

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

6th August 2017



How to be a Visionary

Jesus is an excellent life mentor. In today's gospel we see him recognise that Peter, James and John were downhearted and in need of some kind of emotional boost. He took them up a high mountain and gave them a glimpse of the glory they would one day share. The vision showed a transfigured Jesus, as dazzling as the sun speaking with Elijah and Moses. Peter, eager to keep hold of the vision suggested erecting three tents! It wasn't such a silly idea, for although three tents could not hold the vision, Peter recognised the importance of keeping it, even if it was only as a memory. He recognised that the vision could motivate him from then on.

Professional life mentors and 'motivational speakers' could give us a few clues when it comes to staying motivated. The first and single most important factor in staying motivated is to have a vision. Having a vision gives us a reason to act. People on a diet have a vision of themselves three stone lighter. Students struggling to sit at a desk and revise on a hot sunny afternoon motivate themselves with a vision of that much sought after career. As Christ's disciples we might motivate ourselves with a vision of a world without poverty or war, or simply to improve the life of one other person. The second most important piece of advice is to imbue that vision with a passion. It's no good having a lack lustre vision, we need a vision that will make us feel passionate about our goal, something that we can conjure up in our mind's eye and make us leap into action.

We tend to think of visionaries as some kind of mystics, but a visionary is simply a person with original ideas about what the future will or could be like. With God's help, it's in us all!



PARISH NEWS

PLEASE NOTE: there will be no weekday Mass here this coming week.

There is a 10 o'clock Mass each morning at St John's.

The Parish Office will be closed from 1st - 14th August incl.

while Lisa the Parish Secretary is away on holiday

LEARNING ABOUT BEING A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN: If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about faith either because you want to refresh your understanding or you may be interested in joining the church, please fill in one of the forms from the stand by the church door and leave it in the sacristy. Sr Miriam will be in touch with you at the end of August.

BLESSED TANSI PILGRIMAGE: Saturday, 26th August is the annual pilgrimage to Mt. St. Bernard Abbey in Leicestershire in honour of Blessed Tansi. Coach seats (£20 adults; £10. Children) can be reserved with payment. Contacts: Lydia Willoughby (+447903458986), Antoinette Kamara or Josephine Onwuka.

PARISH WEBSITE: Thanks to Valentine Nzekwe our website (www.rcdow.org.uk/copenhagenstreet) has been updated. It now includes our weekly newsletter, so if you are away, you can still find out the parish news. Have a look and share any ideas with Valentine.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Envelopes: £233.74 Loose plate: £219.74 Thank you for your generosity.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for Ronald Rowley, Emilio Tirado, Marie McKee, Dr Peter Griffith (father of Julia Williams) & James Daly **who died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries are about this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.**

HEALING FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: especially Alice Clancy, Doreen Clayton, Tom Hunt, Sophia O'Donnell, Monica Smith (O'Leary), Eugene Mariner, Cassie Robinson, Tessa Charlton, Michael Hehir, Emmanuel Tala, Mary Wallace, Nina & Jocelyn Hillgarth, Filomena Barbo, Colin Harris, Margaret Phillips, Peggy Walsh, Nora Moran, Maria Carrano, May Cullen., Gordana Tancevska, Irene Bryan, Phuong Quach, Albert Boateng, Anne & Thomas Griffin, Freddie Mudd, Margaret Cross, Catherine Barnes & Josephine Onwuka (knee surgery)

MASSES THIS WEEK:			
DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 6 th August	TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (Mass Book p.173)	8.30am 11.00am	Lawrence Fallon RIP (1 st Anniv.) Joyce Skillett RIP
Monday 7 th August	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	<u>NO MASS THIS WEEK</u>
Tuesday 8 th August	<i>St Dominic</i>	10.30am	<u>NO MASS THIS WEEK</u>
Wednesday 9 th August	<i>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i>	10.30am	<u>NO MASS THIS WEEK</u>
Saturday 12 th August	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	All our Parishioners
Sunday 13 th August	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Mass Book p.114)	8.30am 11.00am	Dena Adams RIP Intentions of Charlie Skillett

Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10.30am

Weekend Masses: Saturday 10.30am, Sunday 8.30am & 11.00am

Confessions: Sunday 8am-8.20am: 10.30am – 10.50am

Weekday Mass at St John the Evangelist Monday - Friday at 10.00am – All welcome

Confessions at St John's on Saturday 10.30-11.15am and 5.15-5.45pm