



Sacred Heart Church, Berkhamsted

✠ The Transfiguration of the Lord, Year A, 6th August 2023



On August 6th, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Transfiguration, a momentous event in the life of Jesus Christ, recorded in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This profound occurrence took place on Mount Tabor, where Jesus' appearance was transformed before the eyes of His chosen disciples, Peter, James, and John. The Transfiguration is a significant event that holds deep theological symbolism, offering us a glimpse of the glory of heaven and the ultimate encounter with God Himself.

The Transfiguration stands as a remarkable revelation of Jesus' divine nature and serves as a bridge between His earthly ministry and His heavenly glory. As Jesus prayed on the mountain, His countenance changed, and His face shone like the sun, while His garments became dazzlingly white (Matthew 17:2). This radiant transformation unveiled His true identity as the Son of God, emphasizing His dual nature as both fully human and fully divine.

During the Transfiguration, two significant figures from the Old Testament, Moses and Elijah, appeared and conversed with Jesus (Matthew 17:3). Their presence symbolizes the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets in Christ. Moses represents the Law, given to the people of Israel on Mount Sinai, while Elijah stands for the prophetic tradition. Their appearance signifies that Jesus is the fulfillment of all the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament, connecting the past to the present and pointing to the future.

Peter, James, and John were the privileged witnesses of the Transfiguration. Their presence illustrates the importance of authentic and close relationships with Christ. It was to these three apostles that Jesus chose to reveal this extraordinary event, inviting them into the depth of His divine mystery. This intimate experience transformed the apostles, solidifying their faith and preparing them for the challenges that lay ahead.

Mass Intentions:

Sun 6 Aug	✠ The Transfiguration of the Lord	8:30am 10:00am*	Vincent Paul Keen RIP Charlotte Vella and her unborn baby Int.
Mon 7 Aug	Feria	10:00am	NO MASS
Tue 8 Aug	St Dominic, Priest	10:00am	Joan Holland and her family Int.
Thu 10 Aug	St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr	12:00pm	Graham Hardinge Int.
Fri 11 Aug	St Clare, Virgin	10:00am	NO MASS
Sat 12 Aug	Feria	10:00am	NO MASS
	Sunday Vigil	5:00pm	Bridie Morahan and her Family Int.
Sun 13 Aug	✠ 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30am 10:00am*	People of the Parish Maureen Kyte RIP

* Livestream Mass

We Pray for:

The Sick and the Housebound in our parishes

We pray especially for: Joe Quinn, Rosemary Goacher, Tim Murphy, Heidi Wong, Jane Blayney, Dympna O'Connor, Liz Salmon, Elizabeth Le Juge de Segrais, Winifred Winstone, Lucy Chapman, Hilary Sweetman, Michael Earls.

We commend them to God's healing.

The Recently Deceased & Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently or those whose anniversaries occur at this time including: Vincent Paul Keen, Fr Mark Leenane, Michael Briggs, Teresa Treacy, Elizabeth Anne Keenan, Paul Galea, Fr Theo Raaijmakers, Helen Campbell, Becky Lambert, Veronica Aligwo, Franca Agwara, Wally McNeela, Fr Richard Ward Marriott.

Eternal rest granted onto them oh Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

The Blessed Sacrament Lamp

is sponsored this week for victims of abuse and human trafficking.

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