

LITURGY OF THE WORD**FIRST READING:** Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self- it is the Lord who speaks- because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Psalm 115:10, 15-19**Response:** I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

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.**

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.**

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: Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us- he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us. **The Word of the Lord All:**

Thanks be to God**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 Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them anymore but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday Masses

Sat 6:30 & 7:30pm (longer liturgy)

Sun 9:00 am

10:15am (Italian)

2nd Sun 11:15am (Brazilian)

Weekday Masses

Tues – Sat 8:00am

Rosary – Tues 7:30am

Adoration – Thurs 7:30am

Baptisms

1st & 3rd Sun at 11:15am

Confessions

Sat 8:20am & 6:00pm or by appointment

Weddings & Funerals

Parish Contacts

Parish Priest:
Fr. Wilson Donizzetti

Parish Co-ordinator:
Judith Tresham

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Pat Richards

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Parish office hours

Mon & Wed: closed,
Tues: 8.30am - 12.30pm
Thurs: 12.30 – 4:00pm
Fri:10.00am – 2:30pm

*Be thou faithful unto death,
and I will give thee a crown of life.*

Revelation 2:10

Mass intentions

	Time	Intention
Sat	6:30 pm	Marco Bruni (3yrs) Vincenzina Leone Elizabeth Sanpiano (2 years) All Dec. members Lombardo family
	7:30 pm	
Sun	9:00 am	Sebatian Rebullo
	10:15 am	Concetta Donatelli (1mth) Maria Di Prinzio (6mths) Domenico Di Prinzio (27yrs)

Parish Rosters

Readers

Sat	6:30pm	Adriano & Carlos Sanzone
	7:30pm	Neocatechumenal Way
Sun	9:00am	Jos Hazebroek
	10:15am	Italian Mass

Children's Liturgy

Ruby	Ahinsa
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Acolyte & Servers

Sat	6:30pm	Brad
		Ashley, Cassius, Diego, Michaela, Abbygail & Bella
Sun	9:00am	Eugene, Brendon & Pedro Thineth, Clara, Grace, Tess, Joseph & Mariam
	10:15am	Giovanni
Hospital		By appointment

YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR PARISH

Our Plan-giving is an essential part of the parish financial needs. If you are either new or old to our parish, please join the plan and help us to pay our bills. Talk to either Phil, Eugene or Judith Tresham to know more about it and be part of our plan-giving. You can either contribute weekly or monthly through our parish online accounts.

Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Thank you!

GREEK / HEBREW WORD

Divine providence פרטית השגחה Hashgochah Protis or Hashgaha Peratit, lit. divine supervision of the individual) is discussed throughout rabbinic literature, by the classical Jewish philosophers, and by the tradition of Jewish mysticism. The discussion brings into consideration the Jewish understanding of nature, and its reciprocal, the miraculous. This analysis thus underpins much of Orthodox Judaism's world view, particularly as regards questions of interaction with the natural world, and the need for skills and personal effort (*Hishtadlus/Hishtadlut* in Hebrew).

Classical Jewish philosophy Divine providence is discussed by all of the major Jewish philosophers, but its extent and nature is a matter of dispute. There are, broadly, two views, differing largely as to the frequency with which God intervenes in the natural order. The first view admits a frequency of miracles. Here there is a stability of the natural order which nevertheless allows for the interference of God in the regulation of human events, or even in disturbing the natural order on occasion. The second, rationalist view does not deny the occurrence of miracles, but attempts to limit it, and will rationalize the numerous miraculous events related in the Bible and bring them within the sphere of the natural order. The teachings of Nachmanides are largely representative of the first view. He holds that the Creator endowed the universe with physical properties, and sustains the natural order, and that any act of providence involves, by definition, an intrusion into the laws of nature. In the absence of providential interference, cause and effect governs the affairs of the universe. In Ramban's view, reward and punishment — as well as guidance of the fate of Israel — are the typical expressions of such providence (see Ramban: *Torat Hashem Temimah*). In this sense there is no difference between God causing it to rain (as a reward) and his separating the waters of the Red Sea. Both are the result of Divine intervention. And from the great and well-known miracles a man comes to admit to hidden miracles which are the foundation of the whole Torah. A person has no portion in the Torah of Moses unless he believes that all our matters and circumstances are miracles and they do not follow nature or the general custom of the world ... rather, if one does mitzvot he will succeed due to the reward he merits ... (commentary on Exodus 13:16) All events (natural or providential) are the result of the direct will of God, and, as such, the seemingly natural order of the world is an illusion. At the same time, any (obvious) breach in the chain of causality involves a "compromise" in the default cause and effect nature of the universe — providence is thus exercised sparingly, and in a "seemingly natural" manner (Genesis 6:19 ad loc). Thus, whereas the fate of the Jews as a nation is guided by providence, individuals do not enjoy the same providential relationship with the Almighty. Only the righteous and the wicked can expect providential treatment. The fate of more "average" individuals is primarily guided by natural law (Deuteronomy 11:13).

Parish Activities

Dancing: Zumba and Line Dancing

Every Tuesday 6:15-7:15pm

\$12.50 per person

Line Dancing

Every Wednesday 6:15-7:45pm

\$10 per person

Contact: Pat 0407 561 470

Parish events

St Kieran Parish Project.

Many thanks to our Parishioners and Contributors for our Parish Project, fundraising activities will continue in 2024 to fund the renovations. For contributions to St Kieran Project, please donate to the parish Fundraising account.

Parish Fundraising Cake Stall

Please support our Fundraising cake stall on Saturday 24th February and Sunday 25th February, before and after weekend masses. Your support and help would be much appreciated.

Celebrating St Kieran Feast Day on Sunday 3rd March

St Kieran - Patron saint of our church. We will be celebrating this feast day on Sunday 3rd March at our parish morning tea. The actual feast day is Tuesday 5th March. We would also like to acknowledge all our parish volunteers at this special celebration, inviting all parish volunteers to please attend this special morning tea to celebrate with the parish.

Busy Bee Weekend – Saturday 9th March, from 9am.

In preparation for the upcoming Easter, Please participate in our Busy Bee weekend to clean around the church. You can team up with friends and families to support this once-a-year event, please come prepared with gloves, rags, and cleaning aids.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent 6:00pm

(Confessions available during the stations)

Lenten Morning Prayer

Monday to Friday 6:30am

LITURGIA DELLA PAROLA

PRIMA LETTURA Gen 22,1-2.9.10-13.15-18

In quei giorni, Dio mise alla prova Abramo e gli disse: «Abramo!». Rispose: «Eccomi!». Riprese: «Prendi tuo figlio, il tuo unigenito che ami, Isacco, va' nel territorio di Mòria e offrilo in olocausto su di un monte che io ti indicherò». Così arrivarono al luogo che Dio gli aveva indicato; qui Abramo costruì l'altare, collocò la legna. Poi Abramo stese la mano e prese il coltello per immolare suo figlio. Ma l'angelo del Signore lo chiamò dal cielo e gli disse: «Abramo, Abramo!». Rispose: «Eccomi!». L'angelo disse: «Non stendere la mano contro il ragazzo e non fargli niente! Ora so che tu temi Dio e non mi hai rifiutato tuo figlio, il tuo unigenito». Allora Abramo alzò gli occhi e vide un ariete, impigliato con le corna in un cespuglio. Abramo andò a prendere l'ariete e lo offrì in olocausto invece del figlio. L'angelo del Signore chiamò dal cielo Abramo per la seconda volta e disse: «Giuro per me stesso, oracolo del Signore: perché tu hai fatto questo e non hai risparmiato tuo figlio, il tuo unigenito, io ti colmerò di benedizioni e renderò molto numerosa la tua discendenza, come le stelle del cielo e come la sabbia che è sul lido del mare; la tua discendenza si impadronirà delle città dei nemici. Si diranno benedette nella tua discendenza tutte le nazioni della terra, perché tu hai obbedito alla mia voce». **Parola di Dio** **A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**

SALMO RESPONSORIALE Sal 115

Camminerò alla presenza del Signore nella terra dei viventi.

Ho creduto anche quando dicevo: «Sono troppo infelice». Agli occhi del Signore è preziosa la morte dei suoi fedeli. **R.**

Ti prego, Signore, perché sono tuo servo; io sono tuo servo, figlio della tua schiava: tu hai spezzato le mie catene. A te offrirò un sacrificio di ringraziamento e invocherò il nome del Signore. **R.**

Adempirò i miei voti al Signore davanti a tutto il suo popolo, negli atri della casa del Signore, in mezzo a te, Gerusalemme. **R.**

SECONDA LETTURA Rm 8,31-34

Fratelli, se Dio è per noi, chi sarà contro di noi? Egli, che non ha risparmiato il proprio Figlio, ma lo ha consegnato per tutti noi, non ci donerà forse ogni cosa insieme a lui? Chi muoverà accuse contro coloro che Dio ha scelto? Dio è colui che giustifica! Chi condannerà? Cristo Gesù è morto, anzi è risorto, sta alla destra di Dio e intercede per noi!

Parola di Dio **A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**

CANTO AL VANGELO

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù! Dalla nube luminosa, si udì la voce del Padre: «Questi è il mio Figlio, l'amato: ascoltatelo!». Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù!

VANGELO Mc 9,2-10

In quel tempo, Gesù prese con sé Pietro, Giacomo e Giovanni e li condusse su un alto monte, in disparte, loro soli. Fu trasfigurato davanti a loro e le sue vesti divennero splendenti, bianchissime: nessun lavandaio sulla terra potrebbe renderle così bianche. E apparve loro Elia con Mosè e conversavano con Gesù. Prendendo la parola, Pietro disse a Gesù: «Rabbì, è bello per noi essere qui; facciamo tre capanne, una per te, una per Mosè e una per Elia». Non sapeva infatti che cosa dire, perché erano spaventati. Venne una nube che li coprì con la sua ombra e dalla nube uscì una voce: «Questi è il Figlio mio, l'amato: ascoltatelo!». E improvvisamente, guardandosi attorno, non videro più nessuno, se non Gesù solo, con loro. Mentre scendevano dal monte, ordinò loro di non raccontare ad alcuno ciò che avevano visto, se non dopo che il Figlio dell'uomo fosse risorto dai morti. Ed essi tennero fra loro la cosa, chiedendosi che cosa volesse dire risorgere dai morti.

Parola del Signore **A: Lode a Te, O Cristo.**