
why do you think  
I'd love you the less?

4. Come as you are;  
that's how I love you;  
come as you are,  
trust me again.  
Nothing can change  
the love that I bear you;  
all will be well,  
just come as you are.

Blessed be God, ✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
**Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

It is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4.6

*The Presider welcomes the people*

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open, all  
desires known, and from whom no  
secrets are hidden: cleanse the  
thoughts of our hearts by the  
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that  
we may perfectly love you, and  
worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Lord is full of gentleness and compassion. In penitence and faith let us ask his forgiveness of our sins.

Lord, we have sinned in thought, word and deed:

Lord have mercy

**Lord have mercy**

We are truly sorry and we ask you to forgive us:

Christ have mercy

**Christ have mercy**

Help us by your Spirit to live in newness of life:

Lord have mercy

**Lord have mercy**

Almighty God,

who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:

pardon you and set you free from all your sins,

strengthen you in all goodness

and keep you in eternal life,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest, and**

**peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,**

**almighty God and Father, we**

**worship you, we give you thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the**

**sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are**

**seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High**

**Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**✠ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Let us pray:

Almighty God,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us faith to perceive his glory,  
that being strengthened by his grace  
we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Ministry of the Word

As we prepare to hear God's Holy Word through the scriptures,  
**open our hearts and minds, Lord. Amen.**

*All sit for the Reading appointed.*

2 Kings 2:1-12

May your word live in us **and bear much  
fruit to your glory.**

Psalm 50: 1-6

*Response:* The Lord our God, the Mighty One, has spoken

The Lord, the most mighty God, has spoken  
and called the world from the rising of the sun to its setting.  
Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth;  
our God comes and will not keep silence.

*Response*

Consuming fire goes out before him  
and a mighty tempest stirs about him.  
He calls the heaven above,  
and the earth, that he may judge his people:

*Response*

'Gather to me my faithful,  
who have sealed my covenant with sacrifice.'  
Let the heavens declare his righteousness,  
for God himself is judge.

*Response*

*We greet the Gospel:*

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

The child is the light to enlighten the nations,  
And the glory of your people Israel. **Alleluia!**

*The reader says*

The Lord is here!

**God's Spirit is with us!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

Mark 9 : 2-9

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*After the Gospel, the reader says*

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Breaking Open the Word

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe 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 to the dead. On the third day he  
rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and  
he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

This is our faith, the faith of the Church.

**We believe in one God:**

**✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

The response to “Lord of Glory” is

**We behold the mystery of your love.**

*At the end of the prayers, we are invited to pray together:*

**Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.**

**Grant that what we have asked in faith**

**we may by your grace receive,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Greeting of Peace

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

**We meet in his name and share his peace.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**

## The Offertory

TIS 243

1. Christ upon the mountain peak  
stands alone in glory blazing;  
let us, if we dare to speak,  
with the saints and angels praise him -  
Alleluia!

2. Trembling at his feet we saw  
Moses and Elijah speaking:  
all the Prophets and the Law  
shout through them their joyful greeting -  
Alleluia!

3. Swift the cloud of glory came,  
God proclaiming in its thunder  
Jesus as his Son by name!  
Nations, cry aloud in wonder -  
Alleluia!

4. This is God's beloved Son;  
Law and Prophets sing before him,  
first and last, and only One:  
Let creation now adore him -  
Alleluia!

With this bread that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body,  
wine for his blood,  
gifts from God to his table we bring.

As the grains once scattered in the fields and the grapes once  
dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread  
and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered  
together from the corners of the earth, into your kingdom.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, faithful God,  
always and everywhere,  
for with your only begotten Son  
and life-giving Spirit,  
you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting.

At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing  
a universe of beauty and splendour,  
bringing light from darkness  
and order from chaos.

You formed us, male and female, in your image,  
and endowed us with creative power.  
We turned away from you but you did not abandon us.  
You called us by name and searched us out,  
making a covenant of mercy,  
giving the law, and teaching justice by the prophets.

And so we praise you,  
joining with your faithful people of every time and place,  
singing the eternal song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

When the fullness of time was come,  
you sent your Son to be born of Mary.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**



## The Lord's Prayer

Jesus taught us to address God as our Father, therefore as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory  
are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread and the Communion

*The priest breaks the bread. One of the following may be said.*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,

**for we all share in the one bread.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Come, this is not the table of the Church, but of the Lord.

All are welcome at his supper. Come.

*Communion is received in one kind.*

## Post Communion Prayer

Bountiful God,

at this table you graciously feed us

with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.

May we who have reached out our hands to receive this sacrament be strengthened in your service;

we who have sung your praises

tell of your glory and truth in our lives;

we who have seen the greatness of your love  
see you face to face in your kingdom  
and come to worship you with all your saints for ever.

**Father, we offer ourselves to you  
as a living sacrifice  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

TiS 315

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the  
coming of the Lord;  
he is trampling out the vintage where the  
grapes of wrath are stored;  
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his  
terrible swift sword:  
his truth is marching on.

*Glory, glory, hallelujah, glory, glory, hallelujah,  
glory, glory, hallelujah, his truth is marching  
on.*

2. He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall  
never call retreat;  
he is sifting our the hearts of men before his  
judgment seat:  
O be swift, my soul, to answer him: be  
jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on.

*Glory, glory, hallelujah .....  
... our God is marching on.*

3. In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born  
across the sea,  
with a glory in his bosom which transfigures  
you and me:  
as he died to make men holy, let us live to  
make men free,  
while God is marching on.

*Glory, glory, hallelujah ...  
... while God is marching on.*

4. He is coming like the glory of the morning  
on the wave;  
he is wisdom to the mighty; he is succour  
to the brave:  
so the world shall be his foot-stool and the  
soul of time his slave:  
our God is marching on.

*Glory, glory, hallelujah ...  
... our God is marching on.*

Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and  
minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ  
our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy  
Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and service the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Services for next week

**February 14th** ASH WEDNESDAY 10 am St Paul's  
7.30 pm Church of the Resurrection

**Sunday arvo@5 is back every Sunday at St John's Riddells Creek.**

### **Transport for Paul on Sundays**

We would like to set up a roster to provide Paul with transport to the morning service each Sunday. At present the morning service is at 10.00am and alternating between St Paul's and the Church of the Resurrection.

Paul lives in New Gisborne.

Please let Vicki in the office know if you are able to provide Paul with transport and indicate which Sunday/s would suit you.



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– The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

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Mountains are special places. I love that it takes so much effort to hike to the top and then you are rewarded with a spectacular view. In the scriptures God is often encountered at the top of mountains. Peter, James, and John see Jesus meet with Moses and Elijah, then they hear the very voice of God. It's no wonder they want to stay but like all mountain top experiences it must end. When we encounter God in our own mountain top experiences, we need to take that feeling with us, back down into our everyday life.

- Pray for those who struggle daily to experience God in their lives.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Japan, the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai*.

*Text:* Fr Mark Cooper, Rector of MICA Ministries, Diocese of Newcastle

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## SERAPHIM TRIO

Anna Goldsworthy (piano), Helen Ayres (violin) and Tim Nankervis (cello) perform piano trios by Beethoven and Robert Schumann at the Church of the Resurrection, Macedon on Sunday 25 February @ 3pm.

Tickets \$45/40/35

Bookings: [Trybooking.com](https://www.trybooking.com)

## **Sponsor Rev Charles Potter for a 60km cycle ride**

*Fr Charles is taking up the challenge of completing  
60km of the Ballarat Cycle Classic on Sunday 18 Feb.*

*You can pledge to sponsor him for so much per  
kilometre completed and pay directly into the Parish  
Account, marking your pledge 'cycle'.*

*All proceeds go towards the Anglican Parish of  
Gisborne.*

*Tell Fr Charles your pledge amount to encourage him!  
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## **PARISH BUS PROGRAM 2024 - AUTUMN**

In general the following excursions will depart from The Oaks, Gisborne, Eastern end main door, at 11.00 am and plan to return by 3.30 pm. These trips will normally be on a Thursday and, if required, a second trip to the same destination will be arranged for the following day. If the bus runs on the next day, Friday, it will depart from The Oaks, Gisborne, main door entrance, at 11.00 am and return at approximately 3.30 pm. The destination will be as for the previous trip.

Seating on the bus is limited so please telephone Jim Lindsay on 0419 132 291 or 5428 2447 to secure a seat.

All costs relating to food and drinks en route remain the responsibility of the individual. In the event of a fire ban day, the bus will not run.

<b>February 29th</b>	Russo's, Diggers Rest
<b>March 1st</b>	Russo's, Diggers Rest
<b>March 28th</b>	Bakery, Heathcote
<b>April 18th</b>	Brimbank Cafe, East Keilor
<b>May 30th</b>	Social Foundry, Kyneton

The bus will then go into winter recess.