

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared.
The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.*

COLLECT

O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship, grant, we pray, to your servants, that, listening to the voice of your beloved Son, we may merit to become coheirs with him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14
A reading from the book of Daniel.

As I watched:
Thrones were set in place
and one of great age took his seat.
His robe was white as snow,
the hair of his head as pure as wool.
His throne was a blaze of flames,
its wheels were a burning fire.
A stream of fire poured out,
issuing from his presence.
A thousand thousand waited on him,
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.
A court was held and the books were opened.
I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 96

RESPONSE: *The Lord is king,
most high above all the earth.*

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
let all the coastlands be glad.
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;
his throne, justice and right. **R.**
2. The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.
The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory. **R.**
3. For you indeed are the Lord
most high above all the earth
exalted far above all spirits. **R.**

SECOND READING 2 Peter 1:16-19

A reading from the second letter of St Peter.
It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour." We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.
So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
This is my Son, the Beloved,
he enjoys my favour;
listen to him.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. "Lord," he said, "it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him." When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. "Stand up," he said, "do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.
As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, "Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Sanctify, O Lord, we pray,
these offerings here made to celebrate
the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son,
and by his radiant splendour
cleanse us from the stains of sin.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*When Christ appears, we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the heavenly nourishment we have received,
O Lord, we pray,
transform us into the likeness of your Son,
whose radiant splendour you willed to make manifest
in his glorious Transfiguration.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

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Catholic chaplain to the Ipswich hospitals: Awaiting new appointment.

Please contact either Fr Paul, Fr Luke or one of the other Ipswich priests if you or a family member are going in to hospital.

Please consider setting up a standing order in favour of the parish instead of a weekly cash offering. If you can Gift Aid your donation, please complete a form which you can find in the church porch.

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The Transfiguration of the Lord – Sunday 6th August 2023: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year A

Services during the coming week – Eighteenth Week of the Year, Year I

Saturday 5 th August	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass for the Transfiguration of the Lords, offered for the people of the parish. Reader I Suttle, Offertory Hennon Family
Sunday 6 th August	8:00 am 10:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for the Vieira Family. Reader C Moore, offertory Moore Family, Eucharistic Minister C Moore Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Laura Croker RIP. Reader M Pakes, offertory Long Family, Eucharistic Minister M Long
<i>Please join us for tea and coffee in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass, prepared & served by Nigel & Molly</i>		
Monday 7 th August		Feria No Mass Today
Tuesday 8 th August		St Dominic No Mass Today
Wednesday 9 th August		St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross No Mass Today
Thursday 10 th August		St Lawrence No Mass Today
Friday 11 th August		St Clare No Mass Today
Saturday 12 th August	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, offered for the people of the parish.

Today's Gospel: Today's feast of the Transfiguration calls to our attention the importance of this event in Jesus' life, further affirmed by its report in each of the Synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark and Luke. In Cycle A, the reading for this feast is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah and after Jesus predicts his Passion. In each of these Gospels, a discussion of the cost of discipleship precedes the Transfiguration, with Jesus taking three of his disciples - Peter, James, and John - to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear and converse with Jesus, Elijah and Moses both being significant figures in the history of Israel: Moses led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. He represents the Law, which guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh, some believing that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah. The appearance of these two figures from Israel's history indicated Jesus' continuity with the Law and the prophets. They also reveal that Jesus is the fulfilment of all that was promised to the people of Israel. Upon witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, an awestruck Peter offered to construct three tents for them when a voice from Heaven affirms that Jesus is "my beloved Son" and commands the disciples to listen to him. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructed the disciples to keep secret what they had seen until after "the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." Until they witnessed Jesus' Passion and Death, the disciples could not possibly understand what he meant by being "raised from the dead." We, however, have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of the Transfiguration Gospel, we see an anticipation of Jesus' Resurrection, a foreshadowing of Christ's glory in Heaven, and the promise of our own resurrection. *Loyola Press.*

Fr Paul: Fr Paul will be away from the parish on pilgrimage after today until the 23rd August, and during this time there will be no weekday Masses. Weekday Masses will resume on Thursday 24th. Next weekend, the 12th/13th of August, the three weekend Masses will be celebrated by a visiting Missionary Society priest, and tie in with a Missionary Appeal. The following weekend, 19th/20th August, we will welcome back Fr Chris Dobson who has kindly agreed to cover the weekend Masses.

Social Committee: There will be an inaugural, open meeting on Monday 14th August in the Garden Room at 7:30 pm to formulate ideas and discuss options for future social activity within the parish. Please do come along and share your views.

Parish 150 Club: The July prize draw of the 150 Club was made last Sunday. Congratulations to the winners: Mr Michael Bloomfield, Mr David Nash, Mr Terry Butcher and Mrs Carol Sims. Full details of the winners can be found on the notice board in the porch and on the parish web site. There is plenty of room for more members to join the Club and we would appeal to all parishioners to sign up to this venture to support your parish.

The Sick of the Parish:

We ask your prayers for Patrick Doran and all our brothers and sisters who are unwell, afflicted, housebound or distressed.

Lord, comfort and relieve them according to their needs, and grant them the love and consolation of your Spirit. Amen.

Our Own Dear Departed: Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Mary Murphy (1972), Francis Jordan (1958), Frederick Rutter (1986), Anne Glaze (2002), Jacqueline Luzny (1995), Noreen Lawrence (2001), Giuseppe de Dona (2009), Carole Johnson (2018), William Kerr (1970), Cyril Robinson (1970) and Iris Harvey (2006) whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace