

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Copenhagen Street

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

17th March 2019

Believing Jesus is the Son of God



Jesus is the Son of God, but there are those who have other opinions. Perhaps he was just a very good man with a gift for teaching and healing. Perhaps he was just a prophet. Perhaps he was just a charismatic leader, a social worker, a philanthropist, a rebel or some kind of religious genius.

Today Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a mountain to pray. And as Jesus was praying the appearance of his face is changed, and his clothes become a dazzling white. Suddenly they see two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They have appeared in glory and are speaking of his departure, which he is to accomplish at Jerusalem.

What the Bible is saying here is that Jesus of Nazareth was no ordinary human being. Jesus was no ordinary carpenter from Galilee. Jesus was not just a miracle worker, not just a teacher, not just a healer. In the 'Transfiguration' Jesus reveals his true identity. Jesus is the Son of God, the only Son of God'. It's no wonder that Peter wants to erect three tents to hold onto this truth. How privileged the early disciples were to have been given this vision. We have not been given first-hand experience of the Transfiguration, but what we do have is the evidence of how the disciples' lives were changed by the Knowledge of Jesus' identity. The disciples had the memory of the Transfiguration to motivate them through the difficult times ahead. We have the memory of Peter's commitment and influence to motivate us similarly.

There are those who think it is good enough simply to believe Jesus was a good man. For those of us who believe Jesus is the Son of God, we will never attend the funeral of a loved one with thoughts of never seeing them again. Believing in God, means believing that one day we will share in Jesus' glory.



A HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY: to all our Irish parishioners and friends!

PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION: The next class is on Monday 18th March, in the Crypt at St John's from 6.45pm - 8.00pm. Please make every effort to be there on time!

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME: Children's classes continue each Sunday at 9.45am

LENT AND GROWING IN FAITH: Would you like a deeper understanding of the Eucharist and of God's Word in Scripture as proclaimed at Mass? Then do come and join our Communion Ministers and Readers when speakers from the Diocese will be here this week: Liturgy of the Eucharist (Mon. 18 March.); Liturgy of the Word, Tuesday, 19 Mar. Hall opens at 7:00 for refreshments and session is 7:30 - 9:00. Further opportunities for growing together in faith are explained on the attached leaflet.

FRIDAYS IN LENT: Mass and Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:00 p.m. Opportunity for Confession following Stations.

ALMSGIVING IN LENT: Today there will be a retiring collection for the CAFOD Lenten Fast supporting the poor beyond our borders.

Next week you will hear details and receive a leaflet about the **Cardinal's Lenten Appeal** which focuses on food poverty in our **local diocesan area**. You will be able to bring your donations on the last three Sundays in Lent.

VOLUNTEERING: Caritas, our diocesan agency for charitable outreach, can help people find volunteering opportunities that might interest them. Pick up a flier and learn all about it.

VOLUNTEERING HERE: The teams that do regular **cleaning** in church could use more help. Interested? Let Zeny Sagun or Sister Miriam know.

The **foodbank** is always grateful for your help. If you are interested in helping with the general running of the foodbank when open alternate Thursdays, please talk to Attracta (8:30 Mass) or Sister Miriam (11:00 Mass) This could be helping set up from 11:00 a.m. and clearing up at the end and /or assisting with registration, administering food distribution, serving refreshments between 1:00 and 3:30.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes: £303.60 loose cash: £222.46

Thank you for your generosity

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for all who have 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 Liam Buckley, Doreen Clayton, Tom Hunt, Sophia O'Donnell, Monica Smith (O'Leary), Cassie Robinson, Tessa Charlton, Michael Hehir, Emmanuel Tala, Mary Wallace, Nina & Jocelyn Hillgarth, Filomena Barbo, Colin Harris, Nora Moran, Maria Carrano, May Cullen., Gordana Tancevska, Irene Bryan, Phuong Quach, Albert Boateng, Anne & Thomas Griffin, Freddie Mudd, Margaret Cross, Catherine Barnes, Hazel Hoyte, Angela Neary, Irene Cullen, Gerry Twomey, Barbara Johnson, Josephine Onwuka, Pauline Timlin, Kevin Corcoran, Patrick McShane, Margaret Walsh, Russell Reyes, Florence S Philip, Amidu (Blessing) Yamba, Evelyn Corcoran, Gerry Corcoran, Eamon Hanahoe, Mary Paditey, Kieran Vos, Bridget Ryan, Barbara Baggs.

MASSES THIS WEEK:			
DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 17 th March	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT <i>(Parish Mass Book p.156)</i>	8.30am	Intentions of Linda Leemy
		11.00am	All our Parishioners
Monday 18 th March	Lent feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 19 th March	St Joseph	10.30am	Intentions of Betty Ransey
Weds. 20 th March	Lent feria	10.30am	Edward Samuels RIP
Friday 22 nd March	Lent feria	<u>7.00pm</u>	Private Intention
Saturday 23 rd March	Lent feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 24 th March	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT <i>(Parish Mass Book p.160)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Intentions of Mr & Mrs Shaikh

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