



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

06 AUGUST 2023

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

LIVESTREAM LINK: <https://www.olionline.co.uk>

05 Sat – Vigil	18.30	Frank & Kathleen Tucholski – RIP
06 Sunday	09.00	Damian Maranzano – RIP (Family)
The Transfiguration of the Lord	11.00	Pro Populo – People of the Parish
	18.00	Clement De Menezes (K Fox)

WEEK 18 IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR I)

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.00am

07 Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Sarah McGedy – RIP (FM)
08 Tuesday <i>St Dominic</i>	9.30	Matthew Xavier – RIP
	19.00	Migrants & Displaced Persons
09 Wednesday <i>St Teresa</i>	9.30	Archbishop John Wilson
<i>Benedicta of the Cross [Edith Stein]</i>	11.00	Funeral: Mary C Allison RIP
	19.00	Holy Souls
10 Thursday <i>St Lawrence</i>	7.00	Survivors of Abuse
	9.30	Mary G Fernando – RIP (M Corsin)
11 Friday <i>St Clare</i>	7.00	Parish Catechists
	9.30	Angela McCarthy – RIP (Brian)
12 Saturday <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	Achamma Thomas – RIP (Roy)

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – A

12 Saturday <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Peace in the World
13 Sunday	09.00	Patrick Grogan – RIP (P Grogan)
	11.00	The Holy Father's Intentions
	18.00	Pro Populo – People of the Parish

OTHER SERVICES

Eucharistic Exposition	Monday – Friday: 8am
Morning Prayer (Lauds)	Monday – Friday: 9am
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Saturday: 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.00pm
Youth Mass	Last Sunday: 6pm Mass
St Anthony of Padua	Tuesday: after morning and evening Masses
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Wednesday: after morning and evening Masses
Our Lady of Fatima	1st Saturday of the month
Syro Malabar Prayer Group	1st Friday of the month: 7pm

SHARED PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Our Lady of the Visitation,
you who arose and went with haste into the hill country to meet Elizabeth,
lead us also to encounter all those who await us to deliver them the living Gospel: Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord!

We, too, will go in haste, without distraction or delay, but with readiness and joy.

We will go with peace because those who bring Christ bring peace, and well-being comes from being generous and loving in our deeds. (From WYD 2023 Official Prayer)

A FORETASTE OF OUR GLORIOUS HOPE

The Transfiguration of the Lord is one of the five outstanding epiphanies, that is, the unveiling or manifestation of the (divine) identity of Jesus in the Gospels. The others are the visit of the Magi (Mt 2:1-12); the baptism (Mt 3:16-17; Mk 1:9-11; Lk 3:21-22); the turning of water into wine at a wedding in Cana (Jn 2:1-11); and ultimately, his crucifixion and death on the cross (Mt 27:54; Mk 15:39; Lk 23:47). The authenticity and importance of the transfiguration are indicated by its being narrated by the synoptic Gospels, namely, Matthew (17:1-9), Mark (9:2-8), and Luke (9:28-36). It is also mentioned by the apostle Peter in the second reading (2 Pt 1:16-19).

In today's Gospel, the evangelist Matthew situates this episode six days after a series of events and instructions in the preceding chapter 16: 1) Peter's confession of faith in Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God" (vv.13-19); 2) Jesus' foretelling of his death and resurrection (vv.21-23); and 3) his emphasis on self-denial and the cross as prerequisites for being his disciples (vv.24-28). Palpably, the evangelist presents us here with a self-portrait of Jesus' life and mission and his path to exaltation through the cross. Evidently, these preceding discourses are characterised by a mixture of light and darkness, glory and humiliation, victory and defeat, life and death.

There are significant resemblances between the transfiguration and these preceding accounts. First, the euphoria associated with Peter's confession is followed immediately by the announcement of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. Likewise, the transfiguration is followed by further predictions of the passion (Mt 17:12,22-23). Besides, these passion predictions both echo and emphasise Jesus' warning to Peter, James and John at the end of the transfiguration narrative: "Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead" (Mt 17:9). Secondly, just as the disciples are warned that they can only share in his glory through self-renunciation and the bearing of cross, the transfiguration is not a miraculous escape from the mystery of the cross. This is why Peter's request to remain in that glorious ambience is suddenly interrupted by the Father's voice, commanding them to listen to his Beloved Son. In a way, it seems to reject Peter's attempt to jump the gone so to speak by circumventing the cross, just as Jesus did in response to his protestation against the declaration of the passion after his confession of faith, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's" (Mt 16:23).

Further, the appearance of Moses and Elijah, two great figures in Judaism, one representing the Law and the other the Prophets, is indicative of Jesus as the fulfilment of the Law and the Prophets (see Mt 5:17). Their special privilege of encountering God on Mount Sinai is echoed in the transfiguration. For example, at the transfiguration Jesus' face shines like the sun as Moses' does in Ex 34:29-35; also, the bright cloud that shadowed them recalls Ex 24:13-18;34:5 and the voice speaking from it, Ex 24:16. Beyond this, the mystery of the Trinity is also tacitly revealed in the transfiguration: The Father's voice witnesses to his Beloved Son from the cloud which, like the dove during the Baptism of Jesus (Mt 3:16), symbolises the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, the Preface of this great feast highlights its ultimate purpose in a twofold manner, namely, so "that the scandal of the Cross might be removed from the hearts of his disciples and that he might show how in the Body of the whole Church is to be fulfilled what so wonderfully shone forth first in its Head." Indeed, the transfiguration anticipates the glory of the *Parousia* (the second coming of Christ after his Resurrection and Ascension). It also makes concrete the resurrection hope of those who take on the strenuous demands of discipleship set by Jesus. We are all called and committed to this glorious hope through holy baptism and anointing with the Holy Spirit. ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	1 Kings 19:9,11-13
2ND READING	Romans 9:1-5
GOSPEL	Matthew 14:22-33

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died, especially Fr Augustus Effiong, Alice Ibekwe, Henry Smith, Mary Carmel Allison, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.



Please remember and pray for the sick, the housebound and all who care for them, especially those in our parish community: Vanessa Andrew, Martin Dray, Pauline Ferrara, Ann Groves, Thomas Haley, George Trutwein, Frances Cox, Mary Ryan, Joan McGovern, Rita Reginald, Thomas O'Connor, Jimmy Simon, Sarah Mills, Samar Staussi, Annita Smith, Shirlene A., Kathleen McGuinness, Kathleen O'Connell, Claire Pender, Hazel D'Aguiar, Mary O'Mara, Eileen Cullen, Elizabeth Jones, Ray Lewry, Wendy Cook, Nivetheni Robert, Joe Ingrassi, Baby Freddie Page, Terence O'Driscoll, Clare & Baby Polly, Gerry Hague, Maureen Stephens, Maureen Sellwood, Eric Powell, Tony & Mavis Fisher, Andy Moolman, Mary L Taylor, and Ian Beard.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES: 1 – 23 AUGUST

The parish office will be closed for summer holiday from the 1st of August and will reopen on Thursday 24 August. In emergency, email Fr Ignatius directly at ignatiusedet@rcaos.org.uk.

TOWARDS FR JOSEPH'S FAREWELL

Fr Joseph will be taking up his new assignment as assistant priest at St John Fisher, Merton in the first week of September. There will be a farewell Mass and celebration to thank him for his ministry in the parish on Saturday 2 September at the 6.30pm Mass, followed by a reception in the parish hall. Envelopes are available in the narthex for donations towards a farewell gift to him.

ADULT BAPTISM & RECEPTION INTO THE CHURCH

Are you interested in the Catholic Church and want to know more?

Have you ever thought of becoming a Catholic? Are you an adult, baptised Catholic but not yet confirmed? If you, or someone you know, would say 'Yes' to one of these questions, Fr Ignatius would be glad to hear from you. The parish has a small group that will meet informally every week from the start of October that may help answer your questions about the Church and, if you wish, enable you to take further steps.

1ST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION 2023-24

Do you have a child or children in Year 3 or above from September, and would like them to begin the programme of preparation for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in June 2024?

If so, please attend the meeting for parents, ahead of formal registration for the programme. The meeting is on Monday September 4th at 7pm in the parish hall and is expected to take approximately 1 hour.

At this meeting, you will be given information about the programme and requirements for registration.

All the children's sessions (except for Second Reconciliation) will be held on Saturdays from 10.30am to 11.30am

Throughout the preparation programme, parents are expected to play a vital and active role. The children are expected to attend every session and attend mass every Sunday.

NB: The children will need to know simple prayers before they register. A prayer sheet is available for collection after Mass.

MARCH FOR LIFE UK: 2 SEPTEMBER

March for Life UK takes place in London on Saturday 2 September. Please, join thousands of people at this family-friendly event to speak up for unborn children who cannot speak for themselves. See marchforlife.co.uk for further details.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £794.58

Gift-aid: £343.30 **Total: £1,137.88***

**Excluding standing orders & online payments – the monthly total of which will be published on or after the first weekend of every new month.*

Thank you for your generosity to your parish.

Kindly consider making your regular contribution to the Church via standing order (form available at online.co.uk), or by online banking:

RCAS Our Lady Immaculate Church, Account Number: 06467032; Sort Code: 60-21-05.

IMPORTANT: Please include your Gift Aid number in your online instruction to your bank. Non-Gift Aid donors, please include the letters NGA.

Any queries? Please contact Lance Louis: tolworthgac1@rcaos.org.uk or 07851 070036.

FROM DEACON AL'S FAMILY

"Deacon Al, Trudie and family would like to say a great big thank you to Fr Ignatius, Fr Joseph and to all in the parish who contributed in so many ways to make Deacon Al's Retirement Celebration so memorable. We will treasure those memories. God bless you all."

ACCOMMODATION IN LONDON AREA FOR 6 MONTHS

Henry is in his third year studying engineering at Imperial College and is looking for a room to rent from October to Easter. He will be on placement for the rest of the year, so he only needs to be in London for about 6 months.

He is very quiet, kind and family-minded, and would be a good lodger/tenant. If you know of anyone who might be able to offer a room to let, please contact Cecilia Hatt: ceciliahatt@yahoo.co.uk.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS: RENEWED APPEAL

"Food banks are seeing more people than ever coming to them for help, many of whom need emergency support for the first time...across the UK, local food banks gave out close to 3 million emergency food parcels last year. Over a million of these parcels were provided for children."

These are recent words of the Trussell Trust. Please continue to be generous with your food donations. All non-perishable food items are welcome. Thank you.

† HENRY SMITH – RIP

Kindly pray for Henry, father of Maeve Barnes who passed on at Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath on 10 June, aged 84 years.

Funeral: St Wilfred's, Burgess Hill, Thursday 10 August at 12pm. May he rest in peace. Amen.

† ALICE IBEKWE – RIP

Please pray for Alice, mother of Angela Etumnu who passed on in Nigeria on 17 July, aged 73 years.

May she rest in peace. Amen.

TUTORING IN SCIENCES

From Roger Balachandran: "Are you looking for an experienced Science Teacher to tutor a student in Years 7-11 in any of the 3 sciences? Please contact Roger on rogb84@hotmail.com or 07958343979. A-Level Biology tuition is also available."