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Second Week of Lent



The Transfiguration of Christ

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SECOND WEEK OF LENT

All masses at St Mary's live-streamed www.churchservices.tv/easthundred

St Mary's is usually open each weekday from 9am until late afternoon.

Sunday **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT** **[PURPLE]**
5th March *CAFOD Collection*
9.15am Children's Church (*St Mary's Parish Rooms*)
9.30am Holy Mass *RIP Jack Parker*
11.15am **Mass at St Patrick's**
6pm **Parish Mass** *Pro populo*
(celebrant and preacher: The Bishop)

(Readings: Lent Week 2)

Monday *of Second Week of Lent* **[Purple]**
6th March 9.15am Holy Mass *FM Fanny Gorton 1937*
I The Agony in the Garden

Tuesday *Commem. SS Perpetua & Felicity MM* **[Purple]**
7th March 9.15am Holy Mass *RIP Breda Smith, Alex Smith*
II The Scourging at the Pillar

Wednesday *of Second Week of Lent* **[Purple]**
8th March **9am** Morning Prayer *III The Crowning with Thorns*
9.15am Holy Mass *FM Louisa Goddard 1963*

Thursday *of Second Week of Lent* **[Purple]**
9th March 9.15am Holy Mass (*attended by school*)
FM Pupils of St Amand's School
IV The Carrying of the Cross

Friday *Day of Abstinence* **[Purple]**
10th March 8.30am Holy Mass
V The Crucifixion

3pm Adoration
5pm Evensong at St Augustine's Church

Saturday *of Second Week of Lent* **[Purple]**
11th March *No Mass*

Sunday **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT** **[PURPLE]**
12th March 9.15am Children's Church (*St Mary's Parish Rooms*)
9.30am **Parish Mass** *Pro populo*
11.15am **Mass at St Patrick's**
6pm **Holy Mass**
(celebrant and preacher: The Bishop)

Confessions during Lent:
after Mass, Monday to Friday, or by arrangement

Reflection – *Transfiguration*

P**PETER** recognizes Jesus as the Messiah, God's Saviour. As if to confirm this insight, Jesus takes him, along with John and James, up a mountain to pray. There the disciples see Christ in glory. Moses, the leader of Israel's pilgrimage to the Promised Land is there. So is Elijah, Israel's greatest prophet, the herald of salvation. The messenger of the covenant, says Malachi, is like fuller's soap and St Mark tells us that Jesus' 'clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.'

Overshadowing everything is the cloud of God's glory and as at Jesus' baptism the voice from heaven calls him 'the beloved Son'. But this time there is a command added: 'Listen to him'. In faith the disciples have seen who Jesus is. God confirms this faith by granting a vision. So runs the story of the Transfiguration, as told by three of the evangelists, and, despite the supernatural language and imagery, it remains a very human story. In fact Peter, rather characteristically, combines insight with an ill-judged spontaneity. 'Let's make three booths', he says – as if the disciples could add meaning to what was a gift of meaning to them!

And yet the suggestion about booths has its use. It gives us a clue as to what the story might mean. St Luke tells us that this episode was 'about eight days after' the discussions of Caesarea Philippi – where Peter recognises Jesus as the Messiah, the Christ, and the disciples learn that Jesus will be killed and raised from the dead. 'Booths' suggests the Feast of Tabernacles. The Feast of Tabernacles (or booths) is a colourful Jewish festival lasting eight days and its climax, on the eighth day, is a day of new wine, libations of water (symbolising the wells of salvation and the outpouring of the Spirit) and processions with branches. Originally a harvest festival, Tabernacles symbolised for Zechariah the in-gathering of all nations. The camping in booths symbolised the nomadic journeying in the desert and the festivities of the last day of the feast reflected the glory of the Promised Land. All these associations – new wine, washing, outpouring of the Spirit, processions with branches, the in-gathering of the nations, the Promised Land – are caught up in the glory of Christ. They are transfigured by his messiahship.

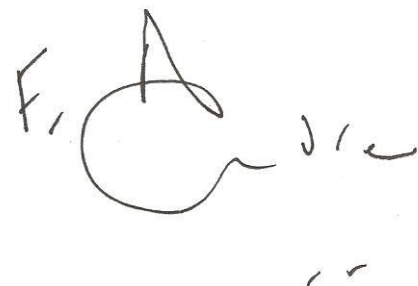
Peter's suggestions about the booths and the mention of 'about eight days' give us one clue to the meaning of the Transfiguration – the realisation of all that is foreshadowed in the Feast of Tabernacles. St Matthew and St Mark have a different lapse of time. 'After *six* days...' they begin their

accounts. This is not, chronologically, a significant difference – there’s only a couple of days in it – yet it unlocks a whole new area of meaning.

In Exodus 24, Moses ascends Sinai with Aaron, Nadab and Abihu – names less easy to recall than Peter, John and James! - and, after six days, hears the voice of God from the cloud. This time it is not the giving of the commandments (Exodus 20) but instructions to build the ark, the tabernacle and the Altar, to bring into being the priesthood and to begin sacrifice. The worship of the Old Covenant was underway.

The people of Israel had been fed with quail and manna in the wilderness; they had received the commandments and ordinances. Now the whole liturgical expression of the covenant was beginning. It is surely not fanciful to see the same pattern in the gospels. The teacher from Nazareth had taught on the mountain (Matthew) and on the plain (Luke). He had fed the multitude with fishes and loaves. Now comes the focus of worship and the teacher is recognised as Lord by those who have the eyes to see and worshipped as the Transfigured Christ by those admitted to the vision. There is no mention of sanctuaries, priesthood and sacrifices: the One whom they worship is the New Temple, the High Priest and the Sacrifice.

Taking the two clues together – the clues about the Feast of Tabernacles and the story of Moses and his three companions – we see that the Transfiguration is a story about worship. Nothing should distract us from the vision of glory which we receive when we worship. Neither the teaching and proclamation which precede the experience on the holy mountain nor the work of ministry which awaits those who come down the mountain. It is that vision which gives depth to the proclamation and empowers us for the world of loving and healing to which we are called.



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Fr Andrew is usually available to speak to after Mass.

Arrangements for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals or other meetings are most conveniently made by e-mail.

Ma Lluïsa Jarne: office@hendredcatholicparish.org.uk
or Sunday mass or on Mondays, 6pm-8pm, on 07983045824.

Year of Prayer to the Holy Spirit

ON 1st February 2023. Bishop Philip presented us with the challenge to 'to establish or pledge to develop six holy habits':

- to keep Sunday special, a family day, by attending Mass.
- to spend five minutes a day in prayer using the Scriptures
- to do penance on Fridays, and to serve the poor and needy
- every fortnight to make a Holy Half Hour before the Blessed Sacrament
- to go to Confession once a month
- join a small group for formation, prayer, and fellowship



[Bishop's Office: An invitation to join Bishop Philip Egan's online Lent Reflection webinars](#)

You are invited to join Bishop Philip Egan during Lent, on three online Lent Reflections on Thursdays 2nd, 9th and 16th March at 7.30 pm, each lasting about 40 minutes. In each Reflection, he will share his personal thoughts on one of the three ...

GIVING

CAFOD SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

DIDCOT

To help with supplying the Didcot Foodbank, contact Veronica Paget: veronicapaget@hotmail.com or leave suitable food outside her front door.

GIVING TO THE PARISH *(NB some changes here w.e.f. 1st January)*

BY REGULAR STANDING ORDER OR GIFT

BANK DETAILS: CDP East Hendred, St Mary

Sort Code: 309304 Account Number: 00877183

Please note: though the Bank Account Name has changed, the Sort Code and Account Number have not changed. New arrangements need to specify 'CDP East Hendred, St Mary': the prefix PRCDT has been superseded.

To arrange Gift Aid, contact : office@hendredcatholicparish.org.uk

Please let us know (if you are a UK Taxpayer) if you are happy for us to claim Gift Aid. At the start of the tax year we need anybody in Gift Aid to let us know if they are no longer taxpayers. In that case we should not make a claim.

Donations to the parish: www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk

The Donate button links to 'Give as you Live'

FOR YOUR PRAYERS



MARCH IS THE MONTH OF ST JOSEPH

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

NATIONAL & DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sunday 5 th	Catholic Girlguiding UK members in the diocese
Monday 6 th	Catholic Scout Association members in the diocese
Tuesday 7 th	Diocesan Chancellery
Wednesday 8 th	All working in the Hospice movement
Thursday 9 th	All religious novices
Friday 10 th	Community of St Edward the Confessor, Chandler's Ford
Saturday 11 th	All who provide Children's Liturgy

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

Annie Furlong, Gwenda, Martha, Diana France, Helen Lewis, John Castle, Daniel Cuevas, John Stringer, Louise Woodhouse, Brenda Paddon, Karen Greig, Mary McNichol, Des McNichol

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Week 5th - 11th March 2023: Amy Stibbs, George Dunn, Fr Michael Sexton, Ellen Cuddihy, Alice Couling, Alice Pilcher, Thomas Mulford, Breda Smith, Jo Barr, Margaret Brown, John Curley, Julia Swanson, Mary Teresa Eyston, John Colfer, Brendan O'Neill.

NOTICEBOARD

THE BISHOP'S VISIT

The Bishop is visiting us on Sunday (5th March) in time to celebrate the 6pm Mass. It is not a formal visitation but a pastoral visit. The 6pm Mass will be designated as the Parish Mass: if you can, please come to this Mass.

CHURCH HEATING

We are doing our best with the Burning Fiery Furnace ('the BFF' see Daniel 3:11) to pre-heat the church before Sunday Mass. We continue to advise people to wrap up warm. Extensive work, led by Chris Harrison, is happening to try to remedy the situation. Very grateful to Chris.

CHURCH SERVICES

On Sunday 26th February, 58 people looked in on 39 machines. 23 stayed long enough to take part in Mass. 18 of those looking in were from the UK and 21 from elsewhere in the world.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

Those aged 16 or above by July 2023 are invited to join with like-minded young people from across the diocese to journey on pilgrimage to Lisbon for World Youth Day. For further information, see the posters in church, or please email wyd@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

FOSTERING WITH OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Our carers stories are all different but what they all provide is just the same: support, security, and safety with a sprinkling of love! Just like one of our foster carers, Ruth: 'I always subscribed to the misconception that I needed to be older, financially secure and even possibly in a partnership to foster but the truth is, almost anyone can foster.' The important thing is that you've got love to give a child.

Interested?

If you'd like to find out more, our fostering team would love to hear from you - email fostering@oxfordshire.gov.uk or phone 0800 7835724
www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/fostering

Oxfordshire County Council foster carers receive:

- A set up payment of £1,500, to help make the transition to foster carer.
- Generous fees, paid in addition to the child's allowance, based on experience and skills.
- Dedicated social worker support.
- Access to professionals involved with the child/children.
- Links with support groups, specialised training, and therapeutic advice.

The Gospel according to Matthew (vii)

THE NARRATIVE of the fifth book (Mt 19:1–23:39) begins with the departure of Jesus and his disciples from Galilee for Jerusalem. In the course of their journey Jesus for the third time predicts the passion that awaits him at Jerusalem and also his resurrection (Mt 20:17–19). At his entrance into the city he is hailed as the Son of David by the crowds accompanying him (Mt 21:9). He cleanses the temple (Mt 21:12–17), and in the few days of his Jerusalem ministry he engages in a series of controversies with the Jewish religious leaders (Mt 21:23–27; 22:15–22, 23–33, 34–40, 41–46), meanwhile speaking parables against them (Mt 21:28–32, 33–46), against all those Israelites who have rejected God’s invitation to the messianic banquet (Mt 22:1–10), and against all, Jew and Gentile, who have accepted but have shown themselves unworthy of it (Mt 22:11–14). Once again, the perspective of the evangelist includes not only the time of Jesus’ ministry but that of the preaching of the gospel after his resurrection. The narrative culminates in Jesus’ denunciation of the scribes and Pharisees, reflecting not only his own opposition to them but that of Matthew’s church (Mt 23:1–36), and in Jesus’ lament over Jerusalem (Mt 23:37–39).

In the discourse of the fifth book (Mt 24:1–25:46), the last of the great structural discourses of the gospel, Jesus predicts the destruction of the temple and his own final coming. The time of the latter is unknown (Mt 24:36, 44), and the disciples are exhorted in various parables to live in readiness for it, a readiness that entails faithful attention to the duties of the interim period (Mt 24:45–25:30). The coming of Jesus will bring with it the great judgment by which the everlasting destiny of all will be determined (Mt 25:31–46).

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to be continued.....

East Hendred Catholic Parish



Second Sunday in

Lent (A)

Antiphons,

Prayers and Readings

Entrance Antiphon

Tibi dixit

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

Cf Ps 27:8-9

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, God, for ever and ever

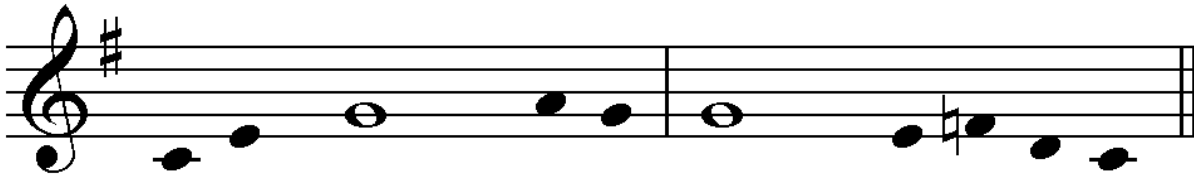
First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a (RSV)

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who curses you I will curse; and by you all the families of the earth shall bless themselves." ⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him;

Psalm 33

Tone V.3



Ps 33:4, 5, 18-20, 22 **R/** 22

R/ *May your merciful love be u-pon us* |
as we hope *in you O Lord.*

*The word of the Lord is faith - ful,
and all his works to be trus-ted.
The Lord loves justice and right (),
and his merciful love fills the earth. **R/***

*The Lord's eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his mer-ciful love,
to rescue their souls from death (),
to keep them a-live in fa-mine. **R/***

*Our soul is waiting for the Lord ().
He is our help and our shield.
May your merciful love be u-pon us,
as we hope in you, O Lord. **R/***

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:8-10 (RSV)

⁸Do not be ashamed then of testifying to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but take your share of suffering for the gospel in the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not in virtue of our works but in virtue of his own purpose and the grace which he gave us in Christ Jesus ages ago, ¹⁰and now has manifested through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Lent Prose *(in place of the Gospel Acclamation)*

(see Mass booklet, no. 74)

Cantor (1st time) Full

Hear us, O Lord, have mer - cy up - on us:
for we have sinn'd a - gainst thee.

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9 (RSV)

After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. ³ And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Eli'jah, talking with him. ⁴ And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Eli'jah." ⁵ He was still speaking, when behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸ And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. ⁹ And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is raised from the dead."

Apostles' Creed *(see Mass booklet, page 6)*

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.

Preface

(De transfiguratione Domini)

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. For after he had told the disciples of his coming Death on the holy mountain he manifested to them his glory, to show, even by

the testimony of the law and the prophets, that the Passion leads to the glory of the Resurrection. And so, with the Power of heaven, we worship you constantly on earth, and before your majesty without end we acclaim: Holy, holy, holy &c.

Communion Antiphon

Hic est Filius meus dilectus

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

Cf Mt 17:5

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.

Scripture Reading (Lent Week 2)

Monday	Daniel 9:4-10	Luke 6:36-38
Tuesday	Isaiah 1:10, 16-20	Matthew 23:1-12
Wednesday	Jeremiah 18:18-20	Matthew 20:17-28
Thursday	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Luke 16:19-31
Friday	Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13 17-28	Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday	Micah 7:14-15, 18-20	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday		

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (A)

Exodus 17:3-7

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-42

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