



Meaning of the Tabor Experience

The transfiguration is a beautiful story and it connects with Mount Tabor in Galilee. In biblical tradition mountains are the usual settings for revelations and theophanies. Peter testified in one of his letters (2 Pet 1:17-18) that the apostles granted a glimpse of Jesus in his glorious state on the mountain. This was meant to strengthen them for the ordeal ahead, namely, his passion and death.

But its first chief significance was for Jesus himself. What did it mean for Jesus?

The incident came at a crucial moment in Jesus' ministry. He had just begun his journey to Jerusalem. Up to this time he had been working mostly in Galilee.

Even there he had met a lot of opposition from the religious leaders. He sensed that a violent death awaited him. Naturally he recoiled from such a fate. He took with him Peter, John and James and went up on the mountain to pray.

The most important thing in Jesus' life was his relationship with his heavenly Father. That relationship was the ground beneath his feet all lifelong. So, at the moment when the powers of darkness were massing against him, it was to the Father that he turned for guidance and strength.

We do not know exactly what happened on the mountain but it seems that he heard again the words of affirmation he had heard at his baptism: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. (Mk 1:11).

On Tabor Jesus felt himself confronted and affirmed. He knew that the Father was pleased with him and would give him the strength to face the ordeal ahead. With God on his side, he could face anything.

The story has significance for us too. Like Jesus and the apostles on Mount Tabor, we too can experience rare moments of light and joy. We get glimpses of the promised land towards which we are travelling in faith. But we also have dark times and in those dark moments we must do what Jesus did. We must seek the face of God in prayer. Once we have come to the deep inner knowledge, one that is more of the heart than of the mind, that we are born out of love and will die into love.

Despite the uncertainty of life with its disappointments and losses, we are upheld by the goodness of God.

Flor McCarthy SDB

PARISH NEWS

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 7pm.

Minimarket

Every 4th Sunday of the month. If anyone could be of assistance for the cake stalls this would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Commemorative Plaque

In loving memory of our dear friend and parishioner, David Cockerton (1931-2023) the plaque unveiling ceremony will be **Sunday 25 Feb** (after the 10.30am mass) in the church garden.

Forever loved and sadly missed.

Altar Servers

All altar servers and those who are interested to join are all welcome to attend a training meeting **Saturday 09 March 9am** in the crypt.

We are counting on parent support to bring their children along to this meeting.

For all enquiries please email Deacon Robert: robertmitchell1410@gmail.com

DIOCESE NEWS

Safeguarding Course 2024

Enrolment for the Safeguarding course is now open. This online short course is suitable for people who are involved in Ministry of the Church, either paid or voluntary.

Course starts every **first** day of the month (March - October).

Details of the course can be found on www.tekupenga.ac.nz/Safeguarding.

Joshua Men's Fellowship

Inviting all men for a meeting **Wed 28 Feb 7.30pm - 9.30pm** at St Thomas More Catholic Church, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield (new venue).

Speaker: Fr Carl Telford SM

Topic: *Fostering a Strong Prayer Habit*

Private confession will be available on request.

Ministry Workshops

The Liturgy Centre is offering liturgical ministry workshops across the deaneries which will cover training/ refreshers for **Ministers of the Word** and **Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion**. These workshops will consist of context, prayer and practical formation in these areas.

The workshop will be held at our parish **Sunday 10 March 2024** (1pm-3pm) in the church. A light lunch will be served in the hall. Upon completion, a certificate will be presented to you at mass on a chosen date and time (determined by your parish). Register via the link below or email the parish office if you are interested.

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/formation/

Mass Times

Monday: 9am
Tues/Wed/Thurs 6.30pm
Wed: Novena 6pm
Friday: 9am
First Friday: 6.30pm
Saturday: 5pm Vigil
Sunday: 9am, 10.30am, 5pm

**Reconciliation by appointment.
Please contact the parish office.**

Divine Mercy Devotion

Divine Mercy Devotion & Mass ~ **Friday 01 March 7pm** at St Mary's Parish, 20 Kitenui Ave, Mt Albert. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Mercy Sung, Benediction, Mass followed by veneration of St Faustina's relic. All welcome.

Young Leaders' Commissioning Mass

Join us as we begin another grace-filled year of youth ministry in the Diocese. Bishop Steve will be commissioning young leaders as they are sent out for ministry in 2024 ~ **Sunday 25 February 7pm** at St Patrick's Cathedral. Please join us to support our young leaders.

If you wish to place a notice in our parish newsletter, please email the parish office by Wednesday.

Please pray for our sick parishioners:

Violet Furtado, Yvonne Sommers, Mary Holmes, Kanesi Masae, Ethan Peter Lelo, Rosalen Ahearn, Saulius David Balsys, Kalameli Tauta, Joan Unkovich, Pauline Caffell, Louisa Baptist, Robert Shearman, Siufaga Maileoi Lili, Lee Dunn, Alex Soniega, Barbara Lynch, Fata Peter & Lenora Fuiava, Priscilla Fernandes, Nellie Lemusu-Kea, Aaron Ablan, Joy Rapcsak, Gerard Hoover.

Last Week's Collection:

House - \$ 1,236.75

Parish - \$ 2,018.95

Thank you for your generosity.

Readings For The Upcoming Week

Mon 26 Feb: Dan 9:4-10
Lk 6:36-38 Ps 78: 8-9, 11, 13
Tue 27 Feb: Is 1:10, 16-20
Mt 23:1-12 Ps 49:8-9, 16-17, 21
Wed 28 Feb: Jer 18:18-20
Mt 20:17-28 Ps 30:5-6, 14-16
Thu 29 Feb: Jer 17:5-10
Lk 16:19-31 Ps 1:1-4, 6
Fri 01 Mar: Gen 37:3-4, 17-28
Ps 104:16-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat 02 Mar: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20
Lk 15:11-32 Ps 102:1-4, 9-12
Sun 03 Mar: Ex 20:1-17
1 Cor 1:22-25 Ps 18:8-11
Jn 2:13-25

Young Adults

We are meeting every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. Next meetings are **25 February** and **10 March**. Saturday morning hike 8am every fortnight. Next hike is **Sat 09 March**. Keep an eye on the Parish website (Young Adults section) or Instagram@ourladyoflourdesgleneden. Adoration at Mount St Mary's is currently every **Tuesday (8pm-9pm)** but may change to Wednesdays. Please check the Parish website for updates or Instagram.

For more info, please contact Christian at cmalaitai@gmail.com or call 021 116 8275.



Auckland Catholic Youth Ministry

AKCYM is holding a small event (The Upper Room) on **Thursday 07 March** at Good George 71 Tamaki Drive, Mission Bay for young adults. Doors open from 6.30pm, bar snacks served from 7pm and guest speaker begins at 7.30pm. Grab a drink, enjoy some free snacks and meet other young adults. Our guest speaker will be Danielle Mourits. **Tickets \$10.**

Go to our [Facebook page @ AKCYM](#) or email felicity@cda.org.nz

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