



# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY & ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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## Second Sunday of Lent 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025



### 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.

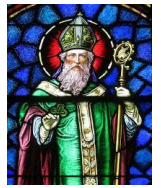
Jesus fulfils all that Moses and the prophets had come to teach and show us about God. He is the "chosen One" promised by Isaiah, the "prophet like me" that Moses had promised. Far and above that, He is the Son of God. "Listen to Him," the Voice tells us from the cloud. If, like Abraham, we put our faith 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.

### A prayer for Pope Francis

Heavenly Father,

We lift up Pope Francis to You in prayer. Please grant him strength and comfort during this time of sickness. Surround him with Your love and healing presence. Give wisdom to the doctors and caregivers who attend to him. May he feel the support and prayers of all who care for him. Restore his health and grant him peace. Amen

### Prayer for the Faithful by St. Patrick



#### **I arise today with:**

The strength of heaven, The light of the sun,  
The radiance of the moon, The splendour of fire,  
The speed of lightning, The swiftness of wind,  
The depth of the sea, The firmness of rock.

#### **I arise today with:**

God's strength to lead me, God's might to uphold me,  
God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to watch over me,  
God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me,  
God's hand to guard me, God's shield to protect me.

#### **Christ be with me,**

Christ be before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right,  
Christ on my left, Christ when I lie, Christ when I sit.  
Christ be in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me and Christ in every ear that hears me. **St Patrick, Pray for Us ...**

**Defeating the Assisted Suicide Bill** - The Assisted Suicide Bill can still be defeated. We need 28 MPs to switch from supporting to opposing the Bill in order to defeat it when MPs vote again on the Bill at the end of April. **How can you help?**

Please **lobby your MP**. The most effective form of lobbying is to see your MP in person. SPUC has produced a briefing and guide to help you to do this, available at the back of the church. If you can't visit your MP, please write to them using the following webtool: [www.livesworthliving.org.uk](http://www.livesworthliving.org.uk) We only have until the end of April to stop this deadly Bill. Please do all you can to oppose it.

**Readings: Parish Mass Book Page 156**

### Lenten Programme

**Stations of the Cross** - will be held after the 10.00am Wednesday Mass and every Friday (except Good Friday) at 7.00pm, during Lent.  
**Children's Stations of the Cross- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April** - On Good Friday, at 10.30am.

**Do you have a spare hour or two to listen to children read?** St John's are looking for volunteers to listen to small groups. Training will be given. Even if you're unable to make a regular commitment, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school on: 01462 892478.

**Red Box Missio Scheme** - Please could Red Box holders bring in their boxes for counting and leave them on the small table at the back of the church.

### 2025 Parish Dates for your Diary

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Marriage Preparation Course Part 1:** 1.30pm online.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Marriage Preparation Course Part 2:** 3.00pm online.

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Cake Sale:** Will take place after each weekend Mass.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May - First Holy Communion Mass:** 11.00am.

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Confirmation Mass:** Bishop Paul McAleenan will confirm the candidates at the 10.30am Mass.

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Open Air Mass:** 10.30am in the church grounds. *This is the only Mass that weekend.*

*Please speak to Fr. Denis if you have any questions regarding these events.*



### Your Prayers Are Asked For:

We pray for the sick and housebound in the parish and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

*Michael McGinley, Sylvia Kelly, Cornelius McDine, Marie Brennan, James Ginnelly, Hannah Blows, Sidney Wells, Michael Burgess, Sean O'Flattery, Frederick Hawkins, Mary Wrighton, Dorothy Kaciniel, Cecilia Parisi, Dominic Manson, Mary Anne Doughty, Thomas Mason.*

### Mass Times and Intentions

Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	M Heaney Intentions
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am 10.30am	Gregory Knight RIP
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Jean Rhodes RIP Saint Patrick
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Barbara
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Saint Joseph
Thu 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	No Mass	

*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.

**Children's Liturgy:** Takes place during the 10.30am Mass except on the First Sunday of the Month (Family Mass) and during school holidays.

The Vigil Mass (6.30pm) and the Sunday Mass (10.30am) can be watched online via the Parish Facebook Page: **Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury.**

### Contacts

**Parish Safeguarding Officers** have responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people, and adults at risk within the Parish.

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### Our Catholic Schools

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**The Saint John Henry Newman School, Stevenage,** T: 01438 314643 W: jhn.herts.sch.uk

**John O'Neil is the Lister Hospital RC Chaplain**  
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**Baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Weddings and Funerals** for further details please speak to Fr. Denis, look at the website or contact the parish office.

**Church Hall Bookings** the church hall is available to be booked for groups or celebrations. Please contact the parish office for more details.

**Baldock Catholic Scout Group** for boys & girls aged 6-14. Contact: enquiries@2ndbaldockscouts.org.uk

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