

THE WORD THIS WEEK

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR C

13 March 2022

Every year, on the Second Sunday of Lent, we hear about the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain top. Why? Jesus revealed his glory to the three apostles in order to strengthen them for the journey ahead - the journey to Jerusalem, Gethsemane and Golgotha. The same vision is today offered to us, to strengthen us in our Lenten Journey of Faith. Last week we heard about temptation: this week we are driven onwards by a vision of glory that will be ours - the goal of our lives of faith and all that we do as Christians. The transfiguration represents the final destination of our lives, if we are faithful in resisting temptation and living each day as faithful members of Jesus Christ. In our journey of renewal and new commitment through Lent, we are spurred on and encouraged by today's vision to see why the effort is worth it.

PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

PARISH OF DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, help us never to abandon your ways. As you have loved and shown us your mercy, may we sincerely express our love for God by loving our neighbour and being merciful to them. Jesus, King of Divine Mercy, we trust in you.

2. READINGS

First: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 - God makes a covenant with Abram: to your descendants I give this land.

Psalm: Psalm 26 - The Lord is my light and my help / O Lord hear my voice when I call / It is your face, O Lord, that I seek / I am sure shall see the Lord's goodness.

Second: Philippians 3:17 - 4:1 - Remain faithful in the Lord: our homeland is in heaven, our saviour comes from heaven.

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36 - The Transfiguration. "This is my son, the chosen one. Listen to him".

3. HOPE IN THE FUTURE – REFLECTION ON THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

During Lent we think about Jesus going into the desert for 40 days and 40 nights to fast. It is a period of time in which we, as followers of Christ, also fast by testing our self-discipline and giving up some of our favourite things. However, fasting is only meaningful if it helps us to prepare for the feast of Easter by making us more dedicated to the service of others. In small ways others can benefit from our actions. Pope Francis asks us consider fasting in the following ways:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude

Fast from anger and be filled with patience

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope

Fast from worried and trust God

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity

Fast from pressures and be prayerful

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others

Fast from grudges and be reconciled

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

(Pope Francis)

During Lent we pray, 'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey.'

4. CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – LENT APPEAL:

Every child should grow big and strong. Family Fast Day is Friday, 11 March, a day when we eat simply and give generously to support mums around the world, like Amie in

Sierra Leone, with expert training in growing and making healthy food. 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 using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/lent).

5. UKRAINE CRISIS: We are all shocked and appalled at the devastating scenes of the invasion of the Ukraine. Catholic agencies are at the centre of the response to the unfolding humanitarian crisis and supporting those whom have been displaced. We stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian people and all those against war.

We are providing regular updates on our website on the various ways parishes and schools can support the aid effort. Please go to: <https://www.caritas.org/>

6. 2022 SALFORD LOURDES PILGRIMAGE IS ANNOUNCED: Friday 29th July – Thursday 4th August 2022

We are delighted to announce that we will return to Lourdes this Summer for the 88th Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by the Rt Rev. John Arnold, Bishop of Salford.

Full details, including travel and accommodation pricing, insurance details and volunteer application forms will be available in the coming weeks but may we ask in the meantime that if you may be interested in joining us this Summer that you please fill in an 'expression of interest' form by clicking the links below. The form does not commit you to travelling with us but will enable us to make plans appropriately and will help us to keep you informed as details become available.

We look forward to welcoming you to Lourdes for our joyful return in July.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

Saint Bernadette, pray for us.

[Click here to register your interest as a pilgrim.](#)

[Click here to register your interest as a volunteer.](#)

7. GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2022 -23: New envelopes are available next weekend, 19/20, March from both churches.

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 361; Offertory: 443; Communion: 681, 641; Recessional: 439.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 292; Offertory: 443; Communion: 605, 349; Recessional: 700.

SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: This week we were very lucky to be back in Church and taking part in our Lenten Masses. This week Dove and Swallow Class led our mass for the parish with the theme of 'The Golden Rule'- how we should treat one another during Lent. Their behaviour was impeccable and they were very reverent throughout.

Our KS1 department took a step back in time and took part in a dance class with music inspired from different decades. They have been learning about the past and how life used to be. They loved listening and dancing to rock and roll and jive music. We also held a prayer day of peace as a whole school. We took time in our day to learn about peace and the importance of peace with one another, especially with current events in the world. We raised **£375** on this day, and this will be sent to Caritas for the Ukraine appeal.

St Herbert's: A busy week at school. Last week we had a visit from Briega Savills from CAFOD who talked to the children about CAFOD and the Lent challenge – “Walk against Hunger.” The challenge is to walk 5k a day throughout Lent and help stamp out hunger, one step at a time. We have organised a walk to support this challenge.

All donations can be made via the just giving link below: Let us all help to stamp out hunger. Thank you. <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/stherbs-walk22>

The reception class spent their morning at Baytree Flower shop where they learnt about flowers. They all planted a bean to grow in school. At the end of the visit each child was given a bunch of daffodils to give to a special person in their life.

Lower Key Stage 2 had a topic day which was based on Willy Wonka’s chocolate factory – Chocolate wafted through the school all day!

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers. Stay with us Lord on our journey.

SUNDAY SMILE

From the hymnal used in our two churches, we find more hymns that might be appropriate for various professions and occupations (6):

- Dentists' Hymn:* Crown him with many crowns
- Divers' Hymn:* From the very depths of darkness
- Audiologists' Hymn:* Open your ears
- Boxers' Hymn:* Fight the good fight
- Anaesthetists' Hymn:* Awake from your slumber

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

MONDAY:	Both churches closed.
TUESDAY:	Corpus Christi: Stations of the Cross at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.30 pm.
WEDNESDAY:	St Herbert's: Private Prayer at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am St Herbert's: Requiem Mass at St Herbert's at 12.00 noon for Durstom Halkyard (RIP)
THURSDAY:	Corpus Christi: Private Prayer at 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am
FRIDAY:	St Herbert's: Stations of the Cross at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
SATURDAY:	Corpus Christi: Private Prayer at 5.00 pm; Mass at 5.30 pm
SUNDAY:	Corpus Christi: Private Prayer 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am St Herbert's: Private Prayer 10.30 am; Mass at 11.00 am

CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE MASS ON REQUEST

MASS REQUESTS

Missa pro populo

- Special Intentions:** Alwan Baker, Janine Robinson
- Lately Dead:** Brenda Grice, Margaret Clarke, Dr Mark Hargreaves
- RIP:** Lily Kearns, Ann Barnes
- Anniversary:** Anna Rolfe (1st anniversary)
- Birthday Anniversary:** Margaret Lees

PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Father, we place before you all the sick and housebound of the parish:
David Roberts, Agnes Conroy, Mrs Monica Anne Turner, Angela Delph, Jack Clark, Jean Allen, Dorothy Buckley, Tony Mulherin, Nora Hickey, Sheila Cavey, Nancy Pinto, Mrs H Fallas, Anthony McDermott, Beryl Henderson, Jean Winterbottom, Maxine Bennett, Dominic Boardman, Angela Fairgrieve, Cath Carrol, Jack Hulme, Peter Wooldridge, Nikki Winnard, Pauline Powell, Phillip Lees, Andrew Lees, Mrs Lewandowski, Mary O'Connor.



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ARE YOU...

- New to the Parish?
- Know someone who is sick or in hospital?
- Can you help the parish or us you?
- Like a visit from the priest?

Please speak to Fr Lawrence after mass or at any convenient time.