


**Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate
and St Gregory the Great**


The Transfiguration of the Lord

Year A

Week 2

A warm welcome is extended to everyone

Please take this bulletin home

"This is my Son, my Beloved, listen to him".

The transfiguration of Jesus witnessed by Peter, James and John is very rich with symbolism. It is quite tempting for our imagination to dwell on this spectacular vision like the three apostles who were caught up by the event. But, there is something more than the external changes that happen to Jesus, the appearance of Moses and Elijah, and Peter's initiative to build three tents. The words that come directly from the Father who speaks to the three deserves our focus; "This is my Son, my beloved, listen to him". The whole event of Jesus' transfiguration reveals his identity as man and God. But, why did Jesus show his inner glory on this particular occasion?

We can only surmise three possible reasons as to the intention of Jesus. First, Jesus wants to prepare his apostles about his impending suffering and death which is fulfilling the will of the Father to save humanity. St. Luke tells us here that the transfiguration is directly connected to this frightful revelation of Jesus' crucifixion. Second, Jesus wants to strengthen the faith of Peter, James and John when the hour of his passion comes. Third, he wants to assure them of his ultimate victory over death through his resurrection.

All these are handed on to us today in the gospel so that we too will listen to Jesus the beloved Son of God and that our faith be strengthened and our hope endure in anticipation of our sharing in the Glory assured to us in Christ.

Fr Voltair

PARISH NOTICES

Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic? Every year we run a special programme for enquirers beginning in Sept, though you can join at any stage. From Sept to Jan the sessions open up the basic beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church. From Jan to Easter, those who then ask to be baptised (non-Christian) or received (already Christian) are prepared for their

reception while any further enquirers continue their exploration of the Catholic faith. If you would like to know more, please contact Fr John via the presbytery. An introduction evening will be available in due course.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Tuesday 15 August. Mass is at 10am and 7.30pm.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 6th August 2017

- 18.30* Mass Rosa David + PH
08.00 Mass Albert Williams ann + PH
09.30 Mass Parish & People PH
11.15 Mass Neil Carney ann + PH
18.30 Mass Paddy Kelly ann + PH

Monday 7

- 09.30 Morning Prayer PH
10.00 Mass Rosaleen McLaughlin + PH
11.00 Meditation - PH (all welcome)
13.00 Mass at Chase Farm Hospital

Tuesday 8

- 09.30 Morning Prayer PH
10.00 Mass Ashok Tulsiani + PH

Wednesday 9

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

- 09.30 Morning Prayer - PH
10.00 Mass Fiona McManamon (int) PH
10.30-11.30 Adoration - PH
13.00 Mass @ Barnet General Hospital

Thursday 10

St Lawrence

- 09.30 Morning Prayer - PH
10.00 Mass De Mello Family + PH

Friday 11

St Clare

- 09.30 Morning Prayer - PH
10.00 Mass Philip Vaughan & Michael Riley ann + PH

Saturday 12

- 09.30 Morning Prayer - PH
10.00 Mass Private Intentions PH
18.30* Mass Sadie O'Keefe + PH

13th Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 08.00 Mass Leonard Family + PH
09.30 Mass Abbey O'Riordan ann + PH
11.15 Mass Frank & Diana Jurksaitis (int) PH
18.30 Mass Parish & People PH

**Please note all Masses
are in our Parish Hall**
(Access via Stapylton Road)

*The parish office hours
will be limited this week.
Please telephone the presbytery
in advance of your visit.*

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Sacramental Programmes: As from now, any children or young people enrolling for Parish Sacramental Programmes 2017-2018 must be regularly attending Sunday Mass at least six months prior to the programmes starting. Any questions, please speak to Fr John or Mary Boland. All details of next year's Sacramental Programmes are available on the website.

Under the guidance of the Diocese, **Parish Children in School Year 2 from September 2017 who are not attending a Catholic Primary School** are required to attend RE Classes for the year in preparation for the Sacrament of Holy Communion Classes in year 3.

Information on our RE Classes will be available in the bulletin in due course. Any questions, please see Fr John or Mary Boland.

St Gregory's Gardening Club working party meeting is on Saturday 26th August at 11am to tidy up garden and grounds. Can you help? Even an hour is appreciated. Refreshments provided. Hope to finish by 3pm. Please rsvp Joe O'Connor 020 8445 6580 or Marjorie O'Connor 07515 910514

Barnet Waitrose are supporting the **Youth SVP through the green counter scheme during the month of August** - when shopping in Waitrose this month, please pick up a green counter (*ask if they aren't available*) and support this worthy cause! Thank you.

INFORMATION: Mass of Re-Consecration on Sunday 3rd September will begin at the United Reformed Church where we will process to our Church. Cardinal Vincent Nichols begins the Re-Consecration by opening the locked doors of our Church.

Certain seats will be reserved for those less able-bodied. Please be prepared for the Church to be full and for the Mass to be longer than an hour so we do advise you bring a bottle of water.

All Sunday Masses the weekend of 2/3 September are cancelled, apart from the Sunday evening 6.30pm Mass. This will enable us to prepare the hall and grounds for the celebration.

There is no parking available that day in our Church car-park apart from Blue Badge Holders - please note spaces are limited and are on a first come, first served basis (*the back car-park will be closed*). Please either walk, car-share or park in the surrounding streets.

We will update you regularly via the bulletin.

Summer Socials at Wesley Hall: on Monday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm for tea, coffee, cakes, music, fun and a chat. No charge. Any offers of help or donations will be very much appreciated. All welcome!

6th & 9th August: to mark the anniversaries of Hiroshima and Nagasaki Pax Christi will have a stall/time of prayer on each day from 10am-5pm outside Westminster Cathedral. If you are able to help, please contact Pax Christi. Prayers are at 11.30am and 3.30pm. www.paxchristi.org.uk or 020 8203 4884.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick & Homebound

Jane-Rose Azemi, Thomas Houlihan, Janet Bennett, Anne-Marie Nowell, David Brown, Tony Costello, Emanuele Brunelli, Pat Lucid, Pauline Purdue, Bridget Allin, Amelia Simon, Linda Atkinson, Judith Townsend, Troy Hopkins, Elio Marcangelo, Pat Cosgrove, Irene Jones, Ivor Francis, Maria Wallace, Bernard Eason, Mariela Mansi, Michael Finnegan, Mary Wallace, Liam Kinsella, Margaret Greaney, Maurice Hunt, Raymond Heagney, Evelyn McManamon, Ben Price, Rob Calrow, Amparo Abalos, Rita McKenna, Linda Quilter, Stasia Gallagher, Maura Howells, Barnie Rowe, Suzanne Greig, Antonie Walsh, Fiona McManamon.

Sacrament of Baptism

Eleanor Williams, Olivia Williams, Grace Williams, Dana Vaughan, Flynn Hewitt, Luca Schofield, Sophie Scott Toplis, Isobel Southern.

Pope's Prayer Intention for August: Artists - That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

Recently died:

Music for the Liturgy

09.30, 11.15 & 18.30 Sun Mass

The choirs will be away throughout August. They will resume providing music at the above Masses on Sunday 10th September.