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Transfiguration March 2nd 2025

Welcome

St. Mary's, Kilcoy
Sundays, 8.00 am
Wednesdays, 9.30 am

St. Matthias', Woodford
Sundays, 10.00 am
2nd Tuesdays, 9.30 am

Bellthorpe Service
Sunday 30th March 5.30pm

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circa 1200

Holy Communion is available to all baptised & communicant members of Christian churches. All are invited to come forward to receive either a blessing or Holy Communion. Please join us at the end of the service for refreshments.

TODAY'S LITURGY

Sentence: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. John 1.14

Collect: O God, glorious and faithful, you reveal the beauty of your face to those who seek you with a sincere heart: strengthen us in faith to embrace the mystery of the cross, and open our hearts to its transforming power, so that, clinging in love to your will for us, we may walk as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Today's Hymns

We have a gospel to proclaim – Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
Called as partners in Christ's service - Lord the light of your love is shining

First Reading: Exodus 34:29 – 35 *A reading from Genesis, Chapter 34, beginning at verse 29:*

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Hear the word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

Psalm 99 (APBA pp 325 - 326)

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2 *A reading from 2 Corinthians, Chapter 3, beginning at verse 12:* Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone – in the sight of God. *Hear the word of the Lord, thanks be to God.*

Gospel: Luke 9:28 - 36 *The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke, Chapter 9, commencing at verse 28:* Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah' — not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

For the Gospel of the Lord, praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

For those who are sick/ in need: Patricia, Val, Cindy, Wendy, Della, Lenny, Jewels, Tanisha, Tim, Bob, Mandy, Annette, and Darren.

For our parish: Loving God, bless and enable each person in this parish; inspire us in our vision

and guide us in our planning and working together. May our lives so reflect the light of your kingdom that others may see and be drawn to your presence. May they come to know the grace and peace of your everlasting love for all your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for: Our wonderful School Chaplains: Mt Kilcoy Peter Robertson; **Kilcoy High:** Vacant; **Woodford:** Vacant; **Delaneys Creek:** Tracy Sbresni. Pray for School Chaplain vacancies to be filled.

Pray for: Domestic & family violence, child abuse victims and perpetrators; People experiencing homelessness; rental & mortgage stress. Refugees; All victims of war and ethnic violence. Peace & justice for Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Lebanon and Syria.; Women in Afghanistan; Hunger & disease in the Sudan; Food & medical aid for Gaza and for the ceasefire to hold. The New Parish Council
Praise God for: That the love of Jesus transforms our lives and draws us into the arms of God

WEEKLY & COMING EVENTS

Tuesdays Bible study at St Matthias 10.00am: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Come and join us

Wednesdays 9.30am: Weekly Service at St Mary's. Everyone welcome

Monday 3rd March 10.30am: Hymnfest at Aloaka Lodge – come and sing with the residents

Wednesday 5th March: Ash Wednesday services: at **St Mary's 9.30am** and **St Matthias' 2pm**

Thursday 6th March 10.30am: Hymnfest at Woodford Manor – come and sing with the residents

Friday 7th March 9.30am: Ecumenical Lenten Bible Study commences - Woodford Catholic Church

Friday 7th March World Day of Prayer: Kilcoy 9.30am and **Woodford 2.00pm**

Tuesday 11th March 9.30am: Service at St Matthias' followed by the Guild meeting

CHURCH NOTICES

Parish Council for 2025: Priest's Warden: Carole Dobson; **Kilcoy Warden:** Debbie Good; **Woodford Warden:** Sandra Munt; **Parish Synod Representatives:** Don Walker and Margie Worrall; **Treasurer:** Don Walker; **Parish Council Secretary:** Carole Dobson; **Parish Nominators:** Carole Dobson, Don Walker and Denise Kunde; **Parish Councillors:** Doug Volk, Esther Graves, Glenys Willocks, and Bevan Kunde.

Thoughts to Ponder: Unwelcome Truths by Br. David Vryhof SSI Luke 4: 16-30 (continued)
Jonah, the reluctant prophet to the people of Nineveh, was ready to die when God shows mercy to foreigners. The people of Nazareth, ready to stone Jesus when he offers signs of God's favour to the Gentiles. "[This incident] foreshadows not only the trial and death of Jesus," writes New Testament commentator Fred Craddock, "but also the fate of many of his followers. If it foreshadows Israel's rejection of Jesus and the taking of the message to Gentiles, then it is important to notice that *Jesus does not go elsewhere because he is rejected. He is rejected because he goes elsewhere.*" Do we find traces of this same resentment in our own hearts? Are there individuals or peoples or nations that, in our judgment, are not deserving of God's favour? Do we consider ourselves to be better than others, specially favoured of God, worthy of being the primary objects of God's favour, love, and blessing? Has this type of arrogance infiltrated our national consciousness? Has it seeped into our churches? Has it affected how we look at others? When one part of our Church castigates another, have we convinced ourselves that we are in the right, that we alone know God's mind and rightly interpret God's truth? When we harbor resentment against those who are poor, have we imagined ourselves to be deserving of wealth and privilege by reason of our hard work and innate goodness, and condemned others to reap the consequences of their ignorance, laziness and lack of initiative? When we disdain those who are different from us, have we imagined God is on *our* side and prefers people who look like us, act like us, think like us? Have we resented God's favour being shown to those whom we discount or

disdain? There are times when we are challenged by unwelcome truths, when we are made to see ourselves as we really are and not as we imagine ourselves to be. There are times when we are shown that we ourselves are in violation of the very principles we have espoused. There are times when our own scriptures condemn us.

“Jesus does not go elsewhere because he is rejected. He is rejected because he goes elsewhere.” The embrace of God is wider than we like to imagine, the love of God is deeper than ours will ever be, the welcome of God far surpasses our own capacity to welcome, the generosity of God outstrips our own. We are recipients of undeserved grace, of a love that overlooks the arrogance, pride and self-centeredness of our hearts, of a kindness that forgives our haughtiness.

Jesus said, *“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward to you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?”* (Matthew 5:43-47) *“Be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate”* (Luke 6:36). May God’s love be the pattern for ours. May God’s wide embrace, God’s boundless generosity, God’s reckless mercy, God’s steadfast and unfailing love be our rule and guide, today and always.

PRAY DAILY: * **The Anglican Church of Burundi** * **The Diocese of Adelaide:** †Geoff Smith; Assistant Bishops; Clergy & People * **The Parish of Aspley-Albany Creek:** †Jonathan Holland – locum, Clergy and People * **Anglicare Southern Qld (ASQ):** Sue Cooke & staff * **Anglican Church Grammar School, East Brisbane:** Headmaster - Alan Campbell; Chaplains – Sharon Mitchell and Stephanie Cotroneo; School Council; staff & students

PEW REFLECTIONS. March 2nd, 2025, Robert McLean © *Anglican Board of Mission, 2025.* In the first part of today’s Gospel reading, we learn of a profoundly spiritual experience – the Transfiguration – witnessed by Peter, John and James, where they see Jesus in the midst of Moses and Elijah, the two great Old Testament prophets, and hear the voice of God commanding them to listen to his Son. Peter tries to capture and constrain the experience, ‘not knowing what he had said’. [Once down from the mountain, Jesus is back to the mundane work of dealing with people and their problems.] **May** we not try to capture the spiritual as an end to itself, but rather use it to empower us to be getting on with what Christ would have us do. **Give thanks** for the work and witness of the Church of South India.

FUTURE READINGS and HYMNS

9th March – Lent 1 – Violet – Year ‘C’

Deut 26:1-11 Ps 91:1-2, 9-16 Praise and thanksgiving ... - Seek ye first the kingdom of God
Rom 10:4-13 Luke 4:1-15 Hark the glad sound! The Saviour ... – Holy Spirit, go before us

16th March – Lent 2 – Violet – Year ‘C’

Gen 15:1-12, 17-18 Ps 27 Be Thou my vision - You are my hiding place
Phil 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35 Who would true valour see - This day God gives me strength

BLESSING: May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. Amen

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