

From Sunday's Gospel

Peter, James and John went with Jesus to pray on a mountain top. While they were there Jesus was transformed. His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly, Moses and Elijah, the great teacher and the great prophet of the Old Testament appeared and were talking with Jesus. Then a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, Listen to Him." When the disciples heard this they were terrified, but Jesus came to them and said, "Stand up and do not be afraid."



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

Pope Francis writes:

"With God we can do great things."

When Jesus took his three disciples up the mountain he already knew that he

would face suffering and death, and giving the disciples of glimpse of his 'transformation' was to give them encouragement when these events took place, indeed Jesus himself was encouraged by the words from heaven. We all need encouragement especially when times are hard, and we all have the capacity to encourage other people. Who will we encourage this week?

Ministers

March 12th

Liturgy of the Word

6.00pm M.Jefferis
8.30am J.McMahon
10.00am C.Hall

Liturgy of the Eucharist

S.Dyson
S.Crewdson/M.Booth
M.Kehoe/M.Farmer

March 19th

6.00pm K.Stokes
8.30am M.Jefferis
10.00am S.Gibson

S.Dyson
S.Crewdson/M.Booth
G.Leggat/C.Hall

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First: £568.36 Second: £214.90 Shop £150.63 WWDP £25.00 Thank You
Marley Radcliffe Baptism £40.00 Sing for Pleasure Choir £195.00 Thank You

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2nd Sunday of Lent

March 12th 2017 Year A (Matthew's Gospel)

Times of Masses & Intentions

Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Kathleen Widdop
Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Special Intention
	4.00pm	Refreshments after Mass
Monday	9.30am	Stations of the Cross *
Tuesday	9.30am	Des McKeown
	8.00pm Taizé Prayer group	Fr John Butters
Wednesday	12.00 noon	November Dead List
Thursday	9.30am	Tony Goodwin
Friday	9.30am	Special Intention
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	10.00am	Jutta Russo
Vigil	6.00pm	Tara Dyson
Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Edith Kershaw

Confessions: After the 10.00am Mass on Saturday and on request

Exposition: 40 minutes before Mass each weekday

When there is A Service of the Word & Holy Communion there is NO Exposition

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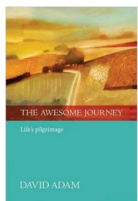


First Forgiveness

For some months now five of our younger parishioners, Charley, Emilie, Eve, Mary and Theo, together with their families have been preparing for the Sacraments of First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion. **Next Saturday , March 18th, at 11.00am in the Church** the children will be celebrating God's loving forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. It is a very special occasion for them and for their families, and also for the parish which will receive great blessings that day. We are asked to remember the children and their families in our prayers. Should any parishioner wish to come and take part in this celebration which will begin with a short Liturgy of the Word and Examination of Conscience and then the opportunity for individual sacramental confession and absolution they will be more than welcome.

This celebration of First Forgiveness may also be an opportunity for all of us to reflect on our own use of this Sacrament of God's Loving Forgiveness, as we respond to God's invitation **COME BACK TO ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART!** Individual Sacramental Confession is celebrated on Saturdays after the 10.00am Mass and by appointment.

Churches Together in Saddleworth—Lent Course



There was a magnificent turn out of nearly 30 people last Thursday night for the first session of the Lent Course, led by Deacon Peter, looking at David Adam's book The Awesome Journey. The next session this coming Thursday, 16th March, will again take place in the Parish Centre from 7.30-9.00pm and will be led by Canon Sharon Jones, the Rector of the Saddleworth Anglican Team when we will be looking at Chapters 3 & 4. All welcome



Children's Liturgy of the Word

The next Children's Liturgy will take place during the 10.00am Mass next Sunday, March 19th. This is an ideal opportunity for the children to hear and pray through God's word at their level.

Please see the Sunday SPEAK LORD sheets for Children at the back of church.

CAFOD Family Fast—Friday 10th March



If you were unable to take an envelope last week because of a shortage, please take one this week and return it as soon as possible. For those returning envelopes this weekend please place them in the basket on the table at the back or put them with the offertory collection. Thank You

FAIRTRADE CHOCOLATE EASTER EGGS



Thanks to those who have already signed the list at the back of the Church for the Real Easter Egg. Today is **THE LAST CHANCE TO MAKE AN ORDER THIS YEAR.** Please sign the list TODAY as Chris will be sending the order THIS COMING WEEK to make sure that they arrive in time for people to enjoy on Easter Sunday.



Gala Dinner in memory of Tara Dyson

The family of Tara are delighted to announce that the event raised over **£7.000** which has been sent to the Brain Tumour Research Campaign, of which all will go to research projects. The family thank all those who helped in any way to raise such a fantastic amount.



Women's World Day of Prayer

The parish has received a letter of thanks from Liz Rooke for the warm welcome given to those who took part in the WWDP Service and for the use of the Church and the Parish Centre.



Lent Lunch in St Chad's Parish Centre, Lee Street Saturdays 12.00 noon—1.00pm



APF Missio Red Boxes

Please continue to return the boxes over the next couple of weeks.



Thought for the week

"Sunday, like the Sabbath, is meant to be a day which heals our relationship with God, ourselves, others and the world." Pope Francis