

NEWS & INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

WELCOME to all at Mass today—to anyone who is new or is on holiday at this time.

AUGUST MASS TIMES will be the same as throughout the rest of the year. There will be no music during the month at any of the Masses.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION—Tuesday 15th August is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 9.30am and 8pm.

BAPTISM PREPARATION will be on Friday 25th August at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD gaps may appear in the rotas Readers, Welcomers & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion— please do look out to see what might be needed and try to fill in if required.

NEWSLETTER—we are in holiday mode so there is a reduced edition for all of August.

PARISH OFFICE—will be closed on some days during the summer. Please be patient! You may leave a message on the answerphone.

NEW INFORMATION in porch folders for Fun Day at LNER 26 August; Summer Camp (age6+) from 7 August plus job vacancies, pilgrimages, retreats etc.

THIS WEEK: the Sanctuary Lamp has been sponsored by DEREK LODRICK IN THANKSGIVING and the Lamp at the altar of Our Lady of Walsingham has been sponsored IN MEMORY OF RITA CARROLL RIP.

Recently Baptised: Chizara Nwagwu
Anniversaries of the Departed: Elizabeth Hannon, Johanna Sullivan.

Intentions of Pope Francis for August: That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY MASS: 6.15pm (Saturday Vigil),
8.30am, 9.45am (Family) & 11.15am (Solemn),
5.30pm.

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday – Saturday 9.30am.

HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION: 9.30am, 8.00pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Saturday 5.15-
6.00pm.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.15pm - 6.00pm *and
any time by appointment.*

DIVINE MERCY: Tuesday 10.30am.

ROSARY: Daily after Mass.

Sunday 6 August **THE TRANSFIGURATION**

6.15pm (Sat. Vigil) Eddie & Cheryl Rozario
(30th Wedd. Ann)
8.30am Elizabeth Hannon RIP
9.45am Eddie Scully RIP
11.15am Desmond O'Connor RIP
5.30pm PRO POPULO

Mon 7 August *feria*
9.30am Maureen Clench RIP

Tues 8 August *S. Dominic*
9.30am Breda Connellan Ints

Weds 9 August *S. TERESA BENEDICTA OF
THE CROSS*
9.30am Melinda Peter RIP

Thur 10 August *S. LAWRENCE*
9.30am McDermott & Fee Families RIP

Fri 11 August *S. Clare*
9.30am Violet Fernandez RIP

Sat 12 August *S. Jane Frances de Chantal*
9.30am Holy Souls



Sunday cycle of
readings Year A

Weekday readings
18th week of Year (1)

Divine Office
week 2

The Catholic Parish
of St George, Sudbury

AUGUST
HOLIDAY
EDITION

Sunday 6th August 2017 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Welcome to all at Mass today, especially to any visitors especially those who are here for the first time. Please take this sheet home with you which will tell you about this week's celebration and the activities during the week and also to remind you of our Liturgy today.



TODAY'S MASS

The Transfiguration of the Lord can sound embarrassingly magical. Jesus goes up onto a mountain and his clothes become dazzlingly white. Prophets appear and talk to him. And then it is all over and Jesus tells his disciples to say nothing.

We should hold on to the absurdity of the incident.

There is simply no reason for all this to have happened. In particular, there is no reason to put it into a gospel – the evangelist makes no capital out of it, it is simply there.

And this is the strength of the Transfiguration as an historical incident. *There is no reason for anyone to have invented it.* It is not central to the Christian case. It is not used to win arguments. There is only one reason to put it into the Gospel, and that is because it happened. It is one of those cases of the evangelists writing things down without knowing why they were important, and their very puzzlement is what makes the story so convincing.

Why, then, did it happen? Surely so that we could see and understand that Jesus is at once one of the prophets and the one that was prophesied by them; and that he is God, and lives for all eternity in a blaze of dazzling and unapproachable light.

TODAY'S MASS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Mt 17: 5

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.

Collect

O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship, grant, we pray, to your servants, that, listening to the voice of your beloved Son, we may merit to become coheirs with him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First reading: *Daniel 7:9-10,13-14*

As I watched:

Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held

and the books were opened.

And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps. 96(97):1-2,5-6,9*

R/. The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, let all the coastlands be glad. Cloud and darkness are his raiment; his throne, justice and right. *R/*

2. The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth. The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. *R/*

For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth, exalted far above all spirits. *R/*

Second reading: *2 Peter 1:16-19*

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the pow-

er and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

Gospel Acclamation

This is my Son, the Beloved:

he enjoys my favour.

Listen to him.

Alleluia!

Gospel: *Matthew 17:1-9*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the

Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Sanctify, O Lord, we pray, these offerings here made to Celebrate the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son, and by his radiant splendour cleanse us from the stains of sin. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. *1 Jn 3: 2*

When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Prayer after Communion

May the heavenly nourishment we have received, O Lord, we pray, transform us into the likeness of your Son, whose radiant splendour you willed to make manifest in his glorious Transfiguration. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.