

Dates for your diary

MINISTRIES	Saturday	Sunday 2nd
Server	Ivor Palmer	Fran and Elisha
Reader	Sr Rosie	Tony Bateman
Eucharistic Minister	Sr Michele	Melanie Lord

Can you help with the cleaning of St Bernadette's?

Michelle Carroll is planning to clean the church and would like some help. If you are able to help her please contact her on 07902541195

More volunteers are needed to steward, clean, read and be eucharistic ministers if we are to keep open and celebrating Mass.

OFFERINGS

Bank Details: PRCDTR Kinson RC Parish
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 Thank you to everyone who contributes

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For daily Mass Readings go to:

<https://www.universalis.com/20200405/mass.htm>

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

Psalm: Psalm 144(145):8-9,15-18
 Second Reading: Romans 8:35,37-39
 Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21



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NEWSLETTER

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Int: Mary Varghese RIP (Fr Chacko's sister in law)

Dear Parishioner,

This is the 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time and we continue to live stream our Sunday Mass on Facebook for the world to share.

On Thursday this week it is the Feast of the Transfiguration. The word "transfiguration" comes from the Latin roots *trans-* ("across") and *figura* ("form, shape"), signifying a change of form or appearance. This is what happened to Jesus in the event known as the Transfiguration: His appearance changed and became glorious. The Transfiguration was a special event in which God allowed certain apostles to have a privileged spiritual experience that was meant to strengthen their faith for the challenges they would later endure. But it was only a temporary event. It was not meant to be permanent.

In the same way, at certain times in this life, God may give certain members of the faithful (*not* all of the faithful, all the time), special experiences of his grace that strengthen their faith. We should welcome these experiences for the graces they are, but we should not expect them to continue indefinitely, nor should we be afraid or resentful when they cease. They may have been meant only as momentary glimpses of the joy of heaven to sustain us as we face the challenges of this life, to help strengthen us on the road that will--ultimately--bring us into the infinite and endless joy of heaven.

Have you experienced such grace?

Someone very dear to me, my eldest brother's wife, died this week. Her name is Mary Varghese and we are all feeling her loss terribly. Can I ask you please to pray for Mary, may she rest in peace, for my family and for me as we come to terms with our sadness.

Stay safe, stay well and stay blessed.

Fr Chacko

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Today we jump ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel to Chapter 14. Last week we heard Jesus conclude his discourse with the crowds about the Kingdom of Heaven. In Matthew's narrative, Jesus then leaves the crowds and returns to Nazareth, where he is rejected. Matthew then recounts the story of John the Baptist's arrest and execution at the hands of Herod. Today's Gospel reading begins at this point.

Upon hearing the news of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus seeks to withdraw, but the crowds follow him. Jesus reaches out to them in compassion and heals the sick. At the end of a long day, the disciples encourage Jesus to send the crowds away so that they might find provisions for themselves. Jesus again responds with compassion for the crowd. Jesus tells his disciples to provide food for the crowd. The disciples reply with a report of the meagreness of their own provisions—five loaves and two fish. The result is the very familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. Matthew's Gospel tells us that 5,000 men were fed, and this number does not even include the women and children.

Jesus' blessing brought abundance from the meagre provisions of the disciples. In this action, Jesus offers us a sign of the Kingdom of Heaven that he has been teaching about in the parables. A feast results from the smallest of portions—remember the mustard seed and the yeast. In this miracle we witness an example for Christian life and ministry. Even the smallest of offerings can produce abundant results when placed in the service of the Kingdom of Heaven.

We find the story of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fish in each of the four Gospels. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus performs this same miracle on two separate occasions. The story of this miracle is an anticipation of the Eucharist in which we are fed by the abundant grace of God. The importance of the Eucharist has been a defining element of Christian life from the very beginning.

#Miracle
 #Offering
 #KingdomOfHeaven

Extracts from Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



Livia Climbs The Matterhorn for Christians!

With the Holy Rosary in her backpack and the intentions of the Parish and of persecuted Christians in her heart, Livia will attempt to reach the top of the Matterhorn this August (between the 20th and 23rd).

The challenge is very much dependent on the right weather conditions, but Livia pledges to recite a decade of the rosary any time she will be above 3,000 meters, bringing the Lord's prayer and the Hail Mary in the valleys and mountains of the Alps.

She has been training hard since lockdown was lifted, walking over 20 miles at a time in her glacier boots and praying the rosary along our cliffs!

Please sponsor her endeavour. Half of the money will go towards [Parish funds](#) and half to the Catholic charity [Aid to the Church in Need](#), in solidarity with persecuted Christians in Sudan, Nigeria and Eritrea.

Please be generous because an anonymous sponsor has promised he will double any amount she will raise!

You can register your donation on the sponsorship form at the entrance porch of our Church - Livia will be personally present this Saturday and Sunday, or you can ask Paddy Williamson or Maria McKay. Alternatively you can email her at livia.tossici@hotmail.co.uk and she will contact you on her return.



Descending from the Mountain

The journey of Transfiguration, described by Luke does not end on the mountaintop (Luke 9:28-43). After the majesty, mystery and glory of the spectacular vision on the top of the mountain, Jesus and the disciples "come down from the mountain" into an anxious scene where Jesus heals a man shrieking, convulsing and foaming at the mouth in the grips of demon possession. Not exactly a moment of pristine glory. Though the story ends well for all concerned, the Gospel writer reminds us that the journey of change and transformation and healing must *include* a descent, a going down, a letting go, a releasing.

These mountaintop experiences of our lives, according to the Gospel, find meaning and validity in the valleys of our lives. Jesus' majesty is legitimized in his mission to the people living in the valley. These mountaintop experiences are mere stopping points on the journey, not the destination. While we live on earth, the journey must embrace both mountain and valley, must recognize the meaning and value in both. Our spiritual charade is exposed if we pretend faith is validated only in those ecstatic mountaintop moments.

In your life, which mountains have you ascended? These can be times when you experience joy, love, peace and hope; they can be times when you experience a deep sense of satisfaction and accomplishment. And into which valleys did you descend? These can be times when you experience failure, setback, disappointment, loss; they can be times when you felt profound fear, shame, anger, guilt and anxiety.

Joyce Rupp reflects on legends common to many lands "about a person who has an enticing dream of where treasure is located. Of course, the valuable cache in the dream hides far beyond where the person lives. If the dreamer does not leave home to seek the treasure, the dream is repeated until the person finally sets out for the extensive journey. In each legend, the seeker travels long, arduous years, filled with both dangerous and enthralling adventure, never being sure if that which is sought will be found.

The story ends with the traveller coming to the place where the treasure is supposedly hidden. Instead of finding it there, the seeker meets a stranger at that site who tells about a dream he or she had in which the long-sought treasure is located back at the place where the dreamer originally started out. Of course, the person who has been seeking all those years now hurries as quickly as possible to get home. Arriving back at the place of the dream, sure enough, there is the treasure. What the person sought on the arduous journey had been there all along.

"This legend teaches that life's journey, with its flow of ups and downs, has to be made. Although it leads full circle back to the home of one's own heart, the journey itself contains the necessary teachings for growth and change."

When we return to the starting point of our own existence, we will find our true nature. Again, the story of Jesus' Transfiguration is helpful. Because the message from the biblical record is that Jesus' true essence was revealed on the mountaintop. He is the divine Son of God. *Extracts from Raspberryman*

Who needs our prayers?

We pray for the sick and suffering and those who suffer from a chronic illness and are unable to go to a Church. They are part of a large online community and are welcome in our Parish. Our prayers especially are for

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| Barbara Cowhig
Theresa Smith
Elwyn and Awena Hughes
Margaret Place and family
Mary Trott
John Costello
Mary Nieto
Anna Browne
Lucy Rose
Yonara Torok
Diana Hull
Kathleen Carter
Fr Jude
Pauline Warburton
Sheila Shelley
Mary Carmody
Fran Stroud
Josephine Maguire | Sharon Whitaker
Margaret Simpson
The Martin Family
Barbara Rogers
Mary Hogan
Eilina O'Connor
Paddy Williamson
Thomas Torok
Sheila Browning
Chelsea Waring
Gena Sherwood
Frances Herbert
Patrick Doyle
Katrina Brookes
Joan Burnison
Wendy Lee
Linda Kaye |
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We also pray for those who have died or have anniversaries recently.

	Mass and opening times	
Sunday 2nd August	9.30am Mass at Christ The King with live stream	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Mass Int: Mary Varghese RIP
Monday 3rd	NO Silent Prayer	Pray for Fr Royston Davis
Tuesday 4th	Silent Prayer 11.00am-1.00pm	Pray for Fr Guy De Gaynesford
Wednesday 5th	NO Silent Prayer 11.00am-1.00pm	Pray for Canon John Deeny
Thursday 6th	NO Silent Prayer	The Transfiguration of the Lord Pray for Fr Tony Delsink
Friday 7th	9.30am Mass at Christ the King	Pray for Fr Michael Downey
Saturday 8th	6.00pm Mass at Christ the King	Pray for Mgrn Henry Doyle
Sunday 9th	9.30am Mass at Christ The King with live stream	NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME