

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTBOURNE NEWSLETTER



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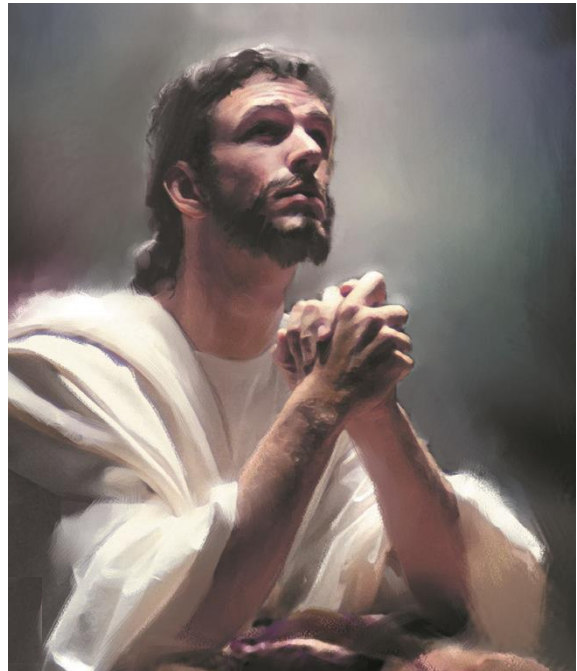
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

## Transfiguration

Last week, Luke invited us to be with the vulnerable Jesus as he was hungry, tempted and debating with the Devil. This week, we glimpse his glory as a person wholly caught up in God. Today's readings invite us to listen in wonder.

Before we get to the revelation on the mountain, we spend time with Abram. The scene opens with Abram telling God that it's all well and good that God protects and promises him a great future, but without children, what does it matter? In response, God leads Abram out of his house, into the night where he will see something few people have ever witnessed. God shows Abram the stars of the sky, undimmed by electricity, with no satellites wandering among them, no smog to blur their brilliance. *"Take a look!"* says God, *"Give me a count!"*

This leads us to the mountain where Peter, John and James went to pray with Jesus. As they watched, Jesus' expression changed. Like a person who has fallen in love, like parents gazing on their beloved child, everything about Jesus was transformed as he prayed. Somehow, his communication with the God he called Abba permeated and illuminated every fibre of his being. Whether or not he knew it in the moment, Jesus was revealing a preview of the resurrection appearances and humanity's



future of ecstatic loving union with God. The Transfiguration teaches about our basic vocation to listen to Jesus as Son of God.

At the same time, this scene subtly reveals much about the mystery of prayer. The story of the Transfiguration shows us that it was while Jesus prayed that the disciples glimpsed the depth of who Jesus truly was. Jesus was not reciting the psalms or teaching them; he was caught up in contemplation.

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# MASS TIMES

## Sunday 13 March - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

9.00am

11.00am

## Tuesday 15 March - SECOND WEEK OF LENT

10.00am

## Wednesday 16 March - SECOND WEEK OF LENT

10.00am

7.00pm

## Thursday 17 March – ST PATRICK

10.00am

## Friday 18 March - SECOND WEEK OF LENT

7.00pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6.00pm

**CONFESSIONS:** After Mass or by appointment.

Richard Arthur will give a short talk on CAFOD after the 9.00am and 11.00am Masses today.

## OUR PARISH

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## SUNDAY MASS READINGS

**Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 26: 8-9**

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

**Gospel Acclamation - Mt17:5**

*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!*

**Communion Antiphon - Mt 17: 5**

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

## PARISH NEWS

**SECOND COLLECTION:** In light of the situation in Ukraine, CAFOD has – in partnership with its sister Caritas agencies in Ukraine, Poland and Moldova – committed £100,000 of aid to support those in need, on behalf of Catholics in England and Wales. If you would like to contribute, you can use the CAFOD Lent Appeal envelopes already distributed and mark your envelope with the words: *“For Ukraine”*.

**PREPARING FOR LENT:** We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart. Let us start to prepare for this 40+ days season of grace. Confessions are available on request or after Mass.

**ENCOUNTERING THE SPIRIT:** A five-week journey through Lent, reflecting on the Sunday gospels, starting on Thursday 10 March from 7.30pm - 9.00pm on Zoom. For further information please contact Deacon Roger and Jackie: [jcarrjones@icloud.com](mailto:jcarrjones@icloud.com) or by calling 07948 516854.

**LENTEN PRAYER AND REFLECTIONS ‘KNOWING JESUS - THE EMOTIONAL JESUS’** Every Thursday in Lent, 7.30pm - 8.15pm via Zoom Our Lady & St Edmund Parish of Abingdon invite you to join their Lenten prayer and reflections. For info contact Pauline at [pehanley@hotmail.com](mailto:pehanley@hotmail.com) or call 07506 753 085.



**PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL:** Let us pray this intercession every day for those suffering the effects of the war in the Ukraine, that the Lord will deliver us from this manifestation of evil. St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in this day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust down to hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

**UKRAINE APPEAL:** Please take a look at the list on the noticeboard to see how you can help the Ukrainian people in their hour of need. Food, blankets, underwear and batteries are just some of the essential items that are desperately needed. Thank you for your support with this urgent appeal.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

You can donate directly into the bank account:

**PRCDTR Bournemouth  
Our Lady Immaculate**

**Sort code:** 309304 **Account:** 00875075

**Thank you for your continued support.**

### PRAYERS PLEASE

**Please remember all the sick and housebound of our parish especially:**

Teresa Wraith,  
Win Sheridan, Kathleen Wood,  
Phillip Rockford, Germain McAulay,  
Geoffrey Dixon, Joe Bonnici,  
Marjorie Lee

# This is my son...

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 they 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.'*

After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silent and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

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**FORMS:** Thank you to everyone who has filled in a GDPR form. Please do fill this in if you haven't done so already as we require each parishioner to give us their permission to keep their details on our database. If we don't receive explicit consent, we cannot keep individuals' personal details on file and these will need to be deleted. Copies of the form are available in the porch.

If you are a parish volunteer, or looking to become one, please can you also fill in the relevant form in the porch. This is so that we abide by the diocesan safeguarding procedure.



**BRIDGE CLUB:** Every Monday from 1.30pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome, including those who have never played before.

**ALTAR SERVER:** Perhaps the Lord is calling you to this wonderful ministry to serve on his holy sanctuary and help everyone who comes to Mass to adore God with reverence and love. Have you made your First Holy Communion and would like to become an altar server? Have you previously been an altar server and have missed serving during the pandemic? Please consider saying 'yes' to God's invitation to serve.

If you would like to serve, or are not sure but would like to know more, please speak to Father Leslie.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH:** Christian response to bioethical challenges. We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges. May they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.