



NEWSLETTER

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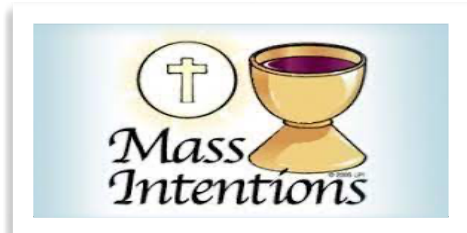


Second Sunday in Lent

Year A

Week 2

THIS WEEK



Sun 5th 2nd Sunday of Lent

6pm*: Rosemary Alford (RIP)

8.30am: Bridget Mary Lyons (RIP)

10.30am: Elizabeth Van Dijk (RIP)

6.00pm: Kay Kennedy (RIP)

Mon 6th

6.00pm: Liturgy of the Word & Communion

Tue 7th Ss Perpetua & Felicity

9.30am: Morning Prayer

10.00am: Monica Watson (RIP)

10.30am: Life Ascending Group (JP II Room)

Wed 8th March No Mass

Thurs 9th St Frances of Rome

9.30am: Morning Prayer

10am: Ann Coggins (RIP)

10.30am: Tea & Coffee Morning (JP II Room)

Fri 10th

9.30am: Morning Prayer (Church)

10am: Brendan Clarke (RIP)

10.30am: Stations of the Cross (Church)

2.00pm: Christian Meditation (Church)

6.00pm: Adoration (Church)

Sat 11th

6pm*: Maurice Du Réau (RIP)

Sun 12th 3rd Sunday of Lent

8.30am: Himo Ansara (RIP)

10.30am: Eric & Alice Power & Family (INTS)

6.00pm: James Lynch (RIP)

TRANSFIGURED IN CHRIST

"Peter was still speaking, when suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid".

The Lord Jesus Christ went to the mountain of Transfiguration knowing full well what awaited him in Jerusalem - betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. Jesus very likely discussed this momentous decision to go to the cross with Moses and Elijah. God the Father also spoke with Jesus and gave his approval: This is my beloved Son; listen to him. The Father glorified his son because he was faithful and willing to obey him in everything. The cloud which overshadowed Jesus and his apostles fulfilled the dream of the Jews that when the Messiah came the cloud of God's presence would fill the temple. Our Lord Jesus not only wants us to see his glory - he also wants to share this glory with us. Christ has given us the Sacraments - to receive new life in Baptism, to be forgiven in Reconciliation and fed for the journey ahead with the Eucharist, the Bread of Life. Jesus also fulfilled his mission on Calvary where he died for our sins so that Paradise and everlasting life would be restored to us. He embraced the cross to win a crown of glory - a crown that awaits each one of us, if we, too, will follow in his footsteps.

During this Second week of Lent we are called to be spiritually awake. While Jesus was transfigured, Peter, James, and John were asleep. Upon awakening they discovered Jesus in glory along with Moses and Elijah. How much do we miss of God's glory and action because we are asleep spiritually? There are many things which can keep our minds asleep to the things of God - mental lethargy and the "unexamined life"; a life of ease can also hinder us from considering the challenging or disturbing demands of Christ; also Prejudice can make us blind to something new the Lord may have for us. Even sorrow can be a block until we can see past it to the glory of God.

Fr John

Lenten Quote from the Early Church Fathers: Listen to Him, by Leo the Great. "A voice from the cloud said, This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him. So listen to him without hesitation. He is the truth and the life. "Listen to him" who opens the way to heaven and by the pain of the cross prepares for you the steps of ascent into his kingdom." Meditations may be freely reprinted for non-commercial use - please cite: copyright © 2023 Servants of the Word, source: dailyscripture.net, author Don Schwager.

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Transfigured in Christ



Saturday RE Classes

Spring Term 2023

Classes for children at non-Catholic primary schools are welcome to come and learn about their Catholic Faith.

During the sessions we pray together, we talk, sing songs and make new friends.

Venue: The JP II Room

Time: From 9.30am to 10.45am

Dates: Saturday 11th & 25th March

RCIA

Are you thinking about joining the Catholic Church? Would you like to share your faith with those who are considering becoming Catholics?

Next meeting: 7th March 2023

Sessions: 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Where: JP II Room

Every Tuesday

For more information contact:

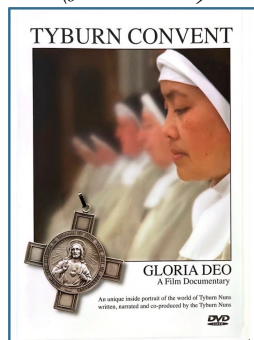
David Williams via email.

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Life Ascending Group DVD showing

7th March 2023 at 10.30am

(JP II Room)



in aid of the YSVP

NOTICES

WELCOME

**ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIND OUT
MORE ABOUT YOUR PARISH?**

Please visit the parish website on barnetcatholic.com where you will find information on the parish, parish groups and much more. Information is also available in the church porch.

NEED TO TALK? If you would like to speak to Anita pastorally and in confidence, Anita is available on Tuesdays after 10am mass. Please knock on the presbytery door or email anitahammond@rcdow.org.uk

Saint Patrick's Celebration

Friday 17th March 2023



In aid of the Building fund, an evening of Live Irish Music, Licensed Bar, Raffle draw and Irish Stew Supper.

7pm in the Parish Hall.

Tickets will be sold at all masses of weekends of the 5th and 12th March

All Welcome

Church Choir

All are welcome to join the choir to sing and play at the **Holy Week services**. If you are interested, please let Teresa O'Sullivan know by email: howelsy@btinternet.com or by leaving a message at the Presbytery, so music can be prepared for you. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th March from 7.45pm to 9pm and on Tuesday 4th April from 7.30pm.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal

Thank you for your continued generosity in the past years. This year's appeal goes towards Marriage & Family life, Youth & Evangelisation, The Education Service and Caritas Westminster. Please use the envelopes to donate, you can also use the QR code on the envelopes to donate. For more information visit www.CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk



Please join us for our Families Together afternoon of prayer, activities, and refreshments in Church on Monday 6th March 2023 at 3.45pm - 5.00pm, in the JP II Room. For more details email anitahammond@rcdow.org.uk

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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Please remember in your prayers the Sick and Homebound including:

Delia Ward, Hannah Fennel, Janine Kelly, Gabriel Dempsey, Sinead Mayes, Rosemary Chester, Paul Reed, Marian Darby, Ken Quigley, Mary Geraghty, Edel O'Sullivan, Linda Quilter, Emanuele & Carlotta Brunelli, Pat Cosgrove, Bernadette Hunt, Roberto Lusignani, Elaine Brennan, Mark O'Brien, Rita Rawlings, Joe Connolly, Eric Power, Michael Keyes, Eileen Robbins, John Chuter, Margaret Greaney, Veronica Soosay, John Thompson, Lucretia Olivier-Hall, David John Hall, and Louie

Recently deceased: Elvio Umberto Carnera, John Stirling-Gallacher,

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(office hours 10.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday; closed Wednesdays and Weekends)