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The Transfiguration

Each year on the Second Sunday of Lent, we hear in the Gospel the story of the transfiguration of Jesus. Clearly, this indicates its importance in the life of Jesus. He had taken Peter, James and John with him up "a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light". (Matt 17).

That the transfiguration happened on a mountain top comes as no surprise. There is something about a mountain: a place where we have a wider view and can see the pattern in things. We may feel we are in the presence of great beauty or it may give us a sense of awe and wonder. We may feel close to God.

I have an abiding memory of a moment I experienced on a mountain top in Scotland. It was with an official group of people who were to advise the government on the welfare of sheep and we were being taken to some very remote places. We were blessed with very fine weather and our convoy of four-wheel-drive vehicles was constantly on the go. However, on the final day, the driver of the vehicle I was in stopped to examine a wheel. We all got out to stretch our legs. No-one was speaking and I was immediately struck with the total silence. It was a beautiful day: there was no wind: there was no sound whatsoever. Those few minutes I cherish in my memory. I know I wanted to stay longer, just to be in the midst of all that awe-

some silence, but I had to get back into the four-wheel-drive and go down the mountain.

Peter, particularly, wanted to stay on the mountain. He had experienced something wonderful. The appearance of Moses and Elijah with Jesus added to this awesome experience: Moses represented the Jewish Law and Elijah the prophecies in the scriptures. He wanted to stay and try to

hold on to what was happening, to build a safe haven there, but Jesus summoned him and the others to go back down the mountain and face the future.

That experience was not meant to provide an escape from the struggle that lay ahead - the journeying on to another mountain, Mount Calvary - but to help Jesus face it. Peter would one day give powerful witness to what he had seen and re-

membered.

We too can experience rare moments of light and joy, glimpses of the promised land. Such moments are given to us to strengthen us for our everyday living, and to face the cross which each of us has to bear in some shape or other. We may find them in unexpected places: when we experience peace having reconciled some differences with another person; when we speak up for what is right; when we are merciful and gentle in our relationships; when we mourn the loss of a loved one; when our concern for others is rewarded in ways we could not have imagined.

Al Callan

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 19th/20th March 2011

Second Sunday of Lent (A)

- Sat 6.30pm** Joanna Zaks RIP (Family)
Sun 9am People of the Parish
11am Deceased Members of Maria Simmonds' Family
12.30pm **Baptisms: George Henry Christopher Simmons & Ryan Joseph Carlin**
4.30pm Evening Prayer
6pm In Thanksgiving (Paul & Saly)

Daily Masses 21st to 26th March 2011

- Mon Feria**
9.30am Gerry MacHugh RIP (Michael & Angela Donovan)
Tues Feria
7am Yvonne Blyth RIP
9.30am Emma Maria Coutinho RIP (Mr Coutinho)
Wed Feria
7am Rose-Ann & Alfred Claridge RIP (Eugenia Claridge)
9.30am Joaquim De Mello RIP (Ivy & Michael De Mello)
Thur Feria
7am Michael Smith RIP -2nd Anniversary (Trish Collins)
9.30am In Thanksgiving (Rosamma)
Fri THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD
7am Welfare of Freda Sirmon (FM)
9.30am Angela Pini RIP (Hugo Pini)
10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat Feria
9am Stephen Kelly RIP (Theresa & Gus Dunne)
2pm **Baptism: Onur Antoni Yurdakul**

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 26th/27th March 2011

Third Sunday of Lent (A)

- Sat 6.30pm** William & Irene Powell RIP (Eric & Frances Powell)
Sun 9am Joe D'Costa RIP (Bertha & Family)
11am Mary Hunt RIP (Lucy & Ralph Smallwood)
12.30pm **Baptisms: Cindy & Carla Osei-Bonsu**
4.30pm **Evening Prayer**
6pm People of the Parish

Last week's Offertory collection
(for the upkeep of the church)

£2,059

We thank you for your continued generosity
Cash counters this week: Rob Estall & Roman Szymanski
Next week: Pam Ford & Vivian Phillips

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(CONFESSIONS)
Saturdays 9.30am-10am and 5.30pm-6pm

READINGS:

This Week: 2nd Sunday of Lent (A)

First Reading Genesis 12:1-4
God calls Abraham to set out on a journey of faith and trust.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:8-10
Paul urges Timothy to accept God's grace, revealed to us in the death and resurrection of Christ.

Gospel Matthew 17:1-9
Jesus reveals his divinity to Peter, James and John, to prepare them for the reality of the resurrection.

Next Week: 3rd Sunday of Lent (A)

First Reading Exodus 17:3-7
The people of the Lord put him to the test to see if he is with them or not.

Second Reading Romans 5:1-2. 5-8
The greatest sign of God's love for us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel John 4:5-42
Jesus gives living water to those who believe in him.

We pray for all **the faithful departed** who have recently died. We pray especially for **Gerry MacHugh** (sister of Angela Donovan), **Jean Gibson** (sister of Ray Lewry), **Mieczysław Smolira**, **Canon John Devane**, **Antonietta Verazzo**, **Bernard Meade**, **Paul Marcus** (brother in law of Alex & Rosemary Maranzano) **Patricia 'Paddy' Fitzpatrick**, & **Theresa Gowers**, We pray for all those who mourn and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

We remember all our **sick and elderly parishioners**, those in hospital, the housebound and those who care for them; Bishop Michael Evans, Peter Ashdown, Anna Szymanska, Luke Nolan, Mary McDonnagh, Fr Simon Peat, Baby Thomas Haley, Desolina Cavazzi, Anna Maria Maini, Veronica Heaton, Maureen Wilson, James Austin, Elizabeth Joège, Joan Lancaster, Stephen Fleming, Francis Nazareth, Sergio Della Grotta, Marie Bast, John Ingrassi, Baby Patrick Ferris, George Matthew, Odile Froger, Clint Samson, Jenny Sathirasegaram, Ann McNicol, Eileen Rosenberg, Bridget McNally, Brenda Flaherty, Rowan Wolsgrove, Marcus Bird, Charles Thurley, Sandra Burlinson, Sophie Burrige, Sam Hitchin, Rene Boffa, Richard Manche, Nicky Bushell, Shirley Enright, Tom Tyler, Baby Finn Jordan, Margaret Inskip, Giancarlo Palermo, John Gleeson, Mary Linstead, Evan Day, Eva Hansford, Jeffrey D'Cruz, George Hayes, Michael Hoskins, Michael Byrne, Martin Dray, Kay Bridgland, Seema Day, Graham Taylor, Freda Sirmon, Samantha Nosalik, Manual Pillai, Fay Kearney, Richard Trutwein, Winna Duncan, Jennifer McIntyre, Carl Williams, Bridie O'Driscoll, Christine Keane, Josephine Bull, Vic Carrion, Norma Latham, Mary Bastiampillai and Philip Rajanayagam

**LENTEN PROJECT 2011
TABLE TOP SALE – SUNDAY 27TH MARCH
after both Masses in the Hall**

A BIG THANKYOU! to all who have responded to our request for items for this sale.

There will *toiletries, chocolates and jewellery* (Some may be appropriate as gifts for Mothers' Day!)

There are new and nearly new items - *household items, baby clothes, ladies' clothes*, and a good collection of *toys and games*,

As usual there will be home-made *jams and marmalades* and the very popular *plants* stall for keen gardeners.

Teas and coffees and cakes and biscuits will be on sale and *Fair Trade products* will be available.

The 'Family Teas' group will also join us in the hall after 9am Mass.

If you are able to help at a table or have items to donate – ring **020 8397 7733**


The Tolworth Tornadoes sponsored bike ride has become one of the highlights of the Lenten Project

calendar. This is year Fr Anthony will be joining the team on their tour of the Surrey countryside. Numbers are limited but if you want to join the Tornadoes then please phone Justine Manche on 07710 349871 or email: justine.manche@bt.com.

Sponsorship forms are attached to this week's newsletter.



Could parishioners please pray for the following members of the RCIA Group who will be baptised or received into the Catholic Church at Easter:-

Maki Miller, Sandra Osei-Bonsu, Rebecca Hayter, Brenda Fitzgerald, Steve Kearney, Gemma Hambridge, Neil Goodman, Victor Miller and William Davis.

Canon John Devane RIP

Canon Devane's funeral will be held on Tuesday 22nd March at St George's Cathedral at 12 noon. There will a further Mass at St Matthew's

2011 EVENTS CALENDAR

March 2011

Saturday 19	UCM cake sale
Sunday 20	UCM cake sale
Friday 25	
Saturday 26	International and Bingo Evening
Sunday 27	Table Top Sale

April 2011

Friday 1	
Saturday 2	Quiz Night
Sunday 3	Fr Anthony & the Tolworth
Mother's Day	Tornadoes bike ride
Friday 8	
Saturday 9	OLI Charity Music Concert organised by Chris Jeganathan
Sunday 10	
Saturday 16	Sri Lankan event
Sunday 17	PALM SUNDAY
Friday 22	GOOD FRIDAY
Saturday 23	HOLY SATURDAY
Sunday 24	EASTER SUNDAY
Saturday 30	South India Event

Are you a twentysomething?

Why not join other young adults across London in a range of spiritual and social activities. A new comers meeting takes place on Saturday March 26th at the Crown and Anchor, 137 Drummond street, London NW1, or join our lent retreat on Sunday 20th March. More information about the 20somethings can be found at www.twentysomethings.eu or email nw@twentysomethings.eu

THANK YOU

From the Missionary Society of St Columban. OLI Parish raised £1,070 at the recent appeal. Fr John Collins wishes to thank all of the parishioners for their wonderful support. Fr John wrote "Please be assured that you are all remembered in our Masses and community prayers."

EVENING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

This will be held in church every Sunday evening during Lent at 4.30pm.



INTERNATIONAL EVENING

Saturday 26th March 2011

Please come along to another of these popular events. Bring a dish from your country for the shared table and join in with Bingo and hopefully, some entertainment. Tickets will be on sale at the door on the night.

Please let us know if you are able to help in any way, with food, organisation etc. As this is much appreciated. Call Toni Comer on 020 8399 7788 or email antonia.comer@sky.com

LOURDES 2011
* Leaving Sunday 7th August and returning Saturday 13th August 2011. Travel by coach with an overnight stay in Lourdes Full board in Lourdes £399. OR if you prefer, fly to Lourdes from Manchester on Monday 8th August returning Friday 12th August. Full board in Lourdes £499.
* For more details please contact Chris Sykes on 01925 416618

ROAD TO CALVARY
The Passion Play Presented by the SVP
SVP members have been performing the Passion Play for 15 years, touring England and Wales. This year the play comes to St George's Cathedral, Southwark, with all profits going to the work of the SVP.
The performance will commence at 7.30pm on Friday 8th April 2011. Ticket prices are: adults £10, concessions £5 and family tickets £25 (2 adults & 2 children). Please call the SVP National office on 020 7407 4644 or email jessicab@svp.org.uk to purchase tickets.

REPOSITORY- CHURCH SHOP
Easter cards, Mothering Sunday cards and Lenten booklets are all on sale now in the Repository after Saturday evening Mass (6.30pm) and Sunday Morning Masses (9am & 11am).
First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards and goods will be on sale after Easter.
Pat Buchanan (Tel 020 8399 2300)

Kingston Citizens' Advice Bureau
Kingston Citizen's Advice Bureau is looking for people to train as Volunteer Advisers. The work is all done under supervision in the Bureau and involves listening to clients explain their problems, researching the issues, making phonecalls, writing letters and discussing with the client what steps they might take to tackle their problem or improve their situation. Problems covered include Debt, Welfare Benefits, Housing, Employment, Consumer issues and Family matters.
Volunteers choose two or more days on which they can attend the Bureau each week between 9.45am and 4.00pm. They are also expected to attend occasional training days in London.
Volunteers able to speak another language in addition to English are particularly welcome.
Anyone interested is invited to an Open Day at the Bureau, Neville House, 55 Eden Street, Kingston KT1 1BW on Monday 4th April 10am - 12pm. Further information is available from the Bureau's website www.kcabs.org.uk

LEADING IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
Aspiring deputy headteachers and headteachers in community schools are warmly invited to a Saturday morning gathering to consider whether they might be 'Put out into deep water' by moving into leadership in Catholic Schools. This will be held on Saturday 14th May 10am to 1pm followed by lunch (included). For further details please contact Vanessa Copper on 01689 883347 and for bookings contact Claire Cottington on 01689 829331 at the Archdiocese of Southwark, Commission for Schools and Colleges, St Edward's House, St Paul's Wood Hill, Orpington, Kent BR5 2SR or visit www.rcsouthwark.org.uk

Young People's Group -
Our existing members were really pleased to welcome so many new faces last Sunday who joined for the first time from this years' Confirmation Group. This brings our regular membership up to in excess of 30 people, and I am sure that more will join yet, so if anyone else would like to join from this years Confirmation group (or indeed anyone from within the parish who is at least 13 years old), our next meeting is on Sunday 27th March at 7pm. More details can be found on the website.