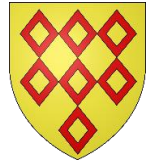


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## 24–25 February 2024 – Second Sunday of Lent

“He was transfigured before their eyes, His clothes shining with a whiteness no laundry could match” Mk 9.2f

### This week's Masses, Intentions and Rosary

**Confessions** Before or after any week-day Mass;  
or before or after the Saturday Vigil (from 4.45);  
or by appointment at any point in the week.

<b>Sat 24</b> 5.30pm R: Joyful	<i>Feria of Lent 1</i> <b>Vigil Mass</b> – for Paul Amasanti RIP (Birthday remembrance)
<b>SUN 25</b> 8am 10am R: Glorious	<b>2nd SUNDAY of LENT</b> <b>Mass</b> – for the people of the parish <b>Parish Mass</b> – for the Rebelo family
<b>Mon 26</b> 9.30am 7.00pm R: Joyful	<i>Feria of Lent 2</i> <b>Mass</b> – for Maria Ritina Dias RIP (Anniv) <b>Lent Group 2</b> Prayer and the image of God; Prayer of intercession
<b>Tues 27</b> 9.30am R: Sorrowful	<i>Feria of Lent 2</i> <b>Mass</b> – for Gerry Tighe (thanksgiving for health recovered)
<b>Wed 28</b> 9.30am R: Glorious	<i>Feria of Lent 2</i> <b>Mass</b> – All who grieve
<b>Thurs 29</b> R: Luminous	<i>Feria of Lent 2</i> <b>No mass</b> [Reading: Luke 16.19-31]
<b>Fri 1</b> 7pm R: Sorrowful	<i>Feria of Lent 2; Commem. of St David</i> <b>Stations of the Cross and Mass</b> – Wales and her leaders <i>Friday abstinence</i>
<b>Sat 2</b> 5.30pm R: Joyful	<i>Feria of Lent 2</i> <b>Vigil Mass</b> – for Roberto Cabay RIP (Birthday remembrance)
<b>SUN 3</b> 8am 10am R: Glorious	<b>3rd SUNDAY of LENT</b> <b>Mass</b> – for the people of the parish <b>Parish Mass</b> – for Nduka Nduka-Eze

**Remember**, Mass Intentions don't need to be for the departed: the *living* also need the prayer—parents, kids, grand-kids and friends

**Votive lights** burn this week

at *Our Lady*: for Milena Biolzi

at *St William & St Catherine*: for Joseph Brightwell RIP  
(Birthday remembrance)

- ♦ **Baptism, Confirmation** (First Communion), **Anointing of the Sick, and Marriage**: all by appointment – please contact Fr Jonathan
- ♦ **Funerals**: by arrangement with Fr Jonathan through your chosen Funeral Director
- ♦ **Northwick Park Hospital**: for a chaplain, 8967 5130
- ♦ **Returning to faith?** or to the Church? You may find **Catholic Listeners** useful on 0800 448 0704 (a free telephone helpline) 4–7pm, Mon, Tues and Fri
- ♦ **Sign up** for the **Catholic Bishops News Service** - [www.cbcew.org.uk/newsletter-signup/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/newsletter-signup/)

**A WARM WELCOME**, especially if you are new to the parish. **Please take this newsletter home.**

♦ **Parents and carers** please do what you need to keep children content and quiet. Feel free to walk them at *the back of the church*, but do not let them distract others. (The service is amplified into the Narthex too.) And, for everybody's safety, *please accompany* any child to the toilet. Thank you

♦ **AFTER the 10am Mass** there is a **Special Open Meeting**: see over

♦ **The ORDER of Mass** can be found on the new pew Mass card.

### FOR SUNDAY'S MASSES

♦ **Before Mass** ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, You hate nothing that You have made, and You forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that, lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Christ our Lord. Amen. *Please, unless you under 7, stay silent now until Mass begins.*

♦ **Scriptural readings** are to be found on **pp.155-57** of the *Mass Book*.

♦ **During the Psalm all say: 'I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living?'**

♦ **All sing: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

From the bright cloud the Father's | *voice* was heard:

This is my Son, the Belovèd. | *Lis*-ten to Him.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**



**Please put returned CAFOD envelopes in the collection bags.** If you didn't take an envelope – there's a second collection for CAFOD after all Sunday Masses: or donate on-line at [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

♦ **After the Dismissal: Ave, regina caelorum**



**Hail, Queen of Heav'n, beyond compare,  
To whom the angels homage pay;  
Hail, Root of Jesse, Gate of Light  
That opened for the world's new Day.**

**Rejoice, O Virgin unsurpassed,  
In whom our ransom was begun,  
For all your loving children pray  
To Christ, our Saviour, and your Son.**

*Priest* Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, O sacred Virgin

*All* Give me strength against thine enemies

*Together* **BE TO US, O merciful God, a defence against our weakness, that we who commemorate the holy Mother of God, may, by the help of her intercession, rise from our iniquities, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Repository** has books suitable to help children follow the Mass, Easter cards are also available and a range of small gifts. Please pop in today.

**REFLECTIONS on today's scriptures** We're only at the end of the first full week of Lent and it comes as no surprise that some of the promises made as we received Ashes on our heads are a bit shaky, our Lenten feet getting a bit weary. Jesus had set out on a journey to Jerusalem that he'd hinted might be his last. The apostles must have felt dispirited but perplexed too. Why was Jesus so bent on going up to Jerusalem – going into 'enemy territory'? The invitation to Peter, James and John to climb Mount Tabor was designed to lift their spirits, and to help them, during His passion, to understand why He was so resolute: namely, hope of resurrection and a radically new horizon of life. What the Transfiguration kindled in those three men, can give our hearts courage and hope also, and grace for our Lenten resolutions.



Icon of the 'Metamorphosis'

**First Reading (OT) Genesis 22.1–2, 9-13, 15–18** Abraham's faith had been tested for years prior to the dramatic moment in today's reading. He'd trusted God to lead him (in old age) on a 1000-mile journey to a new land; He'd trusted God would

give him offspring that would become a nation. Now God is apparently asking for the life of his only son, Isaac. The Lord was not asking for Isaac, but for Abraham's total trust. That is why Abraham is called 'our father in faith'.

**Second Reading (NT) Romans 8.31–34** St Paul (Saul), a most learned Jew, would have known the Abraham story intimately. He knew God did not desire Isaac's death any more than Abraham did. He likewise understood, that God did not desire Jesus's death either. But since the crucifixion was both the inevitable fate of God's love incarnate in the world, and the only means of Jesus remaining faithful to His mission, God the Father accepted Jesus's *self-offering*. Paul saw this as ultimate proof of God's love for sinful humanity. If God will give His Beloved to death, will he deny us anything?

**Gospel: Mark 9.2–10** This extraordinary happening occurs just over half-way through the gospels that include it: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Jesus had already revealed to his disciples that he was the longed-for Messiah. He now wanted them to understand Messiah's *mission*: that is, to reveal God by suffering not stardom. He had mentioned to them for a first time that he will have to endure unjust suffering in Jerusalem. To put this in its true perspective, He took the same disciples He would take with Him to pray in Gethsemane, up a different mountain to see His true, inner glory. Seeing Him in *this* divine light might help them *recognise* the same light in the horrors of Calvary.



**AFTER THE 10.00am MASS  
Please join others in the Hall**

Every Bishops' Conference has been asked to contribute more on the Synod process. **Parishes must feedback by end of the week.** As I announced two weeks ago there is a meeting (round tables, over coffee)

after 10am Mass today (25th). Two themes; two questions each.

**Conversation Theme 1: Shared responsibility (20 mins)**

Every member of the Body of Christ has a unique mission to proclaim Christ, sharing responsibility for the Church's mission overall

**Q.1:** How *do we* witness as a Parish and proclaim our faith to 1) those who have never heard of Christ? 2) lost contact with Christ? 3) those with whom we worship?

**Q.2:** How *should we* organise ourselves as a Parish to do this more effectively?

**Conversation Theme 2: Equipped and ready (20 mins)**

To enable each person to participate actively in the Church's mission, according to his or her own gifts and calling, they need to be equipped

**Q.3:** What concrete steps/formation opportunities would help us begin to witness and proclaim our faith more effectively?

**Q.4:** What structures may need to change? How might we need to develop the way we are organised currently?

◆ **Lent course - Heart in Pilgrimage** The Holy Father has asked Catholics to join in a Year of Prayer. Therefore, **each Monday evening in Lent, in church, 7.00-7.50 pm** I'm offering some session on prayer. **Please come!** This Monday (26th), "Prayer and the image of God; Prayer of intercession"

<b>Readers</b>	24 Feb	5.30pm	Noretta Reece
	25 Feb	8am	Audrey Da Costa
		10am	Monika Tabarrok, Carol-Anne Chandler
	2 Mar	5.30pm	Lily Meghji
	3 Mar	8am	Georgina Martins
		10am	Maureen Ruane

**Church Cleaning Rota**

<b>2 Mar</b>	Team A	Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam
<b>9 Mar</b>	Team B	Tim Goodger, Laura Willoughby, Indrè Balçaitè

**www.CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk** Now in its 9th year, the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal aims to make the kingdom of God visible and tangible in our city. It raises funds that are available to our parishes, schools and Caritas, to help 1) respond to the needs of our local communities, and 2) support some of the most vulnerable in our society.

◆ **Funeral Notices** Full details for the Funeral Masses of **Imelda O'Halloran** and **Margaret Robinson** are on the noticeboard.

**DIARY DATES ...**

◆ **Next Saturday 24th Feb** Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz, from our Seminary, will lead a morning of prayer and recollection at St John Fisher, Imperial Close, HA2 7LW from 10am. **'The God who is faithful. God's covenants with humanity'**

◆ **Thanksgiving Mass for Matrimony** Do you have a 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or longer anniversary of marriage in 2024? Either way, do you know other Catholics who do? The Cardinal invites you / them to a Mass on **25 May at 2.30pm** in the cathedral which gives an opportunity to renew your marital promises. Please give Fr Jonathan, or our secretary Frances, your names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) by **10 April**.

◆ **Come and See weekends** The Cistercian Nuns of Whitland in Pembrokeshire, are inviting single Catholic women between 25 and 45 who may be discerning a vocation to share their monastic life Fri 24 – Mon 27 **May** OR Fri 16 – Mon 19 **August**. For more info: [comeandsee@ca@gmail.com](mailto:comeandsee@ca@gmail.com) or [www.hcawhitland.co.uk](http://www.hcawhitland.co.uk)

◆ **19–26 July Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** 1) Be a pilgrim; 2) Assist pilgrims; 3) Sponsor a sick pilgrim. Contact [rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/](http://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/) or 020 7798 917

◆ **'A Day With Mary' Pilgrimages 2024** 1) to **Fatima** 7-14 June, and 2) to **Italy** 4-12 Sept. See [www adaywithmary.org](http://www adaywithmary.org) or contact [adwmary.uk@gmail.com](mailto:adwmary.uk@gmail.com)

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