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## Second Sunday in Lent: 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

### Sunday Readings: Year A

### Weekday Readings: Year II, 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent

We offer a warm welcome to all new parishioners and visitors

## Services This Week

Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	8:00 am	Holy Mass – Jim & Molly
	10:00 am*	Holy Mass – Peter Crilley
		<b>Hymns for 10:00 Mass</b>
		Entrance: - Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of My Heart (61)
		Offertory: - Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (242)
		Communion:- Love Divine All Loves Excelling (337)
		Recession: - Amazing Grace (36)
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass - People of the Parish
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent Feria	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass – Janes family
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent Feria	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass – Vieira family
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent Feria	<b>No Mass Today</b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent Feria	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass – Holy Souls
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent Feria	
	<b>9:00 am</b>	Holy Mass – Agnes Humble foundation Mass
	<b>9:30 am</b>	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent Feria	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass – Moss family foundation Mass
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	8:00 am	Holy Mass – Fryatt family
	10:00 am*	Holy Mass - Guiesppina & Giovanni Iannelli
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass - People of the parish

\* Children's Liturgy is held during the 10:00 Mass each Sunday.

Tea and coffee will be available in the Guild Room after 10:00 Mass – please do come and join us!

## Today's Gospel

For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection.

On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word.

The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.

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## CAFOD Lenten Family Fast Day

Last Friday was CAFOD's Lenten Family Fast Day. Hopefully, you will all have supported this event in your own homes and workplaces by eating more simply than usual in support of and solidarity with the poor and hungry across the world, and have come today prepared to generously donate your savings to assist CAFOD in its work helping the health of the world's poorest people. There will be a retiring collection after each Mass today to receive your donations. Please use a special Family Fast Day envelope from the narthex and give whatever you can. If you are a tax payer, please take a minute to complete the details on the envelope so that the tax you have already paid on that money can be reclaimed from the government – this costs you nothing and increases the value of the donation to CAFOD by 25%. In this country, we have so much – please do be generous and help those who have so little.

### CAFOD Lenten Prayer

*God of all wholeness, heal our hearts of all that prevents us responding to our sisters and brothers excluded by poverty and prevented from living a full and happy life. This Lent, may we implore justice through our prayer, stand in solidarity through our fasting and reach out through our giving. Send your life-giving power to revive the weary, restore the broken and renew the face of the earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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## Catholic Women's League

The CWL organisers would like to extend a very big thank you to all who in any way, supported its Valentide Tea Party in February. The afternoon was very enjoyable and raised £315 for local and CWL charities – an excellent result!

The next meeting of the CWL will take place on Tuesday 17th March in St Pancras church hall, starting with a business meeting at 2:30 and followed at 3:00 pm with a talk given by Canon Mathew George on his time as chaplain to Mother, now Saint, Teresa of Calcutta. Anyone who is interested will be very welcome.

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## Dementia Prayer Week

Dementia Prayer Week runs from Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March to Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Religious congregations are invited to participate in this national, annual event linking parishes and schools around the country in prayer for those suffering from, or affected by, dementia. With an estimated 800,000 individuals in England and Wales affected in various ways by dementia, the event is also the annual appeal of the Pastoral Care Project which helps support those living with this illness and those that care for and support them. Donations may be made via the web site [www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk](http://www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk).

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## The Sick of the Parish

Please pray for those who are sick or housebound: John Anderson-Hurst, Margaret Arbon, William Barnes, Peggy Barron, Jason Beaumont, Michael Clarke, Deacon Peter Coates, Monica Ford, Josephine Kalagira, Fabiana Di Mascio, Ron Green, Jo Kelly, Molly Mc Garry, Yvonne Metcalfe, Robert Mullan, Anna Nelli, Mary O'Reilly and Pippa Williamson.

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## Offertory Collection

The offertory collection for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March was £522.51. Thank you.

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## First Holy Communion Programme

The First Holy Communion classes continue today in the Guild Room at 4:45 pm.

## **Own Dear Departed**

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Patrick Owen, Robert McInnes, George Keenan, Leslie Robinson, Edward Clarke, Gerard Healey, Harry Frost, Arthur Watkinson, Isabel Whittle, John Roche, Noel Andrews and Marion Keenan whose anniversaries occur about this time.

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

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## **Survive-Miva**

Founded in 1974, Survive-Miva is a Catholic lay association and registered charity, whose patron is the archbishop of Liverpool. It exists to provide one vital element to ensure success of the Church's healthcare and pastoral work in remote communities in impoverished parts of the world – mobility. The association has about 60 members, the vast majority Catholic lay men and women from all walks of life who give generously of their time to make appeals for funds at parishes throughout Scotland, Wales and England. On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March, we will host a volunteer speaker from Survive-Miva who will tell us about the association's work and make an appeal for financial support.

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## **National Novena to St Joseph**

The St Joseph's Missionary Society, more commonly known as the Mill Hill Missionaries, is Britain's own missionary society. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their society and the missionary outreach of the church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from 10<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March at St Joseph's church in Maidenhead and at St Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer. Please write to the Novena Director, St Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT or email [novenamhm@gmail.com](mailto:novenamhm@gmail.com).

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## **Deanery Station Mass**

This year's Lenten Deanery Station Mass, celebrated by the bishop, is on 12<sup>th</sup> March at St. Mary's Church, Woodbridge Road. Before Mass, there will be Eucharistic Adoration from 6 -7 pm with an opportunity for Confessions. There will be several priests present to hear confessions. Mass will begin at 7 pm followed by soup and simple refreshments.

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## **Parish Assembly**

We will have an open meeting of the parish on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00 am (after the Mass at 10.00 am). Bigger parishes have an elected Pastoral Council, smaller parishes have a Parish Assembly or Forum to discuss mainly the Pastoral, Catechetical, Liturgical and Spiritual aspects of parish life and to decide upon a pastoral action plan for the coming few months to manage expectations in a positive way. The members of the Finance Committee will be able to answer any questions on financial matters. Declan Moore our rep at the Diocesan Council of Laity is happy to help us with organising the details. Please contact him or Fr. Mathew if you have any particular items for deliberation at the Parish Assembly.

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## **House Blessing**

It is a traditional Catholic practice to bless the houses in Lent and Easter Season. Please book a date with Fr. Mathew if you would like to have your house blessed.

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## **Taizé Prayer**

On Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>, one of the brothers from the Taizé community is coming to the Anglican Cathedral in Norwich (65 The Close, Norwich, NR1 4DH) to lead Taizé prayer around the Cross from 7 pm - 8 pm. The Taizé community is a monastic order founded in 1940 in rural France. Prayer and silence are at the heart of the Taizé experience and during their services there is repeated chanting of prayers as well as other phrases from scripture that are sung. The Bishop of Norwich is inviting everyone to join in this special Taizé service. All are welcome and there is no need to book in advance.

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**Entrance Antiphon:**

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

**Collect:**

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory.. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**First Reading:** Gen 12:1-4 *The call of Abraham, the father of the people of God..*

The Lord said to Abram, "Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. *I will bless those who bless you: I will cure those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.*" So Abram went as the Lord told him.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps.32:4-5,18-20,22

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

**Second Reading:** 2Tim. 1:8-10 *God calls and enlightens us.*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace has already been granted us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

**Gospel:** Matt. 17:1-9 *His face shone like the sun.*

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."

**Prayer over the Offerings:**

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. Through Christ Our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon:**

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

**Prayer after Communion:**

As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.