

13 MARCH 2022

# Sunday Message

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

THE WORD

Year C • Psalter Week 2

## JESUS TRANSFORMED

(LUKE 9:28-36)



Interior of the Transfiguration Church on Mount Tabor in Israel

The episode in today's Gospel, which we usually call the transfiguration of Jesus, marks, in dramatic form, the turning point in Jesus' ministry.

Up to this point, he has been preaching and healing in Galilee: now he begins his journey towards Jerusalem and his destiny. The vision of Jesus in glory, which is granted to his closest male disciples – Peter, James and John – gives them, and ourselves, a glimpse of Jesus' deepest being. We recognise the similarities between this incident and that of Jesus' baptism: the cloud represents the divine presence and the voice of God, which declares Jesus as God's Son, the Chosen One. Just as Jesus' baptism stands at the beginning of his ministry in Galilee, so the vision of Jesus in glory marks the start of his journey towards Jerusalem, his ministry in Judea and the holy city, which leads to his Passion and death on Calvary.

Luke makes connections with the Jewish traditions found in the Hebrew scriptures. The two figures who appear in glory, in conversation with Jesus, are Moses and Elijah. Moses received the Law from God on Mount Sinai and facilitated the Covenant between the Lord and the people of Israel. Elijah represents the prophetic movement within the story of Israel, which challenges the legal system and reminds the clergy and laity of the deeper meaning of the Law: that its purpose is to bring the person and nation into an intimate, personal relationship with, and commitment to, the Lord.

It is this vision, in both senses, which is given to us as we continue our Lenten journey towards Easter. ■

### REFLECT

Once in a while, we may have a sense of how life can really be, of the person we would like to be ideally. The story in today's Gospel is something like that: Peter wants to prolong the experience of seeing Jesus in glory, so he proposes constructing shelters for Jesus, Moses and Elijah. Luke observes, perhaps wryly, and maybe affectionately, that "He did not know what he was saying."

Peter is the impulsive character, always speaking before thinking. But perhaps he is more honest than many others: he is not calculating and always getting into trouble. When we read or listen to the Gospels, we are invited to ask ourselves, with whom do I identify? With what character am I most in sympathy? There is no right or wrong answer; we are being invited to enter into the Gospel story and to make it part of ourselves.

Moses and Elijah are talking with Jesus about "his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem". Jesus is about to embark on the journey which will lead him to his destiny. None of us know where life will lead us, or what life has in store for us. Our observance of Lent, however we decide to keep it, is intended to help us reflect more deeply on our relationship with the Lord. Peter wanted to take a shortcut; he was quickly disabused of this notion. ■

### DO

Make the sign of the cross: reflect on how this represents Jesus' passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem.



### LEARN

The transfiguration of Jesus is the mirror image of the story of his baptism.

Both reveal to the readers of the Gospel Jesus' true identity as the Son of God.

The baptism stands at the beginning of Jesus' ministry in Galilee.

The transfiguration heralds the start of Jesus' journey to Judea and Jerusalem.

### SAY

**This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him**  
(Luke 9:35)





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# Parish Bulletin

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## Pope's Appeal

In His appeal The Holy Father said:

"My heart aches greatly at the worsening situation in Ukraine. Despite the diplomatic efforts of the last few weeks, increasingly alarming scenarios are opening up. Like me, many people all over the world are feeling anguish and concern. Once again the peace of all is threatened by partisan interests. I would like to appeal to those with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war; who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies. I pray that all the parties involved refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilising coexistence between nations and bringing international law into disrepute.

May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war."



## Easter Lilies

Parishioners are invited to take one of the special envelopes at the back of the Church, write on it the names of those, living or deceased, whom they wish to remember at Easter, and to place a donation for the lilies inside and put the envelope in the collection plate. Lists of those names will be placed in the Church for prayers to be offered. The lilies will be used for our Easter display. As there will be no service at St Anselm during Easter itself the Lilies will be put in place the following weekend.

If you are going to use the Digital Collection Plate at, please write the name of the person/s for whom you are making the donation on the list at the back of the church. Another way of donating for them is available at our parish website (in the message section, enter the name of the person you are sponsoring the lilies for).



## Holy Hour

There will be Holy Hour **every Sunday at 4pm** in Lent at Our Lady of Lourdes praying for peace in the world, especially in Ukraine. Please pray for the mission of the Ukrainian Church in this country in all the care and support it gives to the Ukrainian community.



## Stations of the Cross

During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Lourdes **every Friday at 7pm** and also on a Friday at Holy Cross after 9.30am mass.



## Ukraine Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Ukraine Appeal. So far we have managed to send £5,406.50 in donations to "Caritas" (including £500 from our 100 Club funds). The Appeal is ongoing so if you would still like to donate please do so either using the Digital Plate or through our [website](#).



## CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal

Every child should grow big and strong. Family Fast Day was Friday 11 March.

Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition.

You can donate in church in the basket at the end of mass this weekend (please only use a CAFOD envelope if you wish to Gift Aid), by visiting the CAFOD [website](#), the Parish [website](#) or our Digital Plate.



## Centenary Year

We hope to be able to have a variety of events to help us celebrate our centenary year.

Do you have ideas to contribute?

Do you wish to hear of the plans already being considered?

Do you wish to volunteer to help make this a year to remember?

There will be a meeting in the Incledon room after mass at OLoL on 27th March.

Any questions, please contact Sam Dudley 079261 76906



## Lent Extra

Copies of the Lent Extra are now available at all churches, these include many useful prayers and reflections for the duration of Lent. The booklets are £3 each.



## Sunday Offertory

Now that life is returning to some degree of normality the Offertory Processions commenced 6th March 2022 and the bread and wine together with your donations will be brought forward to the Altar. The Procession has great symbolic importance and expresses our willingness to en-

ter a holy exchange with God by offering to God what he has given to us.

Thus, collection baskets will again be circulated during Mass, after the Creed. This enables you to make donations to assist with the upkeep of the Parish and Diocese. Donations can still be made using the Digital Plate or the parish [website](#).

More volunteers are required to assist with the collections.

## March Jubilarians



Deirdre McPhillips

Richard Stanton

Martin Naughalty

Pat Blades

George Cooke

Jonathan Harris

Agnes Dunwoodie

Mary Sheila Nicholas

Maura Deacon

Suzanne Naughalty

Margaret Fleming

Helen Paice

Caroline Thomas

Rosemary Cresswell

Patricia Morton

## St Anselm Meeting



There will be a ladies' meeting at 10.30am on Saturday 19 March to discuss arrangements. All welcome.



## March Lottery Winners

No.66 Chris Lang £150  
No.73 Charles Sommer £100  
No.108 Anne Potts £50

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Sunday 13th March— SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

6:00 pm (Sat)	SA	Bernadette Beck & Family RIP
9:00am	HX	
9:00am	ST	All Parishioners
11:00 am	OLL	Kathleen O'Loughlin
4pm	OLL	Holy Hour

### Monday 14th March - Monday of the Second Week in Lent

9.30am	HX	NO MASS
10:00am	OLL	Jessica Dalisay RIP

### Tuesday 15th March - Tuesday of the Second Week in Lent

9.30am	HX	NO MASS
10am	SA	Joan and Roland Taylor RIP

### Wednesday 16th March - Wednesday of the Second Week in Lent

9.30am	HX	NO MASS
10am	ST	

### Thursday 17th March – St Patrick

9.30am	HX	NO MASS
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### Friday 18th March - Friday of the Second Week in Lent

9.30am	HX	NO MASS
10.00am	OLL	
7pm	OLL	Stations of the Cross

### Saturday 19th March — St Joseph

9.30am	HX	
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### Sunday 20th March— THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

6:00 pm (Sat)	SA	
9:00am	HX	
9:00am	ST	All Parishioners
11:00 am	OLL	Marie & Tim Glover & Family Int.
4pm	OLL	Holy Hour

Confession on Saturdays by appointment, tel.: 01428 643877

## A Prayer for Ukraine

*Loving God,  
We pray for the people of  
Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them  
and protect them.*

*We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and  
wisdom to guide their choices.*

*We pray for the world  
that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity  
to our brothers and sisters in  
need.*

*May we walk in your ways  
so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people  
of Ukraine  
and for all the world.*

*Amen.*

## Please pray for:

**The sick:** Abigail Stafford Johnson, Dorothy Michael Gaul, Savarimuthu,, Olwyn Leather, Livy Miller, Louise Reeve, Patricia Reidy, Alice May, Linda Donald, Maura and Anne Murphy, Tish Watkinson, Liz Jupp, William Leeper, Jo Allen, Jane Adolph, Carmel & Roland Murray, Teresa Marshall, Alberto Costantini, Sebastian Codlin, Lucy O'Donnell, Barbara Munro-Thompson and Betty Harding.

**The Deceased:** Joan & Roland Taylor, Nora Loughran, Sister Clare, Melanie Braysher, Trudie Pisani, Collette Murphy, Mary Bartlett, Patrick Robbins, Mari de Carmen Bacchetta, Sister Rosanna Battram, Mary Jutsum, Mary Denne and Joseph Anthony Pollen, Pauline McCausland



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face from me.

**COLLECT**

O God, who have commanded us  
to listen to your beloved Son,  
be pleased, we pray,  
to nourish us inwardly by your word,  
that, with spiritual sight made pure,  
we may rejoice to behold your glory.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, "Look  
up to heaven and count the stars if you can.  
Such will be your descendants" he told him.  
Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted  
this as making him justified.

"I am the Lord" he said to him "who  
brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to  
make you heir to this land." "My Lord, the  
Lord" Abram replied "how am I to know that  
I shall inherit it?" He said to him, "Get me a  
three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a  
three-year old ram, a turtledove and a young  
pigeon." He brought him all these, cut them  
in half and put half on one side and half  
facing it on the other; but the birds he did not  
cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the  
carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into  
a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the  
sun had set and darkness had fallen, there  
appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand  
that went between the halves. That day the  
Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these  
terms:

"To your descendants I give this land,  
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

Psalms 26

Response:

**The Lord is my light and my help.**

1. The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
Of you my heart has spoken:  
"Seek his face." (R.)
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face.  
Dismiss not your servant in anger;  
you have been my help. (R.)
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

**SECOND READING** Philippians 3:17-4:1

(For shorter form, read between > <)

>A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Philippians.<

My brothers, be united in following my rule  
of life. Take as your models everybody who  
is already doing this and study them as you  
used to study us. I have told you often, and  
I repeat it today with tears, there are many  
who are behaving as the enemies of the  
cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost.  
They make foods into their god and they are  
proudest of something they ought to think  
shameful; the things they think important are  
earthly things. >For us, our homeland is in  
heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour  
we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and  
he will transfigure these wretched bodies of  
ours into copies of his glorious body. He will  
do that by the same power with which he can  
subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do  
not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I  
miss you very much, dear friends; you are my  
joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord. <

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

**From the bright cloud the Father's voice was  
heard:**

**"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!"  
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

**GOSPEL**

Luke 9:28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Luke.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and  
James and went up the mountain to pray. As  
he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed  
and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.  
Suddenly there were two men there talking to  
him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in  
glory, and they were speaking of his passing  
which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem.  
Peter and his companions were heavy with  
sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory  
and the two men standing with him. As  
these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus,  
"Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so  
let us make three tents, one for you, one for  
Moses and one for Elijah." – He did not know  
what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud  
came and covered them with shadow; and  
when they went into the cloud the disciples  
were afraid. And a voice came from the  
cloud saying, "This is my Son, the Chosen  
One. Listen to him". And after the voice had  
spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples  
kept silence and, at that time, told no one  
what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
(all bow during the next two lines)**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;**

**he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the  
Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living  
and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
**Amen.****

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray,  
cleanse us of our faults  
and sanctify your faithful in body and mind  
for the celebration of the paschal festivities.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**This is my beloved Son, with whom I am  
well pleased;  
listen to him.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

As we receive these glorious mysteries,  
we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord,  
for allowing us while still on earth  
to be partakers even now of the things of  
heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE**

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord,  
with a blessing that endures for ever,  
and keep them faithful  
to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son,  
so that they may always desire and at last  
attain  
that glory whose beauty he showed in his  
own Body,  
to the amazement of his Apostles.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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Fasting makes sense if it really chips away at  
our security and, as a consequence, benefits  
someone else, if it helps us cultivate the style  
of the good Samaritan, who bent down to his  
brother in need and took care of him.

*Pope Francis*