



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

13th March 2022



The Glory in Sight:

In today's Gospel, we go up to the mountain with Peter, John, and James. There we see Jesus "transfigured," speaking with Moses and Elijah about His passing or in the Greek translation the word "exodus" is used. The Greek word "exodus" means "departure." But the word is chosen purposely here to stir our remembrance of the Israelites' flight from Egypt.

By His death and resurrection, Jesus will lead a new Exodus—liberating not only Israel but every race and people; not from bondage to Pharaoh, but from slavery to sin and death. He will lead all mankind, not to the territory promised to Abraham in today's First Reading, but to the heavenly commonwealth that Paul describes in today's second reading .

Moses, the giver of God's law, and the great prophet Elijah, were the only Old Testament figures to hear the voice and see the glory of God atop a mountain.

Today's scene closely resembles God's revelation to Moses, who also brought along three companions and whose face also shone. But when the divine cloud departs in today's Gospel, Moses and Elijah are gone. Only Jesus remains. He has revealed the glory of the Trinity—the voice of the Father, the glorified Son, and the Spirit in the shining cloud.

Jesus fulfills all that Moses and the prophets had come to teach and show us about God. He is the "chosen One" promised by Isaiah, the "prophet like me" that Moses had promised. Far and above that, He is the Son of God. "Listen to Him," the Voice tells us from the cloud. If, like Abraham, we put our faith in His words, one day we too will be delivered into "the land of the living" that we sing of in today's Psalm. We will share in His resurrection, as Paul promises, our lowly bodies glorified like His.

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St PATRICK'S DAY 17th March



Prayer for the Faithful by St. Patrick

May the Strength of God guide us
May the Power of God preserve us
May the Wisdom of God instruct us
May the Hand of God protect us
May the Way of God direct us
May the Shield of God defend us
May the Angels of God guard us
Against the snares of the evil one.
May Christ be with us!
May Christ be before us!
May Christ be in us!
Christ be over all!

This day, O Lord, and forevermore. Amen

The Mass Readings for 2nd Sunday of Lent Year C
First Reading - Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18: "When the sun had set and it was dark, there appeared a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch, which passed between those pieces. It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram"

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 33; "The Lord is my light and my help."

Second Reading - Philippians 3:17 - 4:1: "But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself."

Gospel - Luke 9:28B-36: "While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem."

PLANNED GIVING

Envelopes for the next year will be available in Church from 20th March. If your circumstances have changed ie you no longer a taxpayer or you have become a taxpayer please speak to

RC HOSPITAL

CHAPLAIN: John O Neil. Please call the Chaplaincy office at the Lister Hospital Contact Tel: Mobile: 07876 526935 Lister 01438 285518,

FOR ALL GENERAL PARISH ENQUIRIES

CONTACT: Parish Office: Tel: 01462 893127

CHURCH HALL HIRE:

Please contact parish office 01462 893127

BAPTISM

PREPARATION: For further information please contact Richard and Marie Miller Tel: 01462 490630.

RCIA COURSE: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults programme consists of regular weekly meetings; if you would like to find out more please speak directly to Fr. Denis.

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

is our Catholic Parish Primary School. Parish families are welcome to visit and have a tour of the school. Please come to the School Office or contact the Head teacher, Mr Tom Timson 01462 892478 The school website is <http://www.stjohns4.herts.sch.uk/index.html>

NEWSLETTER

Please submit items for inclusion, preferably by Tuesday evening, by either emailing the parish email address (baldock@rcdow.org.uk) or handing them to Fr. Denis. Thank you

VATICAN NEWS

Remember that you can keep up with all the latest news from The Vatican at the Official Vatican Network www.news.va/en.

Your SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

have special responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people, and adults at risk. Please Contact: Patricia Cusack & Colete Murphy Baldocksg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

Catherine or Father Denis. Thank you for your continuing support.

REPOSITORY

There will be a good selection of Easter cards available from this month and up to Easter.

Please remember in your prayers:



We pray especially for the sick of the parish, and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently, especially Lucy Lazarus, Trevor Flood, Frances Mc Kenna and Adrian Ives, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Charles McQuade; Daphne Salisbury; Daisy Kulcullun; Ursula Duffer; Michael Collins; Michael McGinley; Cornelius McDine; Marie Brennan; James Ginnelly; Hannah Blows; Sidney Wells; Michael Burgess.

CHURCHES FINANCES & COLLECTION

There are several ways to support the Parish. One of them is via a standing order, which is easy to set up and easy to stop, if you want to, when this difficult period has passed. Please use the bank account details, available from our website below, to set up the standing order if you use online banking, or you can write to, telephone or visit your bank as well. You can also donate via the website. Or, of course, you can contribute after mass in the Collection Plates provided. Fr. Denis would like to thank everyone for their generosity during this time of pandemic.

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/baldock/donate/>

LENTEN PROGRAMME

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held after the 10.00 Wednesday mass and every Friday (except Good Friday) at 7pm. All are welcome.

RECONCILIATION

A visiting priest and Fr. Denis will be available for confessions Saturday 2nd April 10.30-12.30pm. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during the two hours

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK:

Holy Thursday 14th April:

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm

Good Friday 15th April:

Children's Stations of the Cross at 10.30am

Celebration of The Lord's Passion at 3pm

A day of Fasting & Abstinence

Easter Vigil 16th April:

begins at sunset at 8.30pm

Easter Sunday 17th April:

at 8.30am & 10.30am

Sat 12 th	6.30 pm Vigil Mass	Michael & Breege Kerrance RIP
Sun 13 th	8.30am 10.30am	Pat Whyte RIP Lucy Lazarus RIP
Mon 14 th	10.00am	Graine Kirke RIP
Tue 15 th	10.00am	Margaret & Bernard Looney
Wed 16 th	10.00am	Lucy Lazarus RIP
Thu 17 th	10.00am	St Patrick, Patron of Ireland Irma Skeeles RIP
Fri 18 th	No Mass	Friday Abstinence

Please note that mass intentions as set out above may not always be read out, but the intention is offered.

Holy Hour: Saturday 5.15 - 6.15 pm

Confessions: Saturday 5.45 - 6.15 pm

Or by appointment with Fr. Denis

Family Mass: 1st Sunday 10.30 am

THE WEDNESDAY WORD IS AVAILABLE VIA THIS LINK:

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>

Fr. Denis is still celebrating Mass online at 6.30 pm every Saturday night for the Vigil Mass, & Sunday morning Mass 10.30am, also morning Masses Monday to Thursday at 10am. Both are accessible through the Parish Facebook page:

Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury

For more information, please go to the Parish website <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/baldock>