



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great



Second Sunday of Lent

Year C / Week 2

A warm welcome is extended to everyone

Please take this bulletin home

"Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying he was transfigured and the appearance of his countenance was altered, and his clothes became dazzling white."

What usually keeps me blinded and from recognizing God's glory is my own sin and unbelief. Faith enables us to see what is hidden or unseen to the naked eye. Faith makes us taste in advance the light of God's glory when we shall see him face to face (*1 Corinthians 13:12; 1 John 3:2*).

What is the significance of this mysterious appearance in the Gospel today? Jesus went to the mountain knowing full well what awaited him in Jerusalem - his betrayal, rejection and crucifixion. God the Father spoke with Jesus and gave his approval: This is my beloved Son; listen to him. The Father glorified his son because he obeyed.

While Jesus was transfigured, Peter, James, and John were asleep (Luke 9:32) Upon awakening they discovered Jesus in glory along with Moses and Elijah. We may ask, how much do we miss of God's glory and action because we are asleep spiritually?

Please allow God to speak to you during Lent with the "Big Picture" Scripture course, starting in our Parish, expecting to hear a Word for your life that will renew and build you up in Faith.

Origen (185-254 AD), an early church bible scholar and writer, shows us how the transfiguration can change our lives:

"When he is transfigured, his face also shines as the sun that he may be manifested to the children of light who have put off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, and are no longer the children of darkness or night but have become the sons of day, and walk honestly as in the day. Being manifest, he will shine unto them not simply as the sun, but as demonstrated to be the sun of righteousness."

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Fr John

PARISH NOTICES

Following approval of the plans for the upgrading of our church by Barnet Council, there will be a presentation of the plans to the parish on Monday 29th February at 7.30pm in the Church.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day: 19 Feb. This year CAFOD are working to ensure girls living in

the world's poorest countries are free to change their lives by getting an Education. They are working with local organisations around the world to bring water to family homes, so girls who used to spend hours collecting water, now have time for school, study and to play. CAFOD Fast Days are their opportunity to support that vital work. Please

THIS WEEK

Sunday 21 February 2016

- 18.30* Mass Malcolm Hayward +
- 08.00 Mass Parish & People
- 09.30 Mass Rita McKenna (int)
- 11.15 Mass Giovanni Manzi ann +
- 12.30 Baptism: Samuel Gregorczyk
- 16.00 Year 10 Confirmation - PH
- 17.15 Evening Prayer & Benediction
- 18.30 Mass John Brennan +

Monday 22

The Chair of St Peter the Apostle

- 09.30 Morning Prayer
- 10.00 Mass Eithne (int)
- 11.00 Meditation - P (all welcome)
- 13.00 Mass @ Chase Farm Hospital
- 20.00 RCIA - JP Room

Tuesday 23

- 09.30 Morning Prayer
- 10.00 Mass John Edwards +

Wednesday 24

- 09.30 Morning Prayer
- 10.00 Mass Thomas O'Connell & Katie Sugrue ann +
- 13.00 Mass @ Barnet General Hospital
- 17.15 Novena: Mother of Perp' Help (BSC)
- 18-19.00 Adoration - C
- 19.00 Stations of the Cross (led by CAFOD/J&P Group) - C

Thursday 25

- 09.30 Morning Prayer
- 10.00 Mass Paddy Kelly ann +

Friday 26

- 09.30 Morning Prayer
- 10.00 Mass Private Intention
- 12.30 Big Picture Course (1) - PH
- 18-19.00 Adoration - C
- 19.00 Big Picture Course (1) - JP Room

Saturday 27

- 09.30 Morning Prayer
- 10.00 Mass Maurice Hunt (int)
- 18.00 Sac of Reconciliations
- 18.30* Mass Audrey Bagge ann +

Sunday 28 Third Sunday of Lent

- 08.00 Mass Anne Neary ann +
- 09.30 Mass Adrian Gibson (thanksgiving) (1st Scrutiny)
1st HC Session - PH
- 11.15 Mass Parish & People
- 12.30 Baptism: Dolly Elderfield
- 17.15 Evening Prayer & Benediction
- 18.30 Mass Mary Chamberlain +

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give as much as you can in this week's collection. The UK Gov has promised to match every £1 and penny you give to CAFOD. *Thank you for your support.*

Stations of the Cross (*led by a parish group*) at 7.00pm and every Wednesday during Lent. This week's is being led by the CAFOD/Justice & Peace Group. All welcome!

Friendship Club: showing of 'Brooklyn' (*a drama romance film set in 1950's Ireland/New York*) on Wednesday 24th February, 1.30pm in the JP Room.

Starting this **Friday 26th February** 12 week Bible Course called 'The Big Picture' - a perfect follow-on from 'The Gift' course. Every Friday at 12.30pm* in the parish hall (*please bring your own lunch*) or at 7.00pm in church. *Tea & Coffee available at both. *A Creche can be available for the afternoon session only, if required - please indicate on list.*

Everybody will need a personal copy of The Big Picture Book price £9.95. Please see table in the porch for more details and to sign up for the course! *Don't miss out!*

During the Year of Mercy, as encouraged by Pope Francis, there is a **Pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland**. Spiritual Director: Fr Rob (SMA) **2-8 July 2016**. Info/application forms, with price of the pilgrimage, are available in the porch. Please return all forms to the presbytery. **If you wish to find out more**, come along to a talk/photographs (*led by Fr Rob*) on Tuesday 23rd February at 8.00pm in the parish hall.

"Rich in Mercy" Ephesians 2:4 a Day of Prayer and Reflection

Anyone wishing to reflect on what the Jubilee Year means for parishes, come along on Saturday 12 March 10.30am to 4pm at St Augustine's, Hammersmith, London W6 8AU. A study day with talks, reflections and workshops. **Guest speaker:** Bishop Paul McAleenan (*chairman of Caritas Westminster*) All are welcome, particularly anyone involved in parish ministry. [*see poster in porch*]

Appointments are available for Nursery School Application. Please contact the presbytery/ email the office this week to make your appointment.

Women's World Day of Prayer: Friday 4th March at United Reformed Church, Wood Street, 2pm. Speaker: Rev'd Ros Lyle. [*See poster in porch*]

CT4CB Lent Collection 2016 is for 'Homeless Action in Barnet', an organisation that supports homeless people, both those living on the streets and those in temporary accommodation. Please help yourself to a donation envelope available in the porch and return to the presbytery. Thank you for your support.

Many thanks to those who came to the recent Parish Tea Dance £150 (£75 to Youth SVP Redcaps, £75 to KSC) was raised. Our next Tea Dance is on Sat. 5th March (Doors open 2pm) 2.30-4.30pm. Cakes and raffle prizes gratefully received. Chris Sausman on keyboard.

Thank you all so much for your get well cards, mass intentions and most of all your prayers during my stay in hospital recently. Although I am not out of the woods yet, it is your prayers that have given me strength to face each new day trusting in Our Lord and letting His Will be done always. God Bless you all. Linda Atkinson.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick & Homebound: Jane-Rose Azemi, Thomas Houlihan, Jean Ellis, Don & Ann Lewis, Liz Clarke, Janet Bennett, Anne-Marie Nowell, David Brown, Tony Costello, Thomas Geiger, Linda Quilter, Margaret Trehy, Emanuele Brunelli, Michael Mulvaney, Pat Lucid, Pauline Purdue, Michael Ball, Helen Day, Niamh Easton, Stephen Carey, Stasia Ryan, Theresa Mordue, Doreen Bernas, James Brown, Nancy Dillon, Bridget Allin, Amelia Simon, Kate Waters, Donna Morrision, Linda Atkinson, Dominic Buckmire, Judith Townsend, Troy Hopkins, Elio Marcangelo, Fr Fred De L'Orme, Diana Faller, Pat Cosgrove, Stuart Atkinson, Mary O'Toole, Irene Jones, Ivor Francis, John-Joe Murphy, Maria Wallace, Bernard Eason, Mariela Mansi, Jean Watkins, Michael Finnegan, Mary Wallace, Eleanor Baker, Martina Rooney, Concetta O'Connell, Jean Legg, Liam Kinsella, Margaret Greaney, Teresa Woodhouse.

Sacrament of Baptism: Caoimhe Keenan, Frederick Fox, Samuel Gregorczyk, Elissa Bush, Lucas Brennan, Cody Davey, Sophia De Vera, Dolly Elderfield.

Please pray for Kitty, Hannah, Marc & Sunny, our Catechumens and Candidates being received into the Catholic Church this Easter.

Recently died: Catherine Doran, Michael Hanley.

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

9.30 Mass

Entrance: 193
Offertory: 792
Communion: You have called us by our name, we belong to you. You have called us by our name and we are yours.
883
Going Forth: 770

11.15 Mass

Entrance 725
Gospel Acc: 44
Prayer R/: Hear our Prayer
Offertory: 720
Communion: Transfigure us, O Lord, transfigure us, O Lord. Break the chains that bind us; speak your healing word and where you lead, we'll follow. Transfigure us, O Lord.
Going Forth: 970