

Second Sunday of Lent



Sunday 25th February 2024

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The transfiguration shows us Jesus Christ in glory, but sets this vision against the background of his passion and death as he sets out on his journey to Jerusalem and his destiny. At this point, as we have set out on our journey with Jesus through Lent the words of the voice from the cloud are addressed to us today, "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Jesus has spoken in the Gospel about the cost of being his disciple and taking up the cross and following him. Every day in countless and seemingly small ways God breaks into our world and our daily lives. Every time we experience a moment of peace, joy, reconciliation or forgiveness, God is with us. Every time that we reach out to help another person is a moment of transfiguration, both for ourselves and for those we help.

CAFOD Family Fast Day . . . James is a fisherman and when his family had no food, he faced a terrible choice; stay home and stay hungry or put everything on the line to go out onto the water in his small canoe. Five fishermen a month, many he called 'brothers', were dying in storms at sea. Just like him they couldn't afford the life jackets, compasses and other equipment they needed to stay safe at sea and get a good catch. Your support for CAFOD this Fast Day helps hardworking people like James to return home safely and feed their families for good. Thank you for your support. **There will be a second collection this weekend** to collect your donations. The envelopes allow for you to Gift Aid your donations, where appropriate. If you have any queries regarding this collection, please do not hesitate to speak to Martin Driffield (07854 056391).

Worldwide Day of Prayer . . . Previously the Women's World Day of Prayer, this is a global event where every country around the world takes part in the same service on the same day. Each year the service is written by women of a different country. This year the material has been prepared by the women of Palestine with the theme '*I beg you, bear with one another in love*' taken from Ephesians Chapter 4:1-7. The service for 2024 was an opportunity to reflect on continuing challenging times, encouraging Palestinian Christian women to keep searching for a deeper understanding among all the people who share the land, trusting for and hoping in the humanity of one another. There will be a service on **Friday 1st March at 2pm**, hosted by St. Mary's Church, Norton Green. There will also be a Fairtrade stall of goods from Palestine to buy.

LOUDfence . . . St. Mary's Cathedral and Newcastle Cathedral 3rd - 6th March. Welcome to all. Together with the Diocese of Newcastle, our diocesan family is privileged to be hosting a LOUDfence at St. Marys' Cathedral and at Newcastle Cathedral. It will begin at the 11.30am Sunday Mass on the 3rd March at St. Mary's Cathedral and end with a Service of the Word at Newcastle Cathedral on the 6th March at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to these liturgies and to visit both Cathedrals during the days to offer their prayers and support for all who have suffered abuse within church communities and all contexts. We are invited to leave prayers and messages, together with provided items like the prayer ribbons presented to Bishop Stephen at his Installation Mass, which are still tied to his Bishop's Chair. People can leave their prayers and messages within or outside of the Cathedrals, recognising some people would rather not enter a place of worship. There will be people available for pastoral accompaniment if that is requested. As a diocesan family we pray for all who have suffered abuse and recognise our shared duty to safeguard the vulnerable.

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25	Sunday	9.00am	Nicola Holmes
26	Monday	9.15am 5.30pm	Special Intention Medjugorje Rosary ~ All welcome
27	Tuesday		
28	Wednesday		
29	Thursday	6.00pm	Stations of the Cross & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
1	Friday <i>St David</i>	9.15am	Ronnie Mazzey
2	Saturday	9.15am	Pat Jackson & Alice Preece
3 rd Sunday of Lent			
3	Sunday	9.00am	Dennis Watt
Recently Deceased:		Lawrie Ryan ~ May he rest in peace. Amen	
Anniversaries:		John Leslie Shaw, Patrick Cooper	
		Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Betty Griffiths, Rose Marie Bruno, Brian Lee, Kathleen Hanley, Samuel Kiberu Brian Wetherell, Sheila Kerr, Joyce Thomas	
Reader for Sunday 3 rd March ~ David Wright			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



At the Transfiguration You showed Jesus in glory, a glimpse of what His disciples would see in His risen life. Bless us in our humanity with an awareness of Your presence, leading us to share in Your divine life, even in our daily struggle. Amen

Fasting, Almsgiving and Prayer

Fasting requires the blessing of putting God and his people at the centre of our lives.

Almsgiving is the blessing of solidarity with our poor brothers and sisters.

Prayer is learning to be loved in a whole new way.

This Sunday we welcome Bishop Stephen Wright to St. Patrick's. We thank him and pray that God will bless him as he serves the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle.

The Stations of the Cross this week will be led by Deacon Mick, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 7pm. If any group would like to volunteer to lead Stations of the Cross please contact Deacon Mick or telephone the Parish office, 01642 580171. Thank you.

Minsteracres Retreat Centre . . . Quiet days of reflection during Lent. An opportunity to step aside, listen to God in scripture and enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the countryside. All from 10am to 4pm, with lunch provided. The cost is £30 per day.

Wednesday 6th March (Chris Smith) **Wednesday 13th March** (Sr Sheila McNamara RSCJ)
Thursday 21st March (Pat Kennedy OBJ)

You can book online, or email: info@minsteracres.org or telephone 01434 673248.



The Vicariate for Faith and Mission have produced booklets of Daily Lenten Reflections which are available for viewing, downloading and printing from the Diocesan website. As we prepare to commemorate Jesus' salvific death and resurrection at Easter, we hope that this year's edition will once again foster prayerful reflection on the Scriptures and a renewed sense of purpose and hope amongst the people of the Diocese.