

***In our thoughts and Prayers:-*** We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends: Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Fred & Joyce Heywood, Pat Margiotta, Frances Skemp, Edwin Rankin, Philip Anderson, Vincent Hopkinson, Irene Clappison, Dorothy Killoran, Pat McDowell, Richard Crichton, Michael Latham, Irene Sheridan, Thomas Baker, Kathryn Browning, Rachel Edge, Fr Leo Heakin, Frank Vickers, Frederick Parkinson, Eileen Fitzgerald, Helen Fraser, Peter Reilly, Terry Scott, Ken Goodwin, Michael O'Connor, Joyce Strickleton, Christine Gardner, Margaret Doreen Kay, Tony Martin, Annie O'Brien, Peter Carroll

Lately Dead: Alan Meally, Joan Bowes

Anniversaries: Bob Whaley

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: Special Intention X2, Sick Person, Alan Meally (LD), Bob Whaley (A)

## **200 CLUB WINNERS**

**P McDowall £50**

**H O'Donnell £25**

**C Molyneux £15**

**Next week: - 19<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time.**

**Mass Times will mirror this week except Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August is a Holyday of Obligation as we celebrate the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary and a requiem for Joan Bowes-**

**Masses next week: -**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Vigil Mass (SJ)**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> 10am (SB)**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 1pm Requiem Joan Bowes (SJ)**

**May Joan Rest in Peace and rise in Glory**

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**Sunday 6 August The Transfiguration of Our Lord - Roman Missal: p909**

**9.30am Mass (SJ)**

**11am Mass (SB)**

**Monday 7 August**

**6pm Mass (SJ)**

**Tuesday 8 August – St Dominic Priest**

**9.30am Mass (SB)**

**Wednesday 9 August St Theresa Benedicta of the Cross -Edith Stein Martyr of Auschwitz**

**No Mass in the Parish - 9.30am Mass Holy Infants**

**Thursday 10 August St Lawrence Deacon & Martyr**

**No Mass in the Parish - 9.30am Mass Holy Infants**

**Friday 11 August St Clare**

**No Mass in the Parish - 9.30am Mass Holy Infants**

**Saturday 12 August**

**No morning Mass in the Parish**

**5pm Vigil Mass (SB) – First Mass of Sunday**

**Sunday 13 August – 19<sup>th</sup> of Ordinary Time**

**9.30am Mass (SJ)**

**11am Mass (SB)**

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## **Transfiguration of the Lord**

**Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 Psalm 96 2 Peter 1: 16-19  
Matthew 17: 1-9**

**In Matthew's Gospel, today's passage stands, like a bookend, at the climax of the ministry of Jesus.**

**Matthew begins His ministry with the Baptism in the Jordan and ends here, with the Transfiguration. Jesus moves from the depths of the Jordan riverbed to the heights of Mount Tabor and the greatness of God is revealed.**

**Each of us have a vision of heaven, the place where we hope to go when our earthly life comes to its natural end. The vision of Daniel is a stunning insight into the way the Old Testament writers viewed this wonderful place. The Book of Daniel is associated closely with the Book of the Apocalypse, both were born out of periods of persecution when first the Jews and then the Christians suffered from the actions of their powerful overlords. The scenes from both books give a glimpse of the power of our God. The "Son of Man" is the chosen one, Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Saviour.**

**Peter was, perhaps, the closest friend and companion of Jesus. His understanding grew from admiration, through awe, to a clear certainty that Jesus was the Son of God.**

**Today's passage is a reflection from that day on Mount Tabor when Peter and his friends received their own vision of heaven and heard the Father's voice "This is my Son, the beloved".**

**There is a phrase here which describes Peter's journey to faith and his love of scripture, especially the prophets - "a lamp for lighting the way through the dark until the dawn comes, and the morning star rises in your minds": this is the power of scripture, a sure light, that leads to understanding.**

**Today's Gospel is a description of heaven in all its simplicity. Jesus invites us to go with Him.**

**His glory is revealed to us. Others, who have gone before, are there, they are friends of Our**

**Lord. It is a place of peace, filled with the love of God. Jesus touches us, He assures us "Do not**

**be afraid". The message of the Transfiguration fills our minds and hearts with a clear understanding that Jesus is Lord.**

**Let us pray that, in each of us, Peter's morning star will rise, and our love of God will blossom in the light of day. David Frank**

## **NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Retreat on the Woman at the Well led by Donna Worthington will be held on the 10th October 2023 in The Patmos Room, St. John the Evangelist, Bromley Cross. Places will be limited so please book your place using the parish contacts. There is no cost but any offerings will help to cover expenses will be welcome.**



## **Fair Trade Stall**

**Fair Trade stall will be at St John's on Sunday 13th August before and after 9.30am Mass-Supporting this will help producers in the developing world to recover from the continuing impact of covid which reduced sales significantly.**

## **PARISH NEWS from Fr Alf**

**Many thanks to Guy Drabble and Julie Summerton for kindly agreeing to be our Synod representatives. Plans will be afoot soon on this venture in the near future-the big listen!**

**A number of ongoing jobs, behind the scenes, are always needed to keep our buildings maintained. A leak last week in the Harbour room was caused by a plastic bottle blocking the drain and diverting water into the building – a very expensive bottle – a reminder to us all - please remember to recycle! As a result of going on the roof we discovered brickwork at St Brendan's needed repointing.**

**Then this week we had a leak on the roof at St Johns just below the steeple. Thanks to Arthur, John and Tony for all their help resolving these issues, but I'd rather we were growing leaks than patching them up!**

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*Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton*

*St John, the Evangelist, Bromley Cross, St Columba's, Tonge Moor  
and St Brendan's, Harwood*

*Feast of the Transfiguration 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023*

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