

Gospel Reflection

How quickly time moves on. What does Transfiguration mean to us. We are fearfully and wondrously made yet how often do we believe that? How often does life not let us believe that?

Surely there are times when we can imagine no greater grace than being on a mountaintop and letting God wash us clean; seeing ourselves reflected in God's eyes; letting God tell us we are Beloved; that we have a message worth listening to?

As disciples we follow Jesus; Jesus knows his need of the Father; he makes the time; he takes the journey. Jesus finds rest in his Father; enough to face death and more than death. As disciples we have accepted the cross of desolation; we must also accept God's embrace of consolation. We are Beloved.

Family Fun Day: On Sunday 18th March we are having a Family Fun Day in the Parish Centre. There will be a Shared Table and an Easter Egg Tombola. We are collecting Easter Eggs now so if you would like to donate one please leave it in the Box in the Sacristy. Thank You.

St Nicholas Catholic High School is joining with the local parishes to celebrate Lent with a *community* Mass at St Mary's, Middlewich, on Sunday 4th March 2018. For young people of high school age. Preparation time will begin at 3.00pm with Mass at 5.00pm and refreshments to follow. See the poster in the porch.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you wish to make preparations for your child to be Baptised you should telephone Fr Simon to arrange to see him after an 11am Mass on Sunday morning.

Following this there are Meetings on the first Friday of each month at 7:30pm. that you will need to attend, where you will meet Mrs Gerri Doherty and Deacon Tony Ford.

NEWSLETTER

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"United in conviction and united
in love, with a common purpose
and a common mind"
Philippians 2:2

25TH FEBRUARY 2018 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (CYCLE B)** **MASS & SERVICE TIMES**

Saturday 24th February	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Paul Martin RIP
Sunday 25th February	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Noel & Jubal Oliveros RIP
Monday 26th February	9:30am 7:30pm	Mass – Hannah Fish RIP anniversary Scripture Group
Tuesday 27th February	9:30am	Mass – Hugh Duffy RIP
Wednesday 28th February	12:00pm	Mass – Ruth Jennings RIP
Thursday 1st March	10:00am	Requiem Mass - Wilhelm Theodoor Van Es. RIP
Friday 2nd March		No service
Saturday 3rd March	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Tracy Simpson RIP
Sunday 4th March	9:30am 11:00am	Pat RIP (sister of Barbara Carney) People of the Parish
Monday 5th March	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion

If Fr Simon is unobtainable and you urgently need a Priest please phone the parish mobile: **07548 222133** Please use this number for emergencies only i.e. where a priest is needed urgently.

200 CLUB DRAW

Winner: £40 Prize
This week – Mrs. Ann Cain

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

Coffee morning: Our Coffee Morning on Tuesday raised the sum of £155. Thanks to those who organised it and those who came to support it. The next Coffee Morning is on March 20th.

Heating & Lighting: Next weekend – and the weekend after – we are appealing to you to help us with our Gas & Electricity Bills. This winter has been particularly cold and our usage has been particularly high. So on these weekends we will be having a Retiring Collection.

Readers: We would like to recruit more Readers for the 9:30am Sunday morning Mass. If you are interested in becoming a Reader please speak to Fr. Simon.

It is with great sadness that we have to tell you that Fr Stephen died on Wednesday after a long illness. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING ENQUIRIES

If you are interested in hiring the Parish Centre for a function, please contact Phil Martin on 07720 807162

Prayer for our Parish:

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this parish
and grant us a new vision of your glory,
a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word
and a new consecration to your service,
that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come,
through Christ our Lord.

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St Joseph pray for us

Gospel Reading Mk 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain. His appearance changed from the inside out, right before their eyes. His clothes shimmered, glistening white, whiter than any bleach could make them. Elijah, along with Moses, came into view, in deep conversation with Jesus.



Peter interrupted, “Rabbi, this is a great moment! Let’s build three memorials— one for you, one for Moses, one for Elijah.” He blurted this out without thinking, stunned as they all were by what they were seeing.

Just then a light-radiant cloud enveloped them, and from deep in the cloud, a voice: “This is my Son, marked by my love. Listen to him.”

The next minute the disciples were looking around, rubbing their eyes, seeing nothing but Jesus, only Jesus.

Coming down the mountain, Jesus swore them to secrecy. “Don’t tell a soul what you saw. After the Son of Man rises from the dead, you’re free to talk.” They puzzled over that, wondering what on earth “rising from the dead” meant.

Bingo Night Friday 13th April 7:30pm: In aid of Doctor Fallon’s chosen Charities – Autism Group and Carer’s Association.

We would be delighted to receive any donations and prizes for the bingo night. Please leave them in the sacristy marked “Bingo”.

“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi