



### **From Sunday's Gospel**

Peter, James and John went with Jesus to pray on a mountain top. While they were there, Jesus was transfigured. His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as dazzling as the light, whiter than any normal clothing could ever be. 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." Then suddenly, when the disciples looked round, they saw only Jesus was left there with them.

SUNDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2021 Adapted from Mark 9:2-10

The 2nd Sunday of Lent Year B



**Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people, the invitation at the Transfiguration is to listen to Jesus and to follow him, laying down our lives as a gift of love for one another."** Today's word is **Sacred**. Mountains in the Scriptures are places where human beings receive experiences of God, which makes them sacred places, and the experiences, sacred moments.

To be sacred is to be holy, to dedicate our lives in the service of God by serving each other, or, in other words, to live and love like Jesus did. Praying at home helps us to recognise and respect our homes as sacred places, full of God's love. In today's gospel story, Peter, James and John got an insight into Jesus' future glory when they saw him transfigured, standing between Moses and Elijah, who were very special people in the history of God's people. As we journey through Lent with a positive mind set, we can be open to any transfiguration moments in our lives, reminding us that we, too, can be sacred, can be holy!



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## **2nd Sunday in Lent**

### **February 28th 2021 (Mark's Gospel)**

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED WHILE WE ARE IN LOCK-DOWN**

**Fr Bernard will celebrate Mass each day without a congregation. Please watch this space for further information.**

**The intentions are as follows:**

Sunday:	Ann McCarthy
Monday:	Fr Ernesto Cardenal
Tuesday:	Pamela Renton & Janice Jacobs
Wednesday:	People of the Parish
Thursday:	Archie Cumming
Friday:	Michael Holmes
Saturday:	Jonathan Wain
Sunday:	Joseph Priestley

**Confessions by appointment**

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The Lent Course will be based on a new Cover to Cover booklet entitled "**The Prayers of Jesus**" Although the Group Meetings will be via Zoom, the booklet is suitable for individual home study for those unable to access Zoom. The Zoom meetings begin next week with 4 opportunities each week to join a group. These are as follows:

**TUESDAYS from Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1.30pm**

**WEDNESDAYS NB - from Feb 17<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**

**THURSDAYS from Feb 25<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm**

**THURSDAYS from Feb 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm**

Those who have asked to be part of the Zoom Meetings should have been sent the link to do so. It is all a little experimental, but hopefully we will be able to discuss the book **The Prayers of Jesus** 'virtually'!

#### **CAFOD Lent Family Fast** FRIDAY 26th February



This Lenten fast Day Appeal is based around WATER. Could you *Walk for Water* as a personal Lenten challenge by walking 10,000 steps, every day, for 40 days? Find out more at [cafod.org.uk/walk](http://cafod.org.uk/walk)

No Family Fast envelopes have been sent this Lent so

the ways parishioners can contribute to CAFOD are as follows:

Donations can be made on line at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give)

Via text **lent** to **70460** to donate £10.00

Post **CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB**

## *Lent 2021 Wednesday Reflections*

Each Wednesday in Lent Fr Bernard will be recording a Reflection which can be viewed on the parish website any time after 9.00am. These will remain available throughout Lent. Simply log onto the Newsletter and click on to Lenten Wednesday Reflections. The first reflection was on Noah and the Flood. Next week's will be on the call and journey of Abram/Abraham.



#### **Remaining Positive during Lent—a fresh look at:**

##### **(1) The Corporal works of Mercy**

**Feed the hungry**—share what you have with those who need it, down the street or around the world

**Give drink to the thirsty**—Share your joy and hope with those who thirst physically or spiritually

**Clothe the naked**—Cover those who are weak and vulnerable

**Shelter the homeless**—Help provide housing; make everyone welcome in the home of your heart

**Visit the imprisoned**—Help prisoners and those confined by fear, sadness or illness

**Visit the sick or disadvantaged**—Be there for people who need you

**Bury the dead**—Remember with love and respect those who are separated by distance or death

##### **(2) The Spiritual works of Mercy**

**Counsel the doubtful**—be a good listener and let others know how good they are

**Instruct the ignorant**—When asked, share your advice and experience gently, work to make a better world

**Warn the unjust**—Challenge things you know are wrong and let others know there are better choices

**Forgive all injuries**—Don't carry a grudge and be merciful

**Bear wrongs patiently**—Give others and yourself room to make mistakes

**Comfort the sorrowing**—Be someone to lean on in times of distress

**Pray for the living and the dead**—include the whole human family and all creation in your prayers

Based on a reflection by Barbara Molinara Quinby MBS

#### **World day of Prayer 2021**

##### **Praying with Vanuata**

Unfortunately there can be no local service this year due to COVID Instead please visit: [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk)

For further information contact:

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A Service for Everyone—Build on a strong foundation

A few Booklets available in the presbytery porch on the table.

