



OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

18 February 2016

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Principal: Ms. Patrizia Bertani
Secretary: Mrs. Laura Pase
Parish Priest: Fr. Peter-Damien McKinley
Parish Mass Times: Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 9:00am, 10:30am & 5:30pm
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'Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful' Luke 6:36



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wed 17-Fri 19 Feb

Grade 6 Camp

Mon 22-Wed 24 Feb

Parent Teacher Student
Chats after school

Wed 24 Feb

Parents Advisory Board
(PAB) Meeting 7.00pm

Tues 1 Mar

Yrs 3-6 Parent Health and
Wellbeing Meeting 7.00pm
Auditorium

Wed 9 Mar

Foundation BBQ 5.30-
7.00pm

P&F AGM 7.00pm

Friday 11 Mar

Parish Movie

Mon 14 Mar

Labour Day Public Holiday

Wed 16 Mar

School Photos
PAB AGM 7.00pm

Thurs 24 Mar

End of Term 1 at 3.15pm

Mon 11 Apr

Start of Term 2 at 8.45am

Fri 22 Apr

Professional Learning for
Staff (First Aid & Emergency
Management) - **No school
for the children**

Mon 25 Apr

ANZAC Day - Public Holiday

Sacraments

Sun 24 July

10.30am Eucharist 4H

Sun 31 July

10.30am Eucharist 4G

Thurs 8 Sept

7.00pm First Reconciliation

Fri 11 Nov

7.00pm Confir-
mation



To the Parents and all the Our Lady's School Community,

I would like to congratulate our new Foundation children and their families who have settled in so well. The children have nearly completed their fourth week of schooling at Our Lady's and it is wonderful to see them so happily engaged in their learning and building new friendships with their classmates and other children in the school.

Each term we select a piece of scripture which is related to the learning focus for that term. The piece of scripture that you see above is the focus that we are using this term in every classroom. As you know we call our units of work *Faith-Life-Inquiry*. Teachers integrate the content from across curriculum areas into meaningful and cohesive learning experiences. Kath Murdoch our Educational Consultant will be further exploring with the staff the application of 'Learning Assets' in order to more effectively and deeply engage our children in the inquiry process. Here are some characteristics of what makes a good inquiry learner:

Being Curious, Wondering about things, Collaboration, Thinking deeply, Finding out and Researching, Making Connections between old and new learning, Problem Solving, Having an Open Mind to new learning and Taking Action to improve yourself, others or the world around you.

At Our Lady's we are a learning community which promotes inquiry and a culture of thinking. We hope to build and strengthen this by providing all learners with rich and diverse learning opportunities in their *Faith-Life-Inquiry Learning*.

Real Life Learning with 2M, 2N and Father Peter

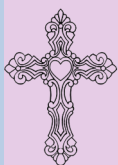
As a part of their *Faith-Life-Inquiry Learning* the children in 2M and 2N have been investigating what it means to be an 'Active Citizen'. They decided to invite Father Peter to their classrooms to speak to them about what it means to him to be an 'Active Citizen'. They



were delighted that he accepted their invitation. Father Peter talked about his role in the community and how he is always actively seeking out ways to improve both the Parish and the School. He talked about doing 'good works' and helping those in need.

**Thank you Father Peter for contributing to our knowledge about 'Active Citizenship'
From the children in 2M and 2N**

Lent



Jesus, we read in the Bible, about the time you went alone into the desert, where you ate nothing for forty days. Help us, in the forty days of Lent, to remember what you suffered for us, because you wanted to save us. Help us, in the forty days of Lent, to go without some of the nice things we often have, to be kind and helpful to others, to make our home a happy place. Help us, in the forty days of Lent, to pray more, and to remember you, suffering and dying on the cross, because you wanted to save us.

Parent Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday 24 February 7pm

Emergency Management Drills

As many of you are aware it is important to practice emergency management procedures. We are writing to inform you that there will be whole school practice drills on the following dates. The children will have discussed the importance of these drills with their teachers beforehand and we hope that you will also have a chat to your child about the importance of these drills with your child/children.

- ◆ Friday 26 Feb 1.00pm On Site Evacuation
- ◆ Wed 9 Mar 1.00pm Lock Down Drill
- ◆ Tues 12 April 12.00pm Off Site Drill

Parent/Teacher Chats

The Parent/Teacher Chats are an important opportunity for you to dialogue with your child's teacher. It is a two way discussion and sharing of information which will support the teacher to develop a deeper understanding of your child as a learner and as a person. Please use this time to communicate your thoughts and feelings about how your child is going. We always appreciate open, honest and respectful dialogue with our parents. The teachers welcome your input and look forward to this valuable opportunity.



Parent Helpers

Thank you to Mrs Carabott and Ms Maguire for organising the Parent Helpers learning sessions. A big thank you to the 16 parents who participated in this opportunity. The teachers certainly enjoyed having the opportunity to get to know you better. We now look forward to having your support in the classrooms. We know your presence will make a positive difference to children's learning in the classrooms. Remember to sign in at the Office and to wear your Working With Children Check each time you're helping in the Classroom.



Active learning active citizenship



Summer and Sally-Grace in 2M making a difference at Our Lady's

As I was making my way across the playground I saw Summer and Sally-Grace with a bag each filled with litter they had picked up around the school yard. When I asked them about why they chose to do this they replied that they wanted to make their school a better place. They asked me to remind all children that they too can improve the playground by:

- ⇒ Picking up rubbish when you see it
- ⇒ Always putting your rubbish in the bin

Let us all follow their excellent example!



Daniel wrote this beautiful prayer this week and wanted to share it with you in this week's newsletter. Thank you Daniel!

A Prayer written by Daniel in 3E

Dear God,
Thank you God for my family and my friends.
Please keep my family safe.
Please bless them with love, happiness and health.
Thank you for all your blessings.
Amen

Parents and Friends Committee

On Wednesday 9 March we will be holding the Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting (AGM). The meeting will be held from 7pm to 8pm in the Hall Kitchen. It is a great way of connecting with other parents and you will be made to feel very welcome. We look forward to adding new members to our already great team.

In this week's newsletter you will find the role descriptions and a nomination form. Joining the Parents and Friends Committee is a wonderful way to support the school and really make a positive difference to our school community. This year we will purchase a Kiln with the money raised by the Parents and Friends in 2015. Over the years we have purchased many items which have included Books and Mathematical equipment with the funds raised.

Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

Ms Patrizia Bertani
Principal

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**The Parents and Friends
Committee really make a
positive difference!**



ROLE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE PARENTS AND FRIENDS COMMITTEE

President

The President's position carries a task of trust and responsibility and requires skill and time. The President should exercise authority with tact, be impartial and open to other points of view.

The main role of the President is to:

- * Be the main representative/spokesperson for the P&F
 - * Liaise with the Committee members and set the agenda for meetings
 - * Be the main contact for agenda items
 - * Open the meetings punctually and ensure the agenda is followed
 - * Ensure those present at the meeting have the opportunity to discuss each item on the agenda prior to a decision being made
 - * Make sure, particularly on contentious matters, as many points of view as possible are expressed
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Vice-President

The Vice President plays an important role by assisting the President with P&F responsibilities and replacing the President and chair meetings in the absence of the President.

Secretary

The Secretary is very important to the efficient operation of the P&F. Duties and responsibilities include:

- * Taking minutes at P&F and Committee meetings
- * Photocopying and distributing minutes to Committee members along with agenda prior to the next meeting
- * In consultation with the Principal and President:
- * Providing a summary of the matters discussed at the meeting for display on the parents' notice board
- * Dealing with any incoming/outgoing correspondence

Treasurer

The Treasurer carries a task of trust and responsibility. Duties and responsibilities include:

- * Taking charge of monies of the P&F
- * Keeping accurate financial records of all receipts and expenditure
- * Banking all money regularly
- * Reporting regularly on the P&F's financial position at meetings
- * Preparing a financial report for the Annual General Meeting

Committee Members

Committee members have a responsibility to:

- * Attend PFA meetings as regularly as possible and send apologies if unable to attend
- * Help organise P&F activities and projects
- * Work towards the best possible outcomes being achieved
- * Be mindful that discussions should be on topics which are relevant to the whole school community
- * Facilitate and nurture positive home/school relationships within the parent community



Election of the Our Lady's School Parents and Friends Committee

Nomination Form

P & F Meeting – Wednesday 9 March 2016 at 7.00pm

Nominations are invited for the Our Lady's School Parents & Friends Committee 2016.

Nomination

I, (your name) _____

Parent of (name and grade of your child) _____

Nominate: (name of person) _____

For the Position of: (one form per nomination)

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President

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Vice President

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Secretary

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Treasurer

Signed

Nominator: _____

Date: _____

Nomination Acceptance

I, (nominee) _____

Parent of (name and grade of your child) _____

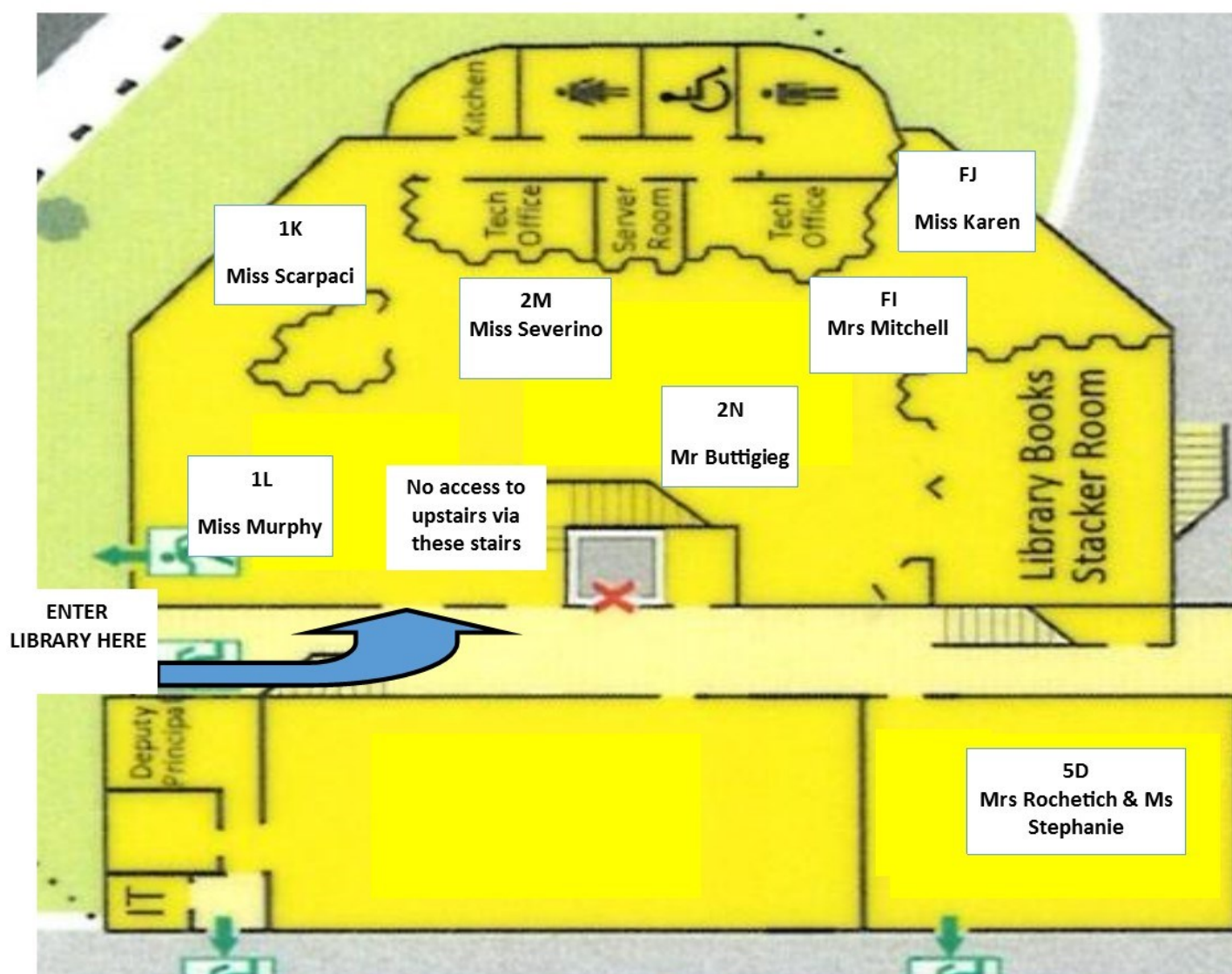
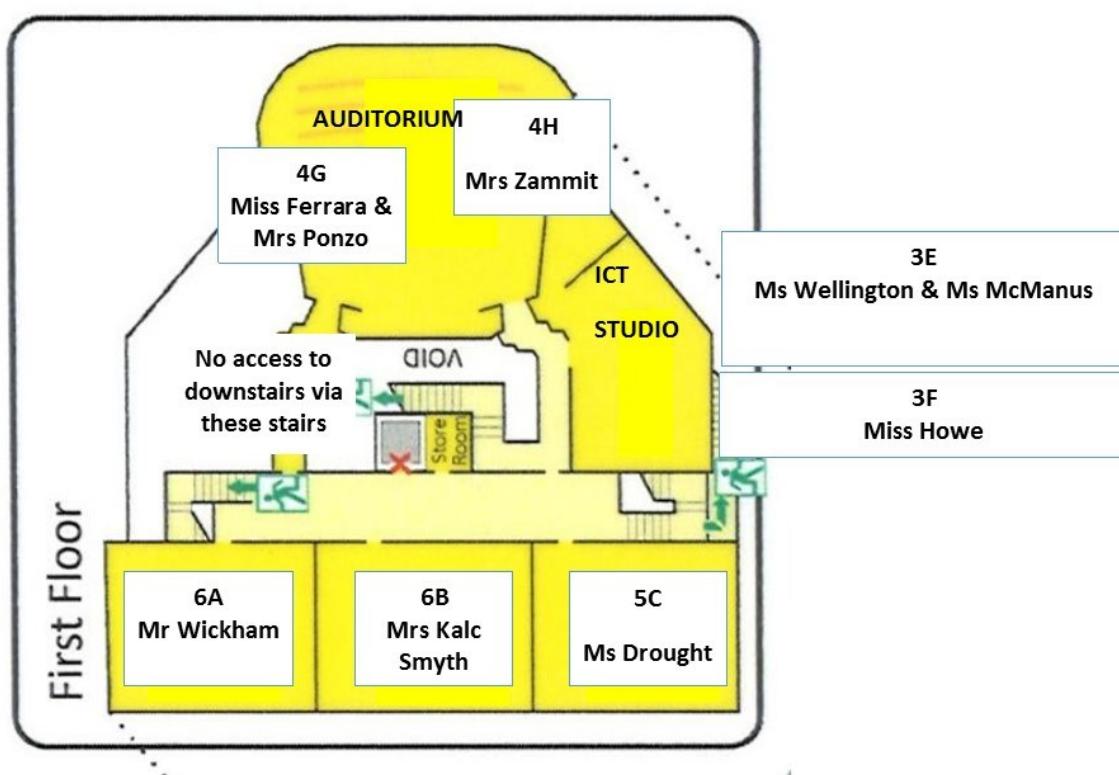
Accept the nomination as indicated above.

Nominee's Signature: _____ Date: _____

***ALL NOMINATION FORMS ARE TO BE HANDED TO THE PRINCIPAL
BY 9:00AM WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH 2016***

Parent/Teacher/Student Chats - Monday 22, Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 February

Please wait in the corridor until your child's teacher invites you in to your Chat



Social and Emotional Learning at Our Lady's

Social and Emotional Learning



The focus for the first few weeks of Term 1 at Our Lady's in terms of Social and Emotional Learning has been relationships and self-awareness. In building a new friendship with someone, we have been learning that it is important to:

- Look into the eyes of the person you are meeting
- Smile!
- Say 'Hello'
- Say 'My name is.....'
- New person should say 'Hello, my name is.....' in return
- Ask the person a question about themselves, such as 'How are you?'

This is something that families can practise at home too, especially if you know you are going to a family party or special occasion.

We have also focused on the strong emotions that we all experience from time to time, how to recognise strong emotions in others and how we can calm down to manage strong emotions.

Did you know that these strategies can work for some people?

- Take 10 deep breaths
- Have a drink of water
- Get some fresh air
- Tell yourself to 'relax'

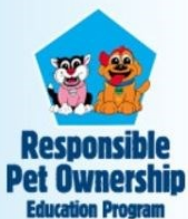
There might be other ones that work for you and your family too. Try asking your child to try one of these should the need arise.

RACV Street Scene visit



The RACV Street Scene program will visit our students in Year 2 and Year 4 next week on Monday. Our students will learn all about road and traffic safety as part of their Faith-Life Inquiry unit focused on *Active Citizenship*. We all know how important it is for children to recognise common road signs and be aware of some basic road rules so that they can be as safe as they possibly can be. We look forward to the learning that ensues as part of the RACV Street Scene program and seeing all the photos.

Responsible Pet Ownership Program



You may have seen the posters up around the school advertising that the Responsible Pet Ownership Education Program will be visiting the students of Our Lady's in the last week of Term 1. Every student will have the opportunity to hear about the importance of looking after pets, and especially what to do when meeting a dog for the first time, as it is important to be safe. Our facilitator will also bring her dog (on a leash) to school for us to say hello to as well! We look forward to learning about this important safety message in March. -

Our Lady's has Google sites for the three Specialist classes, so that you can keep up with what is happening in Art, Italian and Physical Education (sport). You will find lots of interesting information on these sites! Miss Pina, Maestra Federica and Miss McManus, will update these regularly, with photos, results (sport) and other important information related to curriculum and your child's learning.



These sites are easily found on the same page as all the other class sites:

1. Go to the Our Lady's website www.olsunshine.catholic.edu.au
2. Learning and Teaching page
3. Class sites, at the right

We hope you enjoy reading all the Google Sites!



YEAR 7 2017 APPLICATIONS TO CAROLINE CHISHOLM CATHOLIC COLLEGE



A reminder to all Parents that the cut-off date for Year 7 2017 applications is
26 February 2016.

Applicants will need to submit their applications with:

- Birth Certificate or equivalent identification documents
- Sacrament certificates (if Catholic or Orthodox)
- Grade 5 Naplan results
- Grad 5 Semester 1 & 2 reports



Foundation Parents and children BBQ



**Wednesday 9th March
2016**

**5.30 – 7.00 p.m. in the
school hall**

**Bring along some drinks
and nibblies**

BBQ sausages provided

**Please RSVP via note sent
home**

**Spare notes available in the
office**



Want to play footy?

Auskick, Under U/8s, 9s, U11s, U13s, U15s and U17s

Training starts in March 2016

Train Wednesday and Friday nights

Play games on Sundays

Auskick clinics Friday nights

Sunshine Football Club

Lily St Braybrook.

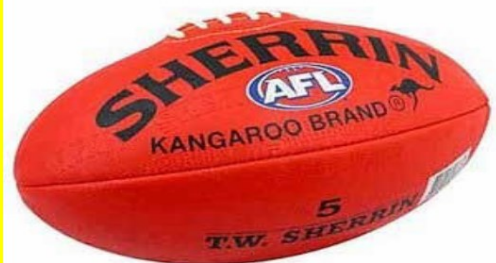
Right next to RecWest.



The Sunshine Football Club offers a fun, educational and exciting football program that caters for everyone, including the ever popular Auskick program.



- Learn the skills
- Kick a goal
- Take a specky!
- Join the fun



Phone: 0417 331 377 or 0425 826 339

Email: juniors@sunshinekangaroos.com.au

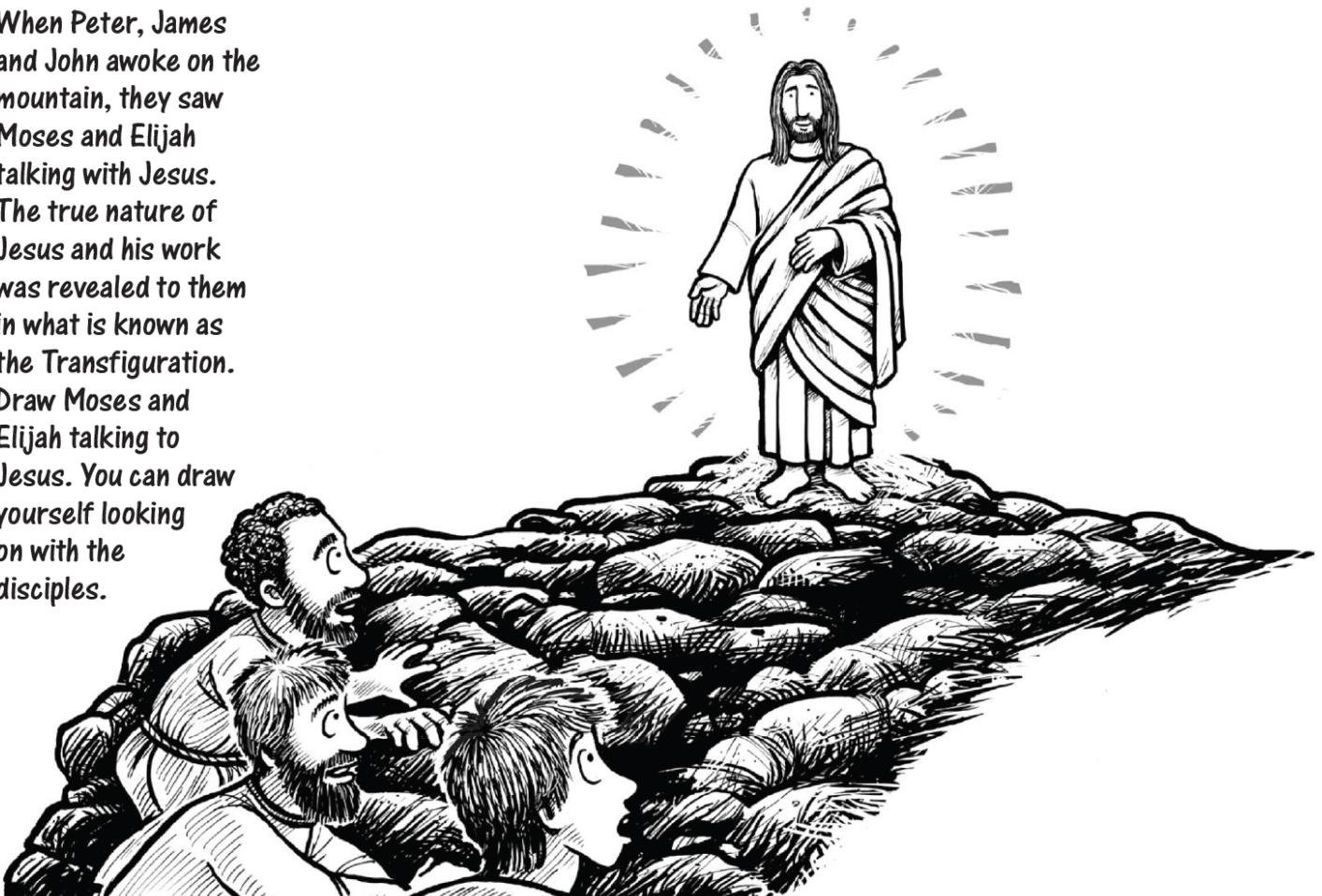


This is my chosen Son
Listen to what he says!

My name is

2nd Sunday of Lent, Year C

When Peter, James and John awoke on the mountain, they saw Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus. The true nature of Jesus and his work was revealed to them in what is known as the Transfiguration. Draw Moses and Elijah talking to Jesus. You can draw yourself looking on with the disciples.



Gospel Lk 9:28-36

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 any more 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.

God spoke to the disciples and told them to listen to Jesus. Write down two ways we can listen to Jesus. What are two things Jesus is telling you?

