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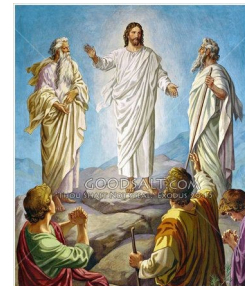


NEWSLETTER 2142 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B) 25TH FEBRUARY 2024**

Readings: Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18 Psalm 115 Romans 8:31-34 Gospel Mark 9:2-10 Psalter Week 2

Reflection for this Sunday ...

The transfiguration is an epiphany story. Epiphany stories are common in ancient writing about holy people. In these stories, the veil which separates the invisible from the visible world, and the future from the present, is removed for a moment, and the truth is revealed. This is the earliest epiphany story about Jesus, older than the voice at his baptism, and older than the manifestation of Jesus to the Magi. It is no longer possible to say what happened on the mountain. The first and chief significance of the event was for Jesus himself. It was meant to confirm him in the course he had taken. But it also benefited the apostles, and it is that that Mark emphasises. In the transfigured Jesus they got a glimpse of the glory of the risen Lord. Even so, they would not understand until Jesus had risen from the dead.



THIS WEEKEND members of the parish CAFOD group will be speaking at all Masses about Cafod's Lenten Appeal. The Second Collection will be for CAFOD and there are envelopes available if you wish to Gift Aid your donation. Online donations can be made at: cafod.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS for the week beginning Sunday 25th February 2024

Saturday 5pm Sean McArdle & People of the Parish

Sunday 8.15am Frank & Margaret Ginty 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am Eveline Kott & Intentions of Fr Craig Davies
6pm Intentions of V J Victor (b'day) **(live-streamed)**

Monday 6pm Mick McElroy (86th b'day a)

MC School 9am Anne Curry

Tuesday 9.30am Barbara & Christopher Lindsey

Wednesday 9.30am Richard Doyle (b'day a)

Thursday 6.15pm Stations of the Cross

7pm Derek Barratt (a)

STA School 9.40am Annual Mass for Parish (Johnson Fund)

Friday 9.30am Holy Souls & Ned Morrissey (b'day a)

STB School 2.30pm Year 6 Mass in church Krisia Jasinska

7pm Latin Mass Special Intention

Saturday 9.30am Michael & Winifred Conboy

5pm Redditch Catenian Mass for Vocations

Lenten Group Every Wednesday
9.30-11.30am at St Mary's Alvechurch All welcome

Parish Rosary Prayer Group after Mass on
Tuesdays followed by Flame of Love of the
Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Meeting

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS
6.15pm Thursdays followed by 7pm Mass

CONFESSION & BENEDICTION
Saturdays 10am—11am or by appointment

MASS INTENTIONS for the Third Sunday of Lent 3rd March 2024

Sunday 8.15am Percy & Madge Holder 9.45am (Polish) 11.15am David Hanney

6pm People of the Parish & Intentions of Monika Leonard **(Live-Streamed)**

Mount Carmel 6pm Sunday Mass is Live Streamed - Visit our website and click on 'Watch Live'

For the Dead ...

Please pray for **CHRISTOPHER LINDSEY** Reception of Body 5pm Wednesday 6th Funeral Mass 11am Thursday 7th March.
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

For the Sick ...

Please pray for **FR TONY, BRIAN DIXON, CAROLINE & BOB HOLLAND, EDDIE & GERALDINE MCGROARTY, JOHN HEATLEY, BRIDIE & PAUL MCCONNELL, DEACON DES CHILTON, DELIA BREE, JULIAN McRANDAL, JACKIE POOLY, MICK O'CONNOR & MAYA MASON, LEONARD ROSE, ANNIE CLEARY, TOMMY CAFFNEY, HALLIE ROSE, BILL BARBER, GRAZYNA JUSZKIEWICZ, JANE ELLIOTT, DAVID CRUISE, KATH WILLIAMS, MICHAEL & MARIA YATES, YVONNE COLEMAN, PAT REARDON, FR CRAIG DAVIES**

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady

This week for INTENTIONS OF HANNAH & REBECCA

Next week in loving memory of JENNY McNAMEE

Lamp at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

This week for DECEASED OF THE MORRISSEY FAMILY

Next week for the INTS OF BILL & PAT REARDON



Second Collection 10/11 February for St Patrick's Missionaries Appeal raised £647.01—thank you

Friends of the Holy Land Appeal—Peter Rand from FHL has written: 'On behalf of Friends of the Holy Land, may I thank all the parishioners for your wonderful generosity. The Appeal on 17/18 February raised **£1,233.02** from the Second Collection and Card Donations (including Gift Aid). This will have a huge impact on many families in Gaza, the West Bank and Israel at this very challenging time. To become a *Friend of the Holy Land* and receive regular updates, please visit www.friendsoftheholylan.uk

World Day of Prayer
2pm Friday 1st March
Crabbs Cross Methodist Church
Prepared by the Christian
Women of Palestine

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are **Mrs Jane Craig & Mrs Linda Gordon**, they can be contacted at: safeguardingOLMC@gmail.com or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE UKRAINE & MIDDLE EAST

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine and the Middle East, and 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, the Middle East and the world. Amen. *Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us*

SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK ...

Tuesday Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot, Doctor of the Church

Gregory was born in Armenia around 950. Educated by his uncle, he entered the monastery of Narek, where he spent the rest of his life. Greatly devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, he attained the heights of holiness and the mystical life. He composed several theological and mystical works, including ninety-five meditations on the Book of Lamentations. He died about 1005.

Wednesday Saint Oswald, Bishop

St Oswald was a Benedictine monk of the abbey of Fleury-sur-Loire and became the Bishop of Worcester in 961. He worked with St Dunstan and St Ethelwold for the restoration of the monastic life. He was renowned for his pleasant character, his meticulous celebration of the sacraments, and his care of the poor. In 972 he was appointed Archbishop of York and administered both dioceses. He died in Worcester on this day in 992.

Friday Feast of Saint David, Bishop, Patron of Wales

(+c600) St David was born in south Wales. We know very little of his life; tradition says he founded a monastery in Mynyw (Menevia) and was consecrated bishop. He lived an austere life. Many Welsh monasteries claim him as founder. His cult spread quickly and in 1120 Pope Callistus II declared that two pilgrimages to his shrine at St David's were equivalent to one in Rome. He is patron saint of Wales.

Saturday Feast of Saint Chad, Bishop Patron of the Diocese

St Chad was born in the 7th century. He was educated at Lindisfarne. As a bishop he established his See at Lichfield. His reputation spread quickly and favourably as a kind pastor who sought out the lost and cared for the sick. He died in Lichfield in 672. Today his shrine is located in St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham. He is the patron saint of the Archdiocese.

Prayer for Right to Life UK

We pray for all considering abortion. We pray that the love and kindness of those around them would support pregnant women everywhere to continue with their pregnancy and find peace and joy in what the future holds. Lord hear us.

40 Days for Life—STAND UP FOR THE RIGHT TO LIFE in Birmingham

Get in touch today to find out more about 40 Days for Life and how it has saved the lives of countless children in Birmingham. To find out more or to get involved in this campaign of peaceful, legal prayer near an abortion centre, contact Isabel on **07773 501721**. **Vigil location: Outside St Joseph & St Helen's RC Church, Station Rd, B30 1JG. Vigil Hours 8am-8pm daily (February 14th-March 24th).** You will need to sign a Statement of Peace before attending. Please get in touch for any questions.

Cafod's Big Lent Walk

Please join other parishioners on Saturday March 9th for a 3 mile walk around Arrow Valley Lake. Even if you haven't signed up for the Big Lent Walk [The Big Lent Walk 2024 (cafod.org.uk)] you can still join the parish walk, sponsored if possible, but if not your miles can be added to the parish total. Meet outside church at 2pm for a short, enjoyable, but meaningful stroll. With your effort and sponsorship this Lent, we can change families' lives for good.

The Real Easter Egg

This fairtrade chocolate egg is the only one available which actually promotes the true meaning of Easter, sales of which also help others both here (food banks) and overseas through the fairtrade premium. It is not available in supermarkets. If you want to order one please email Jim Quinn : jq1@hotmail.com A few will be on sale after all masses on the **weekend of 16/17 March** but to be sure please order in advance. Dark Chocolate £5.50, Milk Chocolate £4.50 (both 150g). You can view the eggs at : <https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/collections/real-easter-egg>



Food Waste: Do you know that as much as 2.5 billion tonnes of food is wasted globally every year with around 1.2 billion tonnes lost before they leave the farm. Planning our shopping, buying wonky food and being mindful of our consumption we can contribute to reducing waste. Every little helps.

Wolverhampton & Birmingham Walsingham Association Pilgrimage Monday 8th—Friday 12th July 2024

£415 (budget) or £492 (En-suite) includes 4 nights half board, coach travel, and two half day trips. Price may vary depending on the number of pilgrims. Coach pick up and set down Penn (Wolverhampton) Bilston—Wednesbury—Acocks Green. Fr Michael Vaughan, Parish Priest of St Mary-on-the-Hill, Wednesbury is the Chaplain for the pilgrimage. For further info & bookings—for Birmingham contact Charles Keily on 07710 189036, email charlespatrickkeily@gmail.com

LIFT required—a recently widowed lady would like to attend the Seniors Group which meets every two weeks but is unable to get there. She lives in the Webheath area—if anyone is able to offer assistance please contact the Parish Office on 01527 63096. Thankyou

McCarron School of Irish Dance Lessons

for boys & girls age 3 & upwards

4pm-5pm Tuesdays

Mount Carmel Church Parish Hall

For more information please contact us on 07429 019367

Find us on Facebook & Instagram : [mccarrondance](https://www.facebook.com/mccarrondance)



COUNTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Team 3 P & B Holder T Tamburro

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Team 4 J Hardcastle T & B Hughes

PARISH SENIORS' GROUP

2pm in the Parish Hall

Next Meeting

Thursday 4th April 2024

PARISH TOILETS

During Mass times the toilet in the parish hall will be open. Please make sure the toilet is flushed and left as you would wish to find it.

PLEASE DO NOT PUT PAPER TOWELS OR NAPPIES IN THE TOILET—THANKYOU

School Vacancies

Lunch Supervisor at Mount Carmel School Mon-Fri

12-1.05pm Term time only. For more information contact

rkennedy@olmc.magnificat.org.uk

10 hr Kitchen vacancy at St Augustine's Thurs-Fri 8.30am

-2pm. Free meal & uniform, possibility of extra hours, Car

Driver essential Application Form is on Magnificat Website

www.magnificat.org.uk







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Classes beginning
Tuesday 16th January 2024