

TRINITY NEWS

Transfiguration

I grew up on one of the great plains for the world, the western plains of New South Wales. Except for a few hills it appears to run right to the horizon. The roads are so straight that the lights are dimmed when two cars are miles away from one another. They appear to be so close.

The rich soil blooms when after years of drought the falling rain that breaks the drought soaks into the parched soil. The countryside is transfigured.

The image of the flatness did not help me to understand that the spiritual journey is like climbing a mountain. Someone was told that he would find God on a mountain. When he got to the top he found only gravel when he peered over the rim. On the way down he was overcome by an overwhelming sense of the Presence of God.

A man climbed an apparently unclimbed peak in the Andes. He rejoiced that he was to be the first. At the top he found a little Inca shrine carved in stone that was very ancient.

The lower levels of the spiritual life are like climbing the lower hills and passes that lead to Mount Everest. We are baptized and we are soaked in Spirit and our own journey takes shape. But the higher we climb the harder it gets. We have to throw some of our baggage away. Past heartaches and disappointments and perceived failures are no longer as important. We taste bread and wine on the way and we are refreshed.

The love of God refreshes us like the oxygen that fills our lungs. Pretences drop away. We trudge on because the path becomes more important than the reasons for the climb. Then we begin to catch glimpses of radiant glory far ahead. Finally we reach the top. There we see three glory tents, mysteriously preserved, left there from long ago. A glory figure stands in the midst beckoning us on. It is the perpetual mountain of transfiguration. It splashes glory over the path stretching behind us and onward into God. Then the Transfigured One comes to us.

Bishop Arthur Jones

THIS WEEK:

February 12-Pancake Supper.

Get your tickets now!

P250.00 (13 yrs old & up)

P150.00 (6-12 yrs old)

FREE (0-5 yrs old)

Donations, and volunteer helpers are still needed. A sign-up sheet is on the board by the Parish Office.



February 13-Ash Wednesday.

- Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Bible Study, 10 a.m.



February 14-Midweek Eucharist,

10 a.m., Chapel

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Deuteronomy 26:5-11; Psalm 91; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13