

Newsletter

*Parish of St John Vianney, incorporating the former
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St Therese of Lisieux Pastoral Area*

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Second Sunday of Lent, 25 February 2018

On the second Sunday of Lent in each Lectionary cycle, the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. This event is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels - Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This year in Lectionary Cycle B, we hear Mark's report of this event.

The context for Mark's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew's and Luke's Gospel. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his passion. After this, in each of these Gospels, there is also a discussion of the cost of discipleship.

In each case Jesus takes three of his disciples - Peter, James and John to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospel, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem.

Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten

Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed and that Peter's offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples

to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death.

Baptismal Information

The next Baptism Registration meeting will take place on Monday, 5 March at 6.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.

Families anticipating a baptism this year are strongly advised to register early as dates and places are filling quickly.

Vianney's Voice

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 28 February at 7.00pm in the Holy Family Meeting Room. New members welcome, pop in and see what we get up to.

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage To Lourdes

20-27 July. Please see the posters and leaflets at the back of church which we hope will give greater clarity and understanding of the make-up of the pilgrimage as well as highlighting the need for more volunteers to enable the pilgrimage to take place. 2018 marks the 160th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes. For further information ring 07484 911623.

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Fully escorted, departs 23 July, £599 per person sharing. Includes flight, transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel, breakfast and dinner, entertainment, excursions. Email Patricia for more information knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Women's World Day Of Prayer

This will take place on Friday, 2 March at 1.00pm in St Mark's Church. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Club after the service and everyone is welcome. **Please access the Club using the side entrance** only as a funeral breakfast will be taking place in the main function room.

Stations Of The Cross

During Lent, Monday's Service of the Word will be followed by Stations of the Cross.



Family Session 5 will take place on Monday, 26 February at 4.45pm & 6.00pm in St Mark's School.

Service of Reconciliation

Wednesday, 21 March, 7.00pm at Hope University Chapel.

Celebrating Marriage & Family Life

The Marriage and Family Life Mass takes place in the Cathedral

on Sunday, 11 March at 11.00am and is always a wonderful and uplifting celebration presided over by Archbishop Malcolm. This is an opportunity for us to give thanks for the great blessings that flow from marriage and from loving relationships and after Mass, refreshments will be available in the Gibberd Room.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Last weekend individuals from across the Archdiocese came together in our Cathedral to enrol for baptism, full communion and confirmation with the Catholic Church at Easter. Please pray for

Catherine Campbell
Amanda Jones
Andrew Cross
Helen Reynolds
Joseph Gilroy

from our own Parish who are preparing to be received into full communion and confirmation.

Former Parishioner

The office has received the sad news that Michael O’Gorman, previously of Stuart Avenue and a

parishioner of St Andrew’s has recently died in Ireland.

Lost Something?

If anyone has inadvertently put a medal in the collection, please contact the office.

Thank You

We have received a letter from Nugent asking us to convey their thanks for your recent donation totalling £864.56. Your kindness is really appreciated and this donation will help so many people that this organisation assists.

Also, some time ago, a couple of parishioners very kindly donated some toys and clothing. These have been sorted out and received with thanks by a refugee scheme in Runcorn and Nugent. Thank you so much for continually thinking of others and giving in this very practical way.

What’s On at OLA

Readers Session – Father Charles Randall of Bishop Eton will be leading a session for all readers on Saturday, 3 March at 9.30am-11.30am in the Romero Room. This is for all readers in the

Pastoral Area and he will explore the importance of this ministry as well as offer plenty of practical support.

Also, there is to be a Ceilidh and other Irish entertainment at the OLA Parish Club on Friday, 16 March at 7.00pm. Tickets £7 to include food and can be obtained from their office by ringing 487 9372.

Feast of St David

In medieval times it was believed that St David was the nephew of King Arthur.

The young David grew up to be a priest, being educated at the monastery of Hen Fynyw under the tutorage of St. Paulinus. According to legend David performed several miracles during his life including restoring Paulinus' sight. Becoming a missionary David travelled throughout Wales and Britain and even made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem where he was consecrated bishop. He founded 12 monasteries including [Glastonbury](#). St David died on 1 March 589A.D., at Minevia, allegedly over 100 years old.

After his death, his influence spread far and wide. In 1120, Pope Callactus II canonised David as a Saint. Following this he was declared Patron Saint of Wales. Such was David's influence that many pilgrimages were made to St. David's and the Pope decreed that two pilgrimages made to St. David's equalled one to Rome while three were worth one to Jerusalem.

Invitation to Prayer

The Pastoral Area Invitation to Prayer will take place on every first Wednesday of the month between 6.00pm-7.00pm at Hope University Chapel when we will continue to pray for guidance and help regarding the future of the Church and our mission in the local area.

Keep In Your Prayers

All those who are sick and who have died in our parish and wider community especially Michael Beesley, Ellen McCallister and William Anthony Harold. Let us remember the families and friends who mourn and for all those who have no one to mourn for them.

Parish Finance

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 405.50
Other Envelopes	£ 148.00
Loose GASDS	£ 378.66
Total Offertory	£ 932.16
Standing Orders	£ 247.77
Bonus Ball 38	£ 78.00
Retiring Collection	£ 205.66
(Lenten Alms)	

Retiring Collection

This weekend Parish Lourdes Fund. Next weekend CAFOD and envelopes will be available at the back of church.

CAFOD

CAFOD's Family Fast Day is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat. This Lent, your donation will make double the difference. For every pound you donate to CAFOD, the UK Government will also donate a pound.

St Mark's Church, Heating Holy Family Church, Toilets

The central heating pump has been replaced at St Mark's Church and the heating is now working. Apart from finishing touches, the toilet refurbishment at Holy Family Church is complete and is open for use.

Prayer in Preparation for the Eucharistic Congress 2018 and for Synod 2020

We thank you Father for the love you have shown us in the gift of Jesus, your Son. Keep us grateful each day for the blessings that surround us.

As we are fed by you, so now send us out to share what we have received with our hungry brothers and sisters.

We humbly ask your help to become the Church that you are calling us to be: a community that listens, that trusts, that lives with courage and that puts out its nets into new waters.

May the gentle presence of Christ in our hearts be a source of healing, of new life and of a deeper trust in you. We ask this in faith. Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

Weekday Mass Availability In Our Pastoral Area

**As Mass times are subject to change,
it is always advisable to ring ahead**

Bishop Eton, 0151 737 4110
7.00am and 12 noon

Christ the King & Our Lady
0151 722 2231
Mon, Tues 9.10am
Thurs 9.30am, Fri 12 noon

OLA, 0151 486 9372
Mon, Wed 9.15am,
Tue, Fri 12 noon, Thur 9.00am

St Ambrose, 0151 425 2289
Mon 9.15am, Wed 12 noon

St Christopher, 0151 425 2289
Tue, Thur, Fri 9.15am

St Mary's, 0151 428 2256
Mon, Thur, Fri 9.00am
Tue, Wed 12 noon

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Parish Club

Manager: Mrs Emma Harvey
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Confessions

Holy Family, 4.45pm, Saturday

Our Lady Of The Assumption,
Gateacre, 11.30am-11.55am, Saturday

St Mary's, Woolton,
11.00am – 11.45am, Saturday

Our Lady Of The Annunciation,
Bishop Eton, 4.00pm-5.00pm, Saturday

Blessed Sacrament Shrine, City Centre
Mon-Sat 11.00am-12 noon

Question of the Week

Adults: If you thought of your life as a letter of faith, what would it say?

Children: If someone were to write a letter about you and your faith, what would they say?

**Second Sunday of Lent
25 February 2018**

Date – 2018	Holy Family Church	St. Mark’s Church
Saturday, 24 February Weekday of Lent	5.15 pm – Mass (Robert Cobain)	
Sunday, 25 February Second Sunday of Lent	11.00 am – Mass (People of the Parish)	9.15 am – Mass (Catherine Farragher)
Monday, 26 February Weekday of Lent		10.00 am – Service of the Word followed by Stations of the Cross
Tuesday, 27 February Weekday of Lent		9.00 am – Requiem Mass for Michael Beesley
Wednesday, 28 February Weekday of Lent		10.00 am – Mass (Margie Jenkins)
Thursday, 1 March Feast Of St David		10.30 am – Funeral Service for Ellen McCallister
Friday, 2 March Weekday of Lent		10.00 am – Mass (Gerard Flaherty)
Saturday, 3 March Weekday of Lent	5.15 pm – Mass (Jim Clancy & Candida Ward)	
Sunday, 4 March Third Sunday of Lent	11.00 am – Mass (Con & Cath O’Byrne)	9.15 am – Mass (People of the Parish) 12.30 pm - Baptisms

* We apologise for when times and Mass intentions may occasionally need to be changed at short notice to allow for a Requiem Mass or Funeral Service. *

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20:1-17
1 Corinthians 1:22-25
John 2:13-25