



The Second Sunday of Lent



Every year, on the Second Sunday of Lent, we hear about the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain top. Why? Jesus revealed his glory to the three apostles in order to strengthen them for the journey ahead - the journey to Jerusalem, Gethsemane and Golgotha. The same vision is today offered to us, to strengthen us in our Lenten Journey of Faith. Last week we heard about temptation: this week we are driven onwards by a vision of glory that will be ours - the goal of our lives of faith and all that we do as Christians. The transfiguration represents the final destination of our lives, if we are faithful in resisting temptation and living each day as faithful members of Jesus Christ. In our journey of renewal and new commitment through Lent, we are spurred on and encouraged by today's vision to see why the effort is worth it.

Marriage Matters

A real presence through listening: Jesus was transfigured and was in communion with His Father, and His companions were overwhelmed, hearing the Father's voice. We can hear the voice of Jesus now - but can we listen to Him? Let's start by listening to each other, not just ears, but eyes, hearts, our whole being, becoming really present to each other, 'a real presence', every day.

Think Vocation

"This is My Son, the Chosen One, listen to Him." Lent is a time for prayer and self-denial. Out of a deeper personal relationship with Our Lord, we can gain clearer direction for our lives. This Lent, may we keep in our prayers someone we think the Lord may be asking to serve Him in the Church in the priesthood or consecrated life.

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Sunday 17 March - Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse

9am Mass (SJ) - *with Children's Liturgy*
 11am Mass (SB) - *with Children's Liturgy*
 2pm Baptism (SJ)
 3pm Stations of the Cross (SB)

Monday 18 March

No Morning Mass today
 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB)
 7.30pm Lenten Course (Longsight Methodist)
 7.45pm SVP (SJ)

Tuesday 19 March - St Joseph

2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)
 6.30pm Reconciliation (SJ)
 7pm Mass (SJ)
 7.30pm Praying With Scripture (SJ)
 7.15pm SVP (SB)

Wednesday 20 March

9.30am Mass (SJ)
 7pm *Songs of Praise* (St Thomas of Canterbury, Heaton)
 7.30pm PET Meeting (SJ)

Thursday 21 March

9.15am Mass (SB) - *With School*
 7.15pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)

Friday 22 March

9.30am Mass for Yr4 & 5 (SJ) - followed by Stations of the Cross

Saturday 23 March

2pm Baptism (SB)
 5pm Mass (SB) - *with Children's Liturgy*

Sunday 24 March

9am Mass (SJ) - *with Children's Liturgy*
 11am Mass (SB) - *with Children's Liturgy*
 2pm Baptism (SB)
 3pm Stations of the Cross (SJ)

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Prayers Please
We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends. Bernard Holder, Fr John Ashton (SDB), Jackie Harte, Jim Carney, Moya Fau-Goodwin
Lately Dead: Mary O'Doherty, Hamish Beattie, Gwendoline Hart, Julie Gibbons, Margaret Gibson, Rose McGreavy, Agnes Audrey Newman, Patrick Joseph Carroll,
Anniversaries: Finuala Filbin, Rita Brooks
Mass Intentions: Finuala Filbin, A Special Intention, A Private Intention, Mary O'Doherty, Hamish Beattie, Rita Brooks, Barbara Grimes (Birthday Remembrance), Gwendoline Hart, Molly & Vincent Mooney, Nellie Shechter, A sick person
Cycle of Prayer Part 3 (of 6): We pray especially for: candidates for the sacraments; women; the needy and hungry of the world; penitents and wanderers
Hope in the Future
Let us pray for the parish of St Mary, Osbaldeston, with Fr Heakin, and for the parish of St John Paul II, Padiham, with Fr Swift, together with their parish primary schools.
Facts and Figures for 10/11 March
Offertory Collection: £997.80 Standing Orders (8-15 March): £441 Mass Attendance: 5pm-128; 9am-182; 11am-173; Total 483
Cheques: We now have our new Corpus Christi parish account name. Please make all cheques payable to <i>Corpus Christi</i> . Thank you.



Congratulations: To Ellie Luna Prescott who was baptised at St Brendan's last Saturday. And to Daisy June McCabe who was baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families continue to grow in faith.

Fair Trade Fortnight: As we come to the end of Fair Trade Fortnight there will be a Fair Trade stall, helping producers out of poverty, at each Mass this weekend. Real Easter Eggs, telling the Easter story will be available for sale or to order

Christian Meditation: The dates for March are as follows:
Tuesdays - 19th and 26th. (2pm-2.45pm)
Thursdays - 21st and 28th. (7.15pm-8pm) These are held in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's and all are welcome.

Lent at the Cathedral: Please see the poster at the back of each church with information regarding various activities at the Cathedral during Lent.

Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse: Today, we are asked to pray for and show our support for all victims and survivors of abuse and raising the profile of the important role of safeguarding in maintaining safe churches. Please take a moment to read the following Prayers from the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors.

Since your mercy has been revealed in the tenderness of your Son Jesus Christ, who said to his disciples: "Suffer the little children to come unto me", we pray that your Church may be a secure home where all children and vulnerable adults are brought closer to your Beloved Son. May all those who have been abused physically, emotionally and sexually by your ministers, be respected and accompanied by tangible gestures of justice and reparation so that they may feel healed with the balm of your compassion. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Heavenly Father, who love and care for all your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable, we entrust to you the lives of the many children and vulnerable adults, who have been sexually abused, and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed. Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for so many broken lives. We pray that within their communities and families they may find understanding and support, so that with the help of your grace their wounds may be healed, and they may again know peace. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who shared our weakness in all things but sin, and lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen

Corpus Christi
Upcoming Social Events: Please hold the Dates!
Saturday, 30 March. Family litter pick around St John's Church, <i>please note children must be accompanied by an adult.</i>
Friday 26 April. Variety Show at Astley Bridge Conservative Club, <i>Tickets on sale soon!</i>
Friday 14 June. Klezmer (music) concert at Dunscair Conservative Club, <i>further details to follow.</i>

Feast of Divine Mercy (Sunday 28 April, 1pm): A Special celebration for the Bolton area at the new parish of St Cuthbert, St Thomas of Canterbury Church. Exposition, Confessions, special prayers and a talk followed by Holy Mass at 3pm. All Welcome

50 Faces of the Holy Land: The Bishops' Conference of England & Wales has commissioned a photographic exhibition called '50 Faces of the Holy Land' which will be in Salford Cathedral until Thursday 28 March. The faces of the Holy Land are marked with its history, its diversity, its joy and its suffering. Each face tells a story. Each person, a memory. The exhibition shows the faces of fifty people from all sections of the various communities found in the Holy Land. It was commissioned by the Bishops to highlight and promote the lives of the faithful in Israel, Palestine & Gaza. Stories are told by people of all ages and experiences; we learn what it is to live in a land that is known by so many to be holy.

Archbishop Patrick Kelly will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral on Thursday 28 March at 12.10pm to pray for peace in the Holy Land and to show our support for our Christian brothers and sisters. **All are welcome.**

20:20 Year of the Word Survey to all Catholics
A message from The Catholic Bishop's Conference: As part of the preparations for our 2020 Initiative - *The God who Speaks: The Year of the Word*, we're conducting a very short survey about how we see and use the Bible. We'd like as many Catholics as possible to do this survey so that we get a snapshot of our current relationship with the Scriptures. At the end of 2020 we'll conduct an identical survey and compare the data. This will provide very useful information both for how we direct the Initiative and the momentum beyond 2020. On behalf of Bishop Peter Brignall, Chair of the 2020 Planning team, please spare some time, if you are able, to complete this survey via:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LDJBN5Y>

Holy Name Church (Oxford Road): Do you have memories, stories or photographs of events that happened at the Holy Name Church when it was a Parish, from the years 1940-1990? We are looking for stories to explore the rich heritage of the Church and to better understand the connection it had with the local community. If you have anything at all to share please get in touch with Amy: holynamestory@gmail.com

SVP News

Destitution Project: We have received an urgent appeal for tins of tomatoes, chickpeas and kidney beans from the Destitution Project (see below). The parish collection of items for the continues during March. Thank you for your continued support.

Harbour Room Book Club Spring Outing: On Wednesday 15 May we will be having a "backstage" tour of Bolton Central Library, the Exhibition of Egyptian artefacts in the Museum and the Art Gallery. You do not have to be a member of the Book Club to go on one of our trips. A coach will leave St Brendan's church at about 9.30am and the cost will be £6.25 (return). If you wish to make your own way there and back please let us know. To book a place on the coach, ring either Pauline on 383138 or Madeleine on 303505

Bolton Library "Meet the Author" Events:

Wednesday 27 March 1pm - Two Crime writers, Harriet Tyce and Alexander Michaelides.

Tuesday 2 April 1pm - Joanne Harris (*Chocolat & The Strawberry Thief*)

Thursday 6 June 6.30pm - Elly Griffiths and William Shaw Crime writers.

Transformed by Love: The Cost of Discipleship: Join us at Wardley Hall every Friday in Lent (10.30am-12.30pm) for our Lenten retreat.

22 March: Embracing the sinner within us

29 March: Reconciling as a key to discipleship

5 April: Accepting God's unconditional mercy

12 April: Recognizing our "appointed hour"

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St John's 200 Club

The March winners are:

£50 A Gracie (17)

£25 F Smith (60)



200 Club: Subscriptions are now due. The cost is £12 per number for the year. Please put fee in an envelope with your name and contact details and hand in to Frances Smith

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 23/24 March 2019		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	C Molyneux	TBA
9am (SJ)	H O'Donnell	P McArdle, A Rawlinson, M Speed, F Smith, L Rule, A Grundy
11am (SB)	K Wilkinson	K Wilkinson, P Carolan, J Murphy,

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DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS OF ABUSE

In his letter to all the People of God, Pope Francis said “penance and prayer will help us to open our eyes and our hearts to other people’s sufferings and to overcome the thirst for power and possessions that are so often the root of those evils. May fasting and prayer open our ears to the hushed pain felt by children, young people and the disabled. A fasting that can make us hunger and thirst for justice and impel us to walk in the truth, supporting all the judicial measures that may be necessary. A fasting that shakes us up and leads us to be committed in truth and charity with all men and women of good will, and with society in general, to combatting all forms of the abuse of power, sexual abuse and the abuse of conscience.” As we journey through the Season of Lent, we are invited to be one with all members of the Church throughout the world in offering our fasting and our special prayer for the victims and survivors of abuse. This second Sunday of Lent always features the Gospel of the Transfiguration: the reason for this is made clear in the Preface for this Sunday: Jesus “manifested to them his glory, to show ... that the Passion leads to the glory of the Resurrection.” This Lenten Sunday is all about hope: hope that, even the most tragic, the most dreadful, the most unjust event, is not the end of the story. The end is glory and Resurrection. This message is most desperately needed by all who are victims of cruelty, injustice and abuse of whatever type. Christ is the “paschal victim”, the innocent lamb led to the slaughter-house, in solidarity with all the innocents who are victimized or abused. His passion and resurrection proclaim a new hope for our broken world. Our prayer for victims and survivors of abuse this Sunday must implore that they, who have so unjustly experienced the suffering and pain of the Cross, may now experience the Resurrection. Every member of the Church must pray for the healing of broken lives, pray for the return of hope and trust both in Jesus, and in the Church, which so often has let them down. Some people may feel uncomfortable with this whole subject, and with this prayer - “We have done nothing wrong!” But it is our Christian duty to reach out with compassion - “suffering-with” - to all who suffer in our world, whether we are responsible for it or not. This Day of Prayer is not about begging forgiveness for sins committed or just responses omitted - that is for another day. This day is about placing those who have suffered, and suffer still, from abuse in the arms of Jesus, who embraced the indignity of the cross so that all who suffer might have hope.

Litany

When peace is fragile, *Stay with us, Lord, on our journey*
When tempers are raised, *Stay with us, Lord, on our journey*
When atrocities occur, *Stay with us, Lord, on our journey*
When forgiveness is rejected, *Stay with us, Lord, on our journey*
When talks break down, *Stay with us, Lord, on our journey*
When agreements are broken, *Stay with us, Lord, on our journey*
When darkness weighs upon us, *Stay with us, Lord, on our journey*
When we cannot see you, *Stay with us, Lord, on our journey*
When burdens feel too heavy, *Stay with us, Lord, on our journey*
When hope seems faint, *Stay with us, Lord, on our journey*
When we are weak, *Stay with us, Lord, on our journey*
When faith seems difficult, *Stay with us, Lord, on our journey*
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