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The Transfiguration of the Lord

5th/6th August 2017

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 2: (Missal Page 173): Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 96; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9

Next Week: 19th Sunday of the Year: Page 114: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13; Psalm 84; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

MUSINGS: Being Transfigured

Jesus is revealed today as the beloved Son of the Father and He brings us hope. The great challenge of our time is to keep hope alive in ourselves, in one another, and in God. We need to understand the greatness of God's love for us each day. Pope Francis puts it beautifully when he says:

"From the event of the Transfiguration I would like to take two significant elements that can be summed up in two words: ascent and descent. We all need to go apart, to ascend the mountain in a space of silence, to find ourselves and better perceive the voice of the Lord. This we do in prayer. But we cannot stay there! Encounter with God in prayer inspires us anew to 'descend the mountain' and return to the plain where we meet many brothers and sisters weighed down by fatigue, sickness, injustice, ignorance, poverty both material and spiritual. To these brothers and sisters in difficulty, we are called to bear the fruit of that experience with God, by sharing the grace we have received"

Today is our day for making space and time for Jesus in our lives. His response will always be generous. Let today be our Transfiguration Sunday.

FR. JOHN

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Parish Annual General Meeting will take place on
Sunday 1st October at 12 noon in the Parish Centre

The winning tickets for the Hamper Raffle are: Green ticket 203 serial no. AB227933 and Pink ticket 743 serial no. AB994191. The hampers will be held until Monday 7th August!

Sunday Mass: 6pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9am, 11am, 1pm (Polish) & 6pm.

Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 9.30am; Saturday 12noon

Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 9.15am, Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays 10am, Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays 11am, Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) – Saturday 11am and 5pm

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

A warm welcome to Maddieson Tayte Clarke, Ayden Giovanni Dodzi Denyo and Kader Shakeel Ahmed who will be baptised this weekend and offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Our warmest congratulations to Thomas Black and Melani Das who celebrate the sacrament of marriage this weekend.

CONFIRMATION

The Guidelines for those wishing to enrol for the Confirmation Programme for 2017/18 are available from the table in the church porch.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If you have forgotten to register your child for First Holy Communion please contact Bridget immediately via email bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk to make an appointment to see her.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

If your child is in year 2 or above in September 2017 and not attending a Catholic School, we invite you to register for our Sunday School programme. The Sunday School programme takes place every Sunday during school term time from 10am - 10.45am.

Official registration will take place on **10th September at 10am in St. Lawrence's School**. We require your child to attend Sunday School for one year prior to being prepared to receive First Holy Communion. Please see Bridget if you require more details

PARISH NOTICES

WELCOME TO FR GREGORY AMPONSAH-NKANSAH

Fr Gregory who hails from Ghana will be spending the summer with us in Feltham and will celebrate Mass and help out in the parish. He arrives during the week and will be with us until September. I hope you will all give him the usual Feltham welcome.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Cardinal Vincent will be leading a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham on **Saturday 7th October**. The theme of the pilgrimage this year is *LIFT UP THE LOWLY* based on the words from the Magnificat. The day will include an outdoor Mass, procession, prayers, Benediction and free time to visit the Basilica and the Slipper Chapel. A coach will leave here at 7.00am to arrive in time for the celebrations. Please come prepared for all types of weather and bring a packed lunch and drinks. We will return home about 8.30pm. The cost of the day will be £20.00 per person. Please sign up on the list in the porch.

There are now only FOUR seats left. To secure your seat please post your money in an envelope, clearly marked with your name and "WALSINGHAM", to the Parish Office.

OTHER

POWER TO BE CAMPAIGN: EMAIL THE WORLD BANK

Join CAFOD's Power to be campaign and email the World Bank to call for local, renewable energy that reaches the poorest communities worldwide <https://goo.gl/1RbtoF>

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Open Day and Evening for Admission to Year 7 in 2018 will be held on **Thursday, 28th September 2017**, 8.45 am – 10.15 am, 11.00 am – 12.20 pm and 6.00 pm – 8.30 pm (1 hour tours). Address by the Headteacher, James Mc Nulty at 6.45 pm and 7.30 pm. We look forward to welcoming you.

YOUTH 2000'S SUMMER FESTIVAL: INHERITANCE

A festival for Young Adults 16-35 and families will take place in Walsingham from **24th-28th August** based on the theme INHERITANCE (*We have a promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or fade away, kept for you in the heavens 1 Peter 1:3-4*). The Festival will comprise of dynamic talks, creative workshops, adoration & workshop, Reconciliation & Healing. For details and to register please visit www.youth2000.org or email info@youth2000.org or telephone 01328 821153.

NEW FOUNDATION DEGREE FOR CATHOLICS WORKING IN HEALTHCARE AND THOSE SEEKING TO BE CHAPLAINS.

Starting in October, St Mary's University Twickenham is pleased to offer a new foundation degree in Healthcare Ethics, Theology and Care. This is a part time two year programme for those seeking to be hospital chaplains and for people working in healthcare settings, from care homes, to hospices and hospitals. Lectures and seminars take place at St Mary's one evening a week and additional lectures and resources are available online. If you are interested in applying or finding out more please contact matthew.james@stmarys.ac.uk

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Rose Mary Chamberlain RIP, John Hourihan RIP and baby Aloysius Caldeira RIP**. Please also keep in your prayers their families and all those who mourn them.

The funeral of **baby Aloysius Caldeira RIP** will take place here on **Tuesday 15th August** at 12.15pm.

The funeral of **Rose Mary Chamberlain** will take place on **Tuesday 15th August** at Jamieson Chapel, Hanworth Crematorium at 3.00pm.

Thank you for your generosity in last week's collection:

29-30 July: Envelopes £871.69; Loose: £838.26
Standing Orders: £750.00 **Total: £2,459.95**

Parish Centre Building Fund: £33.33

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 5 th	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Alleluia D'Souza RIP Baptisms of Maddieson Tayte Clarke, Ayden Giovanni Dodzi Denyo and Kader Shakeel Ahmed No Sacrament of Reconciliation Gerry Ward RIP
Sun 6 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 15.00 18.00	In Thanksgiving – Gashu Family Harry Haldane RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Marriage of Thomas Black and Melani Das People of the Parish
Mon 7 th	09.30	Ermelinda & Edgar Cota Cruz RIP
Tues 8 th	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Wed 9 th	09.30	Eamon O'Brien RIP
Thurs 10 th	09.30	In Thanksgiving – Fernando Family
Fri 11 th	09.30	Peter Hocking RIP
Sat 12 th	11.00 11.00 12.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Erika Sunshine (Birthday Intention) Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
Sun 13 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Michael Wilson RIP (Anniversary) Patrick Maple in Thanksgiving Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Alice Deacon RIP
Sanctuary Lamp: For the intentions of Mia and Dylan		