

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD YEAR A

6 August 2023

The Transfiguration was the moment when the disciples were shown the divinity of Jesus on the Holy Mountain. The scene is reminiscent of Moses' encounter with God on Sinai, when his face, too, shone like the sun. Moses and Elijah are present because they are the two Old Testament figures who experienced the presence of God on the Holy Mountain. With his usual impetuous generosity Peter attempts to 'freeze' the moment. The public declaration of Jesus as God's Son at the Baptism is repeated, but with the addition that Jesus is the authorized divine teacher.

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 Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14: the prophet sees a vision on the clouds of heaven: One like a son of man; presented to one of great age who is on thrones and waited on by a thousand thousand. On the younger man was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship.

Psalms 96 - The Lord is King, most high above all the earth; / The Lord is king let earth rejoice / The mountains melt like wax / For you indeed are the Lord.

Second: 2 Peter 1:16-19: The transfiguration of Jesus, which we ourselves heard and saw, confirmed the prophecies. So you will be right to depend on them until the dawn comes.

Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9: Jesus takes Peter, James and John to a high mountain to pray, and there he is transfigured: - Moses and Elijah appeared - a voice from the clouds says: "This is my Son, the Beloved".

3. CORPUS CHRISTI COFFEE MORNING: Come and join us for our Monthly Coffee Morning this Sunday 6th August after the 9.30am Mass! Tea, Coffee and Home-Made Cakes!! Everyone Welcome.

4. ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING: will take place this Sunday, 6 August after 9.30 am Mass at Corpus Christi Presbytery. Thank you to the parishioner who gave an anonymous donation to the food pantry. It is greatly appreciated.

5. MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH MARY'S MEALS: Mary's Meals is now feeding more than 2.4 million children each school day in 18 of the world's poorest countries. This is only possible thanks to the continued support of good people like yourselves. Fran Lawson from the charity will be visiting our parish next weekend to give a short update on their work and to ask

that you might consider volunteering to help them spread the word across our local area. They would also be grateful for your prayerful support. To find out more about their work, please go to marysmeals.org.uk

6. SAINTS OF THE WEEK

St Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) – 9 August: was born in Germany in 1891. Edith Stein was killed with her sister, Rosa, in the gas chamber of Auschwitz in 1942. A convert from Judaism, she became a Discalced Carmelite, and embraced in her life the cross of Christ.

St Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr – 10 August: St Lawrence was a deacon in Rome in the time of Pope Sixtus II. Responsible for the charitable work of the Roman church he was asked, when arrested, for the treasure of the Church: he pointed to the poor, hungry, lepers and widows he served. Tradition tells that he was killed by being roasted on a grid.

7. ROADWORKS ON MIDDLETON ROAD AND CLOSURE OF CAR PARK BARRIER:

Due to the roadworks on Middleton Road and the placement of temporary traffic lights near the bus stop, the exit barrier from the Parish Centre car park will be locked for two weeks until Friday, 11 August. Parishioners are asked to enter and exit the car park via the Broadway entrance.

8. SALFORD DIOCESE VACANCY: PARISH CENTRE MANAGER

Appointment Type: Full-time, permanent; **Working hours:** 40 hours per week. Working pattern to be flexible in line with the needs of the business and agreed with the SDC Director of Operation. **Location:** St Kentigern's Parish Centre, 36 Wilbraham Rd, Fallowfield, Manchester, M14 7DW; **Salary & Benefits:** £14.48 per hour (£30,118.40 per annum), 20 days holiday, plus statutory bank holidays, employer's pension scheme. **About:** SDC Trading is seeking to hire a suitable experience Parish Centre Manager to plan, organize and provide high-quality food and beverage services to customers and visitors to the centre in accordance with all food hygiene, health and safety and other legislation. **Closing date for applications:** 12 noon on Wednesday, 9 August

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 110; Offertory: 469, 639; Communion: 628, 500; Recessional: 461.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 194; Offertory: 175; Communion: 418, 628; Recessional: 169.

2023. If you have any queries about the role, please email HR@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or for further information, [Vacancies - Roman Catholic Diocese of Salford](#)

9. ROCHDALE HEARTBEAT: is still collecting empty ink cartridges (printing). This collection enables them to receive much needed money so they can continue to buy the defibrillators. **Please note empty cartridges only.** A box is available at the back of each church. Thank you.

10. CARITAS DIOCESE OF SALFORD NEWSLETTER: Did you know that our diocesan charity, Caritas Diocese of Salford, now has a monthly e-newsletter providing update, news and event details? To join the mailing list, please email Rachel Taylor: comms@caritassalford.org.uk

11. EMAIL CONTACTS: If you would like to receive a copy of the Parish newsletter by email, please contact us via the Parish website: divinemercuryoldham.org Thank you.

11. SUNDAY SMILES

The comedian at a Summer Social, held at a local parish centre, had the room roaring with laughter at his one-liners. Here are a few (5):

I got fired from my job at the bank today. An old lady came in and asked me to check her balance, so I pushed her over.

The rotation of the Earth really makes my day.

I'm addicted to brake fluid, but I can stop whenever I want.

I bought my friend an elephant for his room. He said, "Thanks!" I said "Don't mention it."

I failed maths so many times at school, I can't even count.

I just got kicked out of a secret cooking society. I spilled the beans.

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

MONDAY:	Both churches closed.
TUESDAY:	Corpus Christi: Private Prayer at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm
WEDNESDAY:	St Herbert's: Private Prayer at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
THURSDAY:	Corpus Christi: Private Prayer at 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am
FRIDAY:	St Herbert's: Private Prayer at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am Corpus Christi: Requiem Mass at 12.15 pm for Joan Hunt (RIP)
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 AVAILABLE BEFORE OR AFTER MASS ON REQUEST

MASS REQUESTS

Missa pro populo

Lately Dead: Joan Hunt, Howard Robinson

RIP: The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Anniversary: Peggy Waters

PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Father, we place before you all the sick and housebound of the parish: Wade Stevens, Luke Burke, John McCarthy, Gerard Healey, Mary Gowran, Margaret Lawless, Edith Hamilton, David Roberts, Agnes Conroy, Mrs Monica Anne Turner, Angela Delph, Dorothy Buckley, Nora Hickey, Sheila Cavey, Nancy Pinto, Mrs H Fallas, Anthony McDermott, Jean Winterbottom, Maxine Bennett, Dominic Boardman, Angela Fairgrieve, Jack Hulme, Peter Wooldridge, Nikki Winnard, Pauline Powell, Phillip Lees, Andrew Lees, 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.