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13TH MARCH 2022

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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Fr Michael writes:

Peter, James and John are amazed at what they saw on the summit of the holy mountain when Jesus was *transfigured* in their presence. The fact that He was the Son of God was clear for the disciples to *see* as the glory of His divine life blazed forth in brilliant light. "It is wonderful for us to be here" mumbles St Peter, not really sure of what he was saying being so dazed or frightened by the experience. But the word used for 'transfiguration' in the original Greek of the Gospel is '*metamorphosis*', which translates more normally as 'transformation'. And who, after all, is *actually being transformed* in this episode on the mountain? Jesus is just demonstrating the glory which is His as the Only Son of the Father, showing His divine life which is *always in Him*, always *Him*. The disciples, on the other hand, are indeed *transformed* by the experience. They now *know* they have *seen* God; their lives will never be the same again and they will remember this moment forever, even when they must share another mountain with Christ, which is to say Mount Calvary rather than Mount Tabor, sharing Christ's Cross rather than His glory. But, throughout the journey the disciples take with Him in His public ministry from Galilee to Jerusalem, it is this moment, *His* Transfiguration which is *their* transformation because it is the *confirmation* of all that they have seen in His miracles and His words. And if we too, at the Father's bidding, *listen to Him*, this can be the renewal of our transformation too.

Pope St Leo the Great, however, invites us to reflect that in order to share the glory of Tabor we must also share the sacrifice of Calvary: *None must fear to suffer for righteousness' sake. For through toil comes rest; through death comes life. Jesus has taken upon His own shoulders all the weakness of our humility. If we are steadfast in our love of Him, in Him we win the victory He won and received the reward that He has promised. To help us do what He asks and endure our trials in patience, we must have always ringing in our ears these words of the Father, 'This is my beloved Son with Whom I am well pleased — listen to Him.' By changing His appearance in this way He chiefly wished to prevent His disciples from feeling scandalized in their hearts by the cross. He did not want the disgrace of the passion to break their faith. With the same foresight the foundation of His holy Church's hope was laid, so that the Body of Christ should realise the nature of the change which it must undergo, and that the members might promise themselves a share in that honour which had already shone around in their Head, Jesus Christ.*

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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| Sat 12/3 6.30pm 6.30pm | Vigil Mass Grove Park | Major Peggy Elliot Joseph, Bernadette & Bechara Baroud | ANN RIP |
| Sun 13/3 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm | 2 ND SUNDAY OF LENT Gunnersbury | Eileen Griffin People of the Parish Lily Moore Charles Paterson Francis Duncan – Birthday Martin Healy | ANN INT RD RD RIP ANN |
| Mon 14/3 10.00am 2.00pm | Lent Feria Graveside | John Paul Myles Graveside Funeral of Joan Rydzinski | RD RIP |
| Tue 15/3 10.00am 12.30pm | Lent Feria Graveside | James Murphy Graveside Funeral of Raffaele Liberty | ANN RIP |
| Wed 16/3 10.00am 10.30-12.00 6.00pm | Lent Feria Comboni Convent | Sean Quinn Exposition and Benediction Deirdre Whelan | RIP RD |
| Thur 17/3 10.00am | ST PATRICK | Peggy & Jerry Cahill – 60 th Wedding Anniversary | INT |
| Fri 18/3 10.00am 11.30am 6.00pm | Lent Feria | Catherine Hynan Funeral Stations of the Cross | ANN RIP |
| Sat 19/3 10.00am 11 - 11.45am 5 - 5.45pm 6.30pm 6.30pm | ST JOSEPH Grove Park | James Savage Confession Confession Margaret Barnett – Birthday George, Nohad, Marga Baroud | RD RIP RIP |

LET US PRAY

For those who are sick: Sandra Bocca, Cecil Pocock, Romeo Monthy, Mary Garrett, Fr. Eammon Conarty, Celine Duignon, Andy Cronin, Trish Williams, Hugh Caldin, Elizabeth Fagundez, Alex Tuffy, Isabelle Ranle, Eileen McGuinness, Albie Korinek, Greta Gribben, and all those suffering.

For those recently deceased: Umberto Marani, Joan Rydzinski, Raffaele Liberty, Mary Yeo, Rober Abma, Rodrigo Salomon Castillo Garcia. Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: Major Peggy Elliot, Isabelle Walsgrove, Eileen Griffin, Martin Healy, James Murphy, Catherine Hynan. Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.156:

1st Reading: **Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18**

Psalm: **26:1, 7-9, 13-14**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 3: 17-4:1**

Gospel: **Luke 9:28-36**

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.160:

1st Reading: **Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15**

Psalm: **102:1-4, 6-8, 11**

2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12**

Gospel: **Luke 13: 1-9**

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY (CTS) BOOKLETS/LEAFLETS –

There is a NEW and FRESH selection on a rack at the back of the church. Prices are marked on each booklet/leaflet. Please put the money for these purchases in the brown collection box marked 'CTS' also at the back of the church opposite the CTS rack.

LENT

A) WEEKLY SPIRITUAL EXERCISES FOR LENT:

TUESDAYS 6.30pm to 7.30pm: 'ENCOUNTERING THE SPIRIT' – a small group prayer experience based on the spiritual listening and speaking learned from the synodal process. Each week we will reflect together on the previous Sunday's Gospel and how to put it into practice. The meeting is on **Tuesday 15th March** in the St Edward's Room on the theme of 'Aspect of Jesus' face'.

WEDNESDAYS after Mass from 10.30am to 12.00 noon: EXPOSITION and BENEDICTION. The Rosary will follow 10.00am Mass as usual but in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Perhaps leave and return; perhaps just drop in for extra prayer. Benediction will be at 12.00 noon.

FRIDAYS 6.00pm: STATIONS OF THE CROSS. Following the Angelus at 6.00pm, there will be a liturgical celebration of the Stations of the Cross. Those present may process behind the priest around the church at the Stations or remain in pews as preferred. (There will be no 6.00pm Mass in the PIME Convent during Lent.)

B) LENT PROJECT 2022:

As pre-pandemic, we'll have a dual Lent Project, one *domestic* and one *overseas*. In the first week of Lent: **£116. Thank you.**

The CARDINAL'S APPEAL is our domestic project and this year the appeal will fund parish social outreach projects and Caritas Westminster (celebrating this year its 10th year of foundation) social outreach projects. For what it does and which projects are supported see: <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/> There are specific Cardinal's Appeal envelopes at the exits of the church.

COMBONI-150 is our overseas project, celebrating also the 150th anniversary of foundation of the Comboni Missionaries. All funds given through the parish will go directly to Comboni social outreach projects overseas often in areas of tension and conflict such as a clinic and school on the Ugandan border supporting refugees from South Sudan; and schools in Congo and Sri Lanka.

CASH placed in the Lent Project money box at the main doors of the church will be divided 65% for Comboni-150 and 35% Cardinal's Appeal. Cash placed in envelopes made for either charity and handed into the collection or the presbytery will go 100% to the named charity. Cheques should be payable to 'Our Lady of Grace and St Edward's Church' and come in an envelope marked with the designated charity. Undesignated cheques will be divided as per the cash in the Lent Project box.

ST PATRICK'S DAY EVENT IN THE PARISH CENTRE - Thursday 17th March, 5pm-11pm, in the Catholic Centre Lounge Bar. Bacon & cabbage served 5pm-7pm. Music 8pm-11pm, including Irish dancers and a raffle. £6 per ticket. Admission by ticket only. (Tickets are selling fast, only a few places left). Please email chiswickcatholiccentre@rcdow.org.uk or ring 020 8747 5074

READERS and the MINISTRY OF READING – "There are many different ministries but always the same Lord" (1Cor 12:5). If you think the Lord might be calling you to serve in the parish as a Reader, or to discuss the possibility, please be in touch with Fr Michael/Parish Office. There is a need particularly at the Sunday 12.15pm and 6.30pm Masses but all weekend Masses would benefit with further support as some are needing to step down.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE EALING – from 2nd March until 10th April, you are invited to pray peacefully for all those affected by abortion. Call Sarah 07776256838, or email london40daysforlife@hotmail.com

CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day - Last Friday was CAFOD Lent Fast Day when we were asked to eat simply so as to support some of the poorest people in our world. Anything you saved will be collected after Mass today. If you wish to 'Gift-Aid' your contribution please use a CAFOD envelope or donate by visiting the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/len)

CENTERING PRAYER (CP) – The group is convening weekly via the Zoom, Mondays at 7.30pm. Next meeting takes place on 14th March. Contact John O'Brien:07747611616 or john@jobrien.co.uk

THE MEN'S GROUP - Our next meeting will be on Thursday 24 March, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room. We will watch the movie "Courageous" - an entertaining and inspiring call to male leadership in the family, refreshments will be provided. Men of all ages are very welcome. Email Stephen Donnelly at donnellysm@hotmail.com for details. We are affiliated to www.catholicman.uk

GUNNERSBURY NOTES

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – As we can't leave new boxes of envelopes in church due to GDPR restrictions, those who have previously received new boxes of envelopes each year will be posted this year's in the week commencing 28th March.

GROVE PARK NOTES

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CHISWICK & GROVE PARK BRIDGE CLUB – meets every Tuesday at 7.00pm in the Parish Room of St Joseph's Church, 1 Bolton Rd. There's a table fee of £3.00. For info call Phil Tait on 07860575135 or email philliptait@btinternet.com

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

- Westminster Cathedral, Sat 14th May, 3.00pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) Wedding Anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please contact the Parish Office giving: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or tele number, if no email).

RIGHT TO LIFE - Stop new abortion threat - Baroness Sugg has tabled an amendment to the Health and Care Bill that would make 'DIY' at-home abortion permanent. It is vital that as many Peers as possible oppose this amendment. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website that makes it easy for you to send an email to a randomly-assigned Peer asking them to oppose the amendment. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYabortionthreat to contact your MP now. It only takes two minutes.

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – are available to collect from the Parish Office (weekdays 9.00am to 4.00pm) to those parishioners who have signed up for them. Those envelopes that haven't been collected will be posted out w/c 28th March. Gift Aiding your Offertory and other donations to our parish using numbered envelopes or a Standing Order, is a very practical way of increasing the value of your offering by 25 pence for every pound you give at no extra cost to you! Providing you are a UK Taxpayer, you can join the scheme by signing a Gift Aid Declaration which can be obtained from the Parish Office or contact the office by email: chiswick@rcdow.org.uk We would also ask those parishioners who have already signed up to inform the office about any changes (eg your name and address) so we can update our records before we start to distribute new envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity: in 2021 the parish received **£29,275 in Gift Aid back from HM Treasury thanks to your being in this scheme!**

UKRAINIAN CRISIS DONATIONS – To read about ways to ease in a small way the humanitarian suffering of the displaced and to donate if you wish please see:

1. **Disasters Emergency Committee:** <https://www.dec.org.uk/>

2. **CAFOD:** <https://cafod.org.uk/>

3. **Aid to the Church in Need:** <https://acnuk.org/> channelling £1M through the churches of eastern Ukraine, covering Kharkiv, Zaporizhyya, Donetsk, Odesa and Krym (church buildings being emergency accommodation providing humanitarian assistance)

4. **Ukrainian Catholic Church in London** is forwarding donations directly to and through its network in Ukraine. To donate, please send cheques payable to **AUGB LTD - Central Appeal Fund to: Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London**, Chancery Office, 21-22 Binney Street, London W1K 5BQ

FRIENDS OF WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL is recruiting a part time administrator based in Cathedral Clergy House, 20 hrs a week, £14,500 per annum: <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/>

TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS – Tuesday morning post-Mass coffee morning at 10.30am in the St Edward's Room each week and a **Friday coffee morning** in the Parish Centre Lounge Bar at 10.30am. All are very welcome!

Collections for last weekend:

OLOG & St Edward's and St Dunstan's Chiswick
£4544.67

St. Joseph's Grove Park
27th Feb & 6th March - £328.43
Thank you for your generosity.