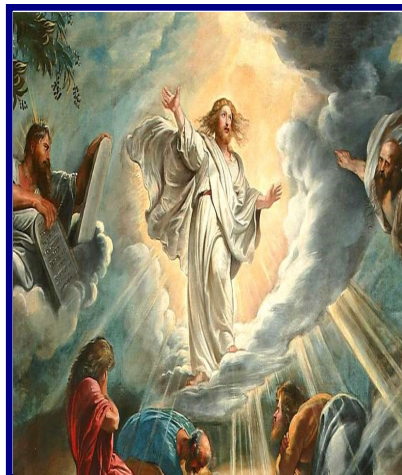


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## The Transfiguration of the Lord (Year A) 6th August 2023

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 5th August	Vigil: Transfiguration	6.00pm	Anne Armstrong
Sunday 6th August	Transfiguration of the Lord	8.30am	Phil Carey
		10.30am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 8th August	St Dominic	7.00pm	Terence Wright
Wednesday 9th August	St Teresa	11.00am	Funeral Mass of Peter Hanley RIP No 9.15am Mass
Thursday 10th August	St Lawrence	9.15am	Graham White RIP
Friday 11th August	St Clare	9.15am	Thomas O'Donnell RIP followed by Holy Hour
Saturday 12th August	Vigil: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm	People of the Parish

**CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30pm or see Fr John**

**When booking a Mass Intention please leave plenty of time if you want a special date.**

### Liturgy of the Word: 6th August 2023

**Entrance Antiphon:** In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared.  
The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is king,  
most high above all the earth.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
This is my Son, the Beloved, he enjoys my favour;  
listen to him.  
Alleluia!

**Next week's Readings:** I Kings 19:9,11-13, Psalm 84, Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:22-33

Today we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. On top of a high mountain, Jesus is seen to be transformed: his face shining like the sun and his clothes becoming as white as the light. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah and after Jesus predicts his Passion, warning that anyone who would follow him must deny themselves and also take up the cross.

Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to the mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear and converse with Jesus. Elijah and Moses are both significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the ten commandments. Moses represents the Law, which guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh, and some believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. The appearance of these two figures from Israel's history indicated Jesus' continuity with the Law and the prophets. They also reveal that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

Upon witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, an awestruck Peter offered to construct three tents for them when a voice from a cloud affirms: "This is my Son; the Beloved; he enjoys my favour" and commands the disciples to listen to him. Jesus instructed the disciples to keep secret what they had seen on the mountain until after "the Son of Man has risen from the dead." Until they witnessed Jesus' passion and hanging on the cross, the disciples could not possibly understand what he meant by his rising from the dead.

The Transfiguration story anticipates Jesus' resurrection, gives a glimpse of Christ's glory in Heaven, and reminds us of the wonderful promise of our own resurrection.

### **Peter Hanley RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Hanley. His funeral will be on *Wednesday 9th August at 11am*. Note there will be no 9:15 Mass that day.

### **CELEBRATE Summer family activity pack**

Download the brand new CELEBRATE online, family activity pack for summer! Packed full of activities to do, pray, read and watch. This online resource will give you ideas on how to connect with God, your family and others. Why not try the CELEBRATE Summer Psalm walk in this pack at your local park or on holiday? Use this link to download the CELEBRATE Summer pack for free today <https://www.celebratetrust.org/onlinefamilyactivitypacks>

### **Catholic Listeners Telephone Helpline Service**

Catholic Listeners is a confidential telephone helpline service, a Diocese of Westminster initiative, for those who are returning to the faith. The helpline is all about listening to others, and to those who might have become isolated during the pandemic. Although not a counselling service, the helpline is staffed by a professional team of volunteers who are trained to signpost callers to other services and agencies. The service aims to help those in need of a safe space to talk. **Operating on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 4pm to 7pm. Calls are Free on 0800 448 0704** For information email [Catholiclisteners@gmail.com](mailto:Catholiclisteners@gmail.com)

### **Job vacancies –Diocese of Westminster**

There is a printed list of the current vacancies on the noticeboard near the Door of Mercy. Please take a look as there is a wide range of jobs from Parish Administrator to Organist. Plus a range of locations across the Diocese. The list is updated weekly and available online via <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

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### **Formation Week for young adults in Norfolk**

The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham (COLW) is offering an opportunity to Catholic men and women aged 18 - 35 to live alongside their community in Norfolk for a week this summer. As well as joining community prayers, meals and activities, young adults will receive formation on topics such Prayer, Scripture, Discernment and the Spirituality of Walsingham. There are two choices of dates: **14th - 21st August or 30th August - 6th September**. See the poster at the back of Church.

To find out more, please email the COLW Sisters [freetobe@walsinghamcommunity.org](mailto:freetobe@walsinghamcommunity.org)

### **World Youth Day Summer Picnic**

Westminster Youth Ministry is holding a Summer Picnic on **Saturday 2nd September** at the Youth Ministry Retreat Centre at Pinner to give participants *A taste of Lisbon*. This event is aimed at young people aged between 16 and 35 who were unable to attend World Youth Day. See poster on the side wall.

Sign up at <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/world-youth-day-summer-picnic/>

### **Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**

Spaces are still available on the annual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, which takes place from **19th to 27th November**, led by Bishop John Sherrington and Fr John Farrell OP. It will include visits to Galilee, Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Flights will be from Heathrow. Costs are £2,265 per person sharing, £682 single room supplement; travel insurance essential. Booking forms are available from Elizabeth Uwalaka in the Pilgrimage Office or at [www.tangey-tours.com](http://www.tangey-tours.com) See poster at the back of Church.

**Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers,** especially Bebe Ryan, Dawn, Phil Carey, Alice Sheppard and Christine Kempster.

### **Offertory for Sunday 30th July 2023**

Loose	£ 299.53
Envelopes	£ 119.72
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 419.25</b>

*Many thanks*