

Gospel Reflection

Transfiguration is about Jesus and about us. When we are with him, we are with the divine. When he is with us, he is with the human. His love, grace, sacraments, peace and compassion can transfigure us. And then we look at those around us and see from the inside out, as people capable of transfiguration. Be present in prayer to light and brightness; allow light invade your body and know that the light of Jesus given in baptism is never extinguished.

One of my favourite prayers is the 'Glory Be to the Father.' It dates from a time when I prayed over the gospel account of the transfiguration, and felt for a few moments the brightness of God come over me in a deep lightness of spirit and joy. I stayed like that feeling a nearness to the brightness of God and prayed the 'Glory Be.' That is why I say it many times every day. The words of praise to the Trinity have their source for me in a quiet prayer on a retreat about forty years ago! Strange how moments of prayer can last so long!



Jesus did not want fear to cause the disciples to miss the meaning of God's message. The voice from the cloud had a simple message for Jesus and for us.

Jesus saw that there was a time for silence and a time to speak. I ask God to help me to know which is appropriate – and when. I may draw strength from considering how I have been able to show restraint in the past.

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

8th MARCH 2020 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 7th March	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
Sunday 8th March	9:30am 11:00am	Kenneth Jones RIP Mr Patrick James Cowan
Monday 9th March	9:30am	Eko.D, Jose Pereira, Inocetocia De Jesus, Daniel Goncalves, Felis De Jesus, Antonio Soares, Valentino F.R., Sogita F.P.
Tuesday 10th March	9:30am	John Gerard Welsh RIP
Wednesday 11th March	Noon	Joe, Joyce and Paul Davies
Thursday 12th March	9:30am	Father Simon's Intentions
Friday 13th March		No service
Saturday 14th March	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Kath Harrison RIP
Sunday 15th March	9:30am 11:00am Noon	Dr Fallon & Family People of the Parish St Joseph Feast Day celebration

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 – Mr Vincent Acaro

**WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB
AND HELP THE PARISH?**

PRISONER OUTREACH

Please continue to bring in your loose change and leave the money in the bottle on the bookshelves in the porch and help to support this organisation.

St Joseph's Feast Day Come and join in the celebration of the feast of St Joseph on Sunday 15th March after 11am Mass. There will be a shared table and a tombola.

Coffee Morning Our next Coffee Morning will be held on Tuesday 24th March at 10:30am, everyone is welcome.

Bingo Night We are collecting prizes for our next bingo night. If you would like to donate prizes we would be really pleased to have them. You can leave the gifts in the Sacristy marked 'Bingo' or give them to Pat McQuillan or Ann Hayes.

Offertory Envelopes We are getting ready to issue the new Boxes of Envelopes later this month. If you have one of these numbers can you please add your name and address to the Clipboard in the outer porch so that we can update our records.

Numbers 99, 138, 141, and 150

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 Matthew 17 1-9

Six days later, three of them saw that glory. Jesus took Peter and the brothers, James and John, and led them up a high mountain. His appearance changed from the inside out, right before their eyes. Sunlight poured from his face. His clothes were filled with light. Then they realized that Moses and Elijah were also there in deep conversation with him.

Peter broke in, "Master, this is a great moment! What would you think if I built three memorials here on the mountain—one for you, one for Moses, one for Elijah?"

While he was going on like this, babbling, a light-radiant cloud enveloped them, and sounding from deep in the cloud a voice:

"This is my Son, marked by my love, focus of my delight. Listen to him."

When the disciples heard it, they fell flat on their faces, scared to death. But Jesus came over and touched them. "Don't be afraid." When they opened their eyes and looked around all they saw was Jesus, only Jesus.

Coming down the mountain, Jesus swore them to secrecy. "Don't breathe a word of what you've seen. After the Son of Man is raised from the dead, you are free to talk."



"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi

Funny signs outside Churches

- What's missing from Ch__ch? u r
- Having trouble sleeping? Try one of our sermons

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