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at Our Lady of Grace & St Edward, Chiswick, London W4

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2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

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Tomas writes:-

Why not me, Lord? Once Peter, John, and James came back from the Mountain of Transfiguration we hear about in today's Gospel, any of the remaining apostles may have asked this question. The event became a meeting place of the Old and New Covenant: Moses represented the law, Elijah the prophets, the three apostles were chosen to represent the new community of the followers of Jesus. And they witnessed something extraordinary: a moment of truth, a revelation of the glory of God, the radiant Lord. Peter, James, and John were offered a vision of glory in order to sustain them in the suffering to come (although in the end, only John was strong enough to come to Golgotha). As St Thomas Aquinas emphasises (ST 3.45.2), the Transfiguration was *a moment of utter clarity*. So would it hurt to have invited more apostles? Why did everybody else have to miss this miraculous experience of foretaste of our Lord's heavenly glory?

The Eastern Church explains that these three apostles were better prepared for the event and Jesus was able to penetrate their hearts and recognise their spirituality. The three apostles also represented the extremes of the Twelve: John was the youngest one, Peter the eldest. James was as the first apostle beheaded (by King Herod Agrippa I), John lived the longest and was the only apostle to die peacefully. But there is another explanation: the Church is a complex structure, a body – and each of us is a part of it (1 Corinthians 12:27). Each apostle was unique, and each of us, as a part of the body of Christ, His Church, has an individual role – which also means that some life experiences are available for some and not for others. An eye cannot hear and a mouth cannot see. A mother remains a mother and a father remains a father. Each of us is special, each of us has her or his unrepeatable place in God's plan for mankind. Not everybody is called to marriage, and not everybody can get married. Not everybody can get ordained, and not everybody is allowed to approach Holy Communion. Not all spiritual gifts are granted to everybody. And, as we have seen, even in Jesus's inner circle, some encounters were accessible only to some.

Therefore, as we prepare for the incomprehensible Paschal mystery, let us take a step back to find *one's singular place in God's masterplan*, remembering with St Irenaeus that *'the glory of God is a human being fully alive.'* For the Lord shows a glimpse of heavenly glory to *each* of us – at the right time, in a particular way. As he did on Mount Tabor to Peter, John, and James.

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

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Wed 8/3 10.00am 6.00pm	LENT FERIA Comboni Cnvnt	Edward D'Arcy & Henry Nelson Sr. Elizabeth	ANN RD
Thur 9/3 10.00am	LENT FERIA	Virginia Papa	RD
Fri 10/3 10.00am 6.00pm	LENT FERIA	John Hallissey Stations of the Cross	RD
Sat 11/3 10.00am 11.00am 5.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	LENT FERIA Grove Park	Mary Rabaiotti Confession Confession John Colgan Jean Lurshay	RD ANN SICK

LET US PRAY

For those who are sick: Sandra Bocca, Cecil Pocock, Romeo Monthy, Fr. Eammon Conarty, Celine Duignon, Andy Cronin, Hugh Caldin, Elizabeth Fagundes, Alex Tuffy, Eileen McGuinness, Albie Korinek, Greta Gribben, John Monks, Jim Ryan, P.C.Wyrne, Ted O'Connor, Cecilia Walsgrove, Marion Sutton, Iris Faulkner, Mike O'Farrelly, Elizabeth Mulhall, Pascale Murphy, Claudio Bogi, Gloria Weymouth, Theresa Southern, Constance Redmond, Georgia, Brid, Pat Gleasure, Tony Sheehan, Vinny McNamara, Sophie Duarte Bravo, Carlos Amaro Bitencourt, Maria Jose Bitencourt, Vera Jansen, Dr. Charles Bredin, Janice Mary Wilson and those suffering.

For the recently deceased: Józef Kozłowski and Anne Murphy. May they Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: Michael McLoughlin 1st Anniversary, Margaret Fudge, Umberto Marani, 1st Anniversary, Philip Barr, The Murray Family, Edward D'Arcy, Henry Nelson, John Colgan, Roy McLaughlin. May they Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.155

1st Reading: **Genesis 12: 1-4**
Psalm: **32: 4-5, 18-20, 22**
2nd Reading: **2 Timothy 1: 8-10**
Gospel: **Matthew 17: 1-9**

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.158

1st Reading: **Exodus 17: 3-7**
Psalm: **94: 1-2, 6-9**
2nd Reading: **Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8**
Gospel: **John 4:5-42**

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY (CTS) BOOKLETS/LEAFLETS – are on a stand at the back of the church. This now includes new booklets for Lent with daily reflections and prayers. Prices are marked on each. Please put the money for these purchases in the brown collection box marked 'CTS' at the back of the church.

CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day - Last Friday was CAFOD Lent Fast Day when we were asked to help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. 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/give and join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response.

OUR OVERSEAS LENT PROJECT THIS YEAR: St Francis Leprosy Guild (SFLG) - a Catholic charity with a 127 year history of working to end the suffering still caused by leprosy. It supports 40 leprosy centres around the world treating and supporting almost 20,000 people in low-income countries. We'll hear more about its work this weekend at all Masses. If you have any questions after Mass, Eileen from the charity will be at the back of church to answer those questions. <https://www.stfrancisleprosy.org/>

OUR DOMESTIC LENT PROJECT THIS YEAR: Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2023 - Funds raised this year will be shared between the four pillars of the Cardinal's Appeal: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; The Education Service and Caritas Westminster. The effects of the pandemic, followed by the cost of living crisis, are still making daily life harder for all. Price rises last year meant many families faced an impossible choice: HEAT or EAT? This crisis is far from over. The Church continues to respond with thousands of people putting their faith into action by serving those in need. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal with whatever they can afford. For those who can't give financially, your time is a priceless commodity – please see the posters on how you to volunteer in the diocese. Please take a donation envelope today either for more info or to use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you.

CASH placed in the Lent Project money box at the main doors of the church will be divided 50% for St. Francis Leprosy Guild and 50% 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.

FOODBANK COLLECTION TODAY – Non-perishable items of food can be brought and left in the box at the back of church. NO cash collection after Masses due to CAFOD Fast Day collection. Those who wish to donate cash to the Foodbank please do so with a marked envelope to the Priests' House.

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS – At 6.00pm each Friday evening in Lent we will have the liturgical celebration of the Stations of the Cross. Leaflets will be available at the back of the church.

BAPTISM – The next Baptism Preparation Course for those seeking their first baptism for a baby or infant is on 7th & 14th March in the Church and St Edward's Room. Apply via the Parish Office or online via the parish website www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP – Those aged 18-35 are very welcome to join the weekly social gathering of young adults in our parish. Meet outside church after the 6.30 Sunday evening Mass TODAY and/or book in for the next informal Q&A sessions with the priests after Sunday evening Masses on 12th March and 2nd April. See: <https://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults>

HCPT Group 144 – founded in Chiswick in 1983 by Tim O'Mahony and Larry McCrudden - is returning to Lourdes this Easter after a three-year Covid break. The Group's annual sponsored walk to raise funds to pay for the disabled and vulnerable young people in the group is taking place this Sunday in Gunnersbury Park from 9.30am. Some Our Lady of Grace parishioners will be walking. If you would like to donate please go to the Just Giving sponsorship link: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/hcpt-group-144-2023>

INTERESTED IN FLOWERS AND FLOWER ARRANGING? Please do consider coming along to join our team who look after the church flowers throughout the year. No experience needed as you will get lots of support and encouragement, just bring your enthusiasm! We will be busy for Easter and always welcome extra help. Please leave your details with Sharon in the Parish Office at chiswick@rcdow.org.uk and we will be in touch with more info.

CENTERING PRAYER (CP) – The group is convening weekly via Zoom at 7.30pm with the next session Tuesday 7th March. Contact: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or john@jobrien.co.uk

A CONCERT WITH NICK DRAKE SONGS performed by Raphael Sparanero, will take place at the Catholic Centre, Dukes Ave on **THIS Saturday 11th March at 7.00pm**. Tickets £12, available from <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nick-drake-concert-tickets-536063569567> or email chiswickcatholiccentre@rcdow.org.uk or tel: 020 8747 5074. One third of the proceeds of the concert will go to the 'School of Joy', a school for disabled and disadvantaged children in Beit Sahour, Bethlehem.

BACH'S ST. JOHN'S PASSION – Westminster Cathedral, Thursday 16th March 7.30pm, with stellar soloists, world-famous choir and Baroque orchestra <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/> but **AT HALF-PRICE** to parishioners (from £15-£45 a ticket to £7.50-£22.50!) with THIS OFFER CODE: SJP50 by this link only <https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/event/1F005D88A31F16CD?did=saint50john>

ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENT – Chiswick Catholic Centre, Friday 17th March from 7.00pm to 11.00pm. DJ & Music, Irish Dancers, hot and cold Irish buffet included. £10 a ticket from the Parish Centre Lounge Bar, Friday Coffee morning, Parish Office or emailing chiswickcatholiccentre@rcdow.org.uk Limited numbers so please buy tickets early, which also helps catering plans!

ST. PATRICK'S EVENT – Kensington, Our Lady of Victories, Saturday 18th March 7.00pm. Live Music, Irish Dance Display, Open Buffet, Guinness and good Craic! Tickets £20 in aid of the charity Friends of the Holy Land www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/ from fhkingsington@hotmail.co.uk or 020 7937 4778 or 07746 847 126. Votive Mass of St Patrick at 6.00pm in church beforehand.

LENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18-30s) led by the Assumption Sisters on **Saturday 18th March in Kensington**. Young people are invited for a day retreat (10.30am-5pm) including talks • Mass • Stations of the Cross • confessions • adoration • faith sharing and social. Venue: Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Simon Stock Church Hall, London W8 4BB. Donations only. **Register:** tramy@assumptionreligious.org

LENT TAIZÉ PRAYER in Notre Dame de France (French Church, 5 Leicester Place WC2H 7BX) at **7.30pm 25th March**, with Taizé chants, scripture and silence in the heart of London. All welcome!

CATHOLIC CENTRE CHISWICK – The Parish Centre is open for all activities and the Lounge Bar is open for its regular hours: Friday noon to 11.00pm; Saturday and Sunday noon to 6.00pm. And a reminder - please would parishioners NOT park in the Car Park on weekdays, as MOST places are rented out at commercial rates to keep the Centre open. Pls ask the Manager 020 8747 5074.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - As preparations begin for the annual Westminster Pilgrimage to Lourdes from **Friday 21st to Friday 28th July**, we aim to travel together as a Diocese. In order to aid the planning stages and inform our travel options, it would be helpful if you could indicate your interest in travelling to Lourdes in July and state if you would be willing to offer any help or volunteer for any of the roles that support the Pilgrimage. To **express interest visit:** <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/>

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND - led this year by Bishop John Sherrington and Fr John Farrell OP. Sun 19th Nov to Mon 27th Nov. See: Galilee; Jerusalem; Bethlehem. Flying from Heathrow. Cost, full board £2,265 per person sharing a room, £682 single room supplement. Book online at <http://www.tangney-tours.com/WHL> or call Gill 01732 886666.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY - Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 13th May at 2:30pm. The Cardinal is inviting all couples who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2023. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please contact the Parish Office.

REPOSITORY – On sale this week, Mother's Day cards, St. Patrick's Day cards, badges and other religious items. It is open after all Sunday morning Masses. Westminster Year Book £5.00.

TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS – The Tuesday post-Mass coffee morning at 10.30am in the St. Edward's Room and on Friday at 10.30am in the Parish Centre. All are very welcome!

Collections for last weekend:

OLOG & St Edward's and St Dunstan's Chiswick
26/2/23 - £4166.27

St Joseph's Grove Park 26/2/23 - £260.35

Thank you for your generosity.