

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 24:6,2,22

**Remember your compassion, O Lord,
and your merciful love, for they are from of old.
Let not our enemies exult over us.
Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.**

THE COLLECT

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 115:10. 15-19 R. Ps 114:9

**R) I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. **(R)**

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. **(R)**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 17:5

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!'
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-10

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray,
cleanse us of our faults
and sanctify your faithful in body and mind
for the celebration of the paschal festivities.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 17: 5

**This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive these glorious mysteries,
we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord,
for allowing us while still on earth
to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



At first glance it seems rather strange that the Gospel recounting the experience of the Transfiguration should be read during Lent, but on reflection it is actually very appropriate. Jesus is revealed in glory

to the amazement and also the fear of Peter, James and John. It seems like a very brief event during which the apostles were told by the Father to listen to his Son. They must have been feeling very confused as they found themselves going back down the mountain with Jesus. They see Jesus transformed into glory and then he is talking about rising from the dead. Jesus makes various attempts to explain to the Apostles that he will be condemned to death and will rise again, and they simply don't get it. Maybe they don't want to 'get it'. And in fact, even when

Jesus does rise from the dead, they don't immediately 'get it'. Those of us who have the benefit of hindsight know all about Jesus and his mission, his dying and rising, but often we live as if it hadn't happened. Today's Gospel is one of hope and comfort to all for this life is marked by suffering.



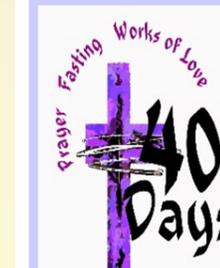
LENTEN REFLECTION on FAITH by Michael Stead (Parishioner)

Perhaps faith isn't a thing, but a journey. We can find ourselves somewhere different after the journey.

In Lent, we have the story of Jesus going on his own faith journey into the wilderness. The story of the temptation is a good insight into the dual aspect of Jesus - 'True God and True Man'.

We have seen with the recent death of Captain Sir Tom, an excellent example in our own time of someone who can come to prominence and yet remarkably remain a thoroughly decent person. So, what is it like for Jesus to know that he has god-like powers, and could feed himself by turning stones to bread, or throw himself off buildings and be rescued by angels, or have the whole world worship him? Jesus steps away from all of these scenarios.

What is Jesus's faith journey? When Jesus goes out of the wilderness and Starts his ministry, it is in the service of others. He feeds the five thousand; not himself. He heals lepers, and cripples; not himself, he points the way - with the Our Father - to worship of his Father in Heaven; not himself.



But there is something else that Jesus does. If any of us was tempted in the way Jesus had been, we might think, 'well thank heavens no one else knows what was going through my head'. But we do know the story of the temptation. How? The only people there were Jesus and the Devil. The Only one who would have told the events to the apostles would be Jesus himself.

Jesus' faith journey is a knowledge that he could use his godlike powers for his own gain: a decision to take a different path and live a life of service to others, and the humility to share the story with his friends.

What will our faith journey be this Lent?





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Dear Parishioners,

Today, is the Second Sunday of Lent.

At the outset, let me sincerely thank you all who have thought of me prayerfully and generously with your prayers, wishes and presents on my Birthday on the 20th of this month. I thank the good Lord for keeping me alive thus far.

Friday as Canford Lenten Fast Day, and our collection from Friday Fast will be shared with the less fortunate ones especially in these days of pandemic. Let this season of lent finds its fulfilment in our generous sharing and almsgiving with the hungry and needy.

The Pope's intention for the month of March is Evangelization and Sacrament of Reconciliation. Let us pray we may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with a renewed spirit especially at this time and feel the mercy and love of God more than ever.

Our Bishop Marks thinks loudly and challenges us to expose and expand ourselves to wider thoughts on this present situation:

Living faith in a COVID and post-COVID world.

What is the relationship between the "Virtual Church" (which has grown dramatically during COVID) and the "Physical/Sacramental Church"?

- How do we hold on to the strengths of the "virtual", and the new people who have been engaged through that, whilst also helping those who can, or who are 'seekers', to trace a path to the "physical/sacramental" Church?
- What are the elements for a re-launch/ re-engagement of Catholics in the practise of their faith, especially in being missionary disciples, ie disciple-making disciples? How do we get people back to Mass?
- How do we continue to re-propose the person of Jesus Christ as the One to encounter in the face of serious sickness or death?
- How do we assist people who have experienced the strength of humanity's outreach to one another at this time, as a first step on the path of a fuller relationship with Christ in prayer, and in ongoing personal encounter?

There may be other reflections to consider. You might like to continue to reflect on this personally. If any of you wanted to share your reflections with me, I'd be glad to hear from you.

May God bless you all from His abundance. In the meantime, stay safe and be blessed!!!!

Fr Chacko

DON'T FORGETCAFOD invites us and the whole Catholic community of England and Wales to join the Big Walk for Water. This Lent we are asked to walk in solidarity with those like Abdula from Ethiopia who has to walk for 10 hours each day to collect water. We can walk 5 miles, or just as far as we can around the garden, so long as we WALK to raise awareness of water poverty and raise funds for those living in poverty around the world. Visit www.cafod.org.uk/walk , or contact Janet Holland (janet13holland@gmail.com) or Jenny Gunstone (jennifer.gunstone@virgin.net).



One of our parishioners, Sharon Whitaker, has already taken up the challenge- find out more by emailing stdwhitaker@googlemail.com or by visiting: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/walk-for-water707>

Even if you walk a shorter distance each day, walk alongside Abdula. This Friday 26th is CAFOD's Family Fast Day, a day on which we are invited to pray, fast and give, to help vulnerable communities around the world to have access to clean water; envelopes are available in church. Let's make a difference!

DAY	TIME AND CHURCH		Steward cleaner	Reader	EM	Server
Sat 27 th	6pm Mass at St B	Vigil Mass for Second Sunday of Lent	Michelle	Michael	Sr Rosie	Faith
Sun 28 th	9.30am Mass at CTK– Live streaming	Second Sunday of Lent		Tony Bateman	Sr Michele	
Mon 1 st March	6pm Mass at St B followed by The Way of The Cross	ST DAVID (Feast) Mass Int: In Thanksgiving from Alba Cross	Ivor	Jenny	Fr C	Glenn
Tues 2	9.30am CTK	Tuesday of the Second week of Lent				
Wed 3	NO MASS					
Thur 4	9.30am CTK	Thursday of the Second week of Lent				
Fri 5	9.30am at CTK followed by The Way of the Cross	Friday of the Second Week of Lent WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER				
Sat 6 th	6pm Mass at St B	Vigil Mass for Third Sunday of Lent	Chris & Catherine	Peter Mc	Michelle	Rio & Indie
Sun 7	9.30am Mass at CTK– Live streaming	Third Sunday of Lent	Carmel	Michael Mahon	Paddy	

Please remember in your prayers...

Margaret Simpson
Gareth Hughes
Elwyn & Awena Hughes
Marcia Russell
Anna Browne
Lucy Rose
Maria Heyes
Mary Carmody
Miriam Park
Mary Neito
Anne Flood
Sheila Shelley
Judd Barker
Fr Jude
Grace Leung
Imogen Garcia
Thomas Torok
Mary Hogan
Theresa Smith
Katrina Brookes
Lee Langdown
Neville Rogers
Barbara Rogers
Frances Herbert
Elina O'connor
Sheila Browning
Chelsea Waring
Miriam Miller
Patrick Doyle
Mary Trott
The Martin Family
Norman Warmington
Jocelyne & Peter Cotrel
Pauline Warburton
Veronica Williamson
The Bailey Family
Kathleen & Mike Carter
Mandy Russell & family
Margaret Place & Family

Those who have died recently or whose anniversaries are at this time....

If you are ready to have your name removed, please contact Madeleine.



COMING TO MASS? Please don't forget to book!

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For Christ the King, contact Carmel carmelbending1922@gmail.com

Some resources to help through our Lenten Journey

CAFOD ON LINE Lent Calendar which has a daily scripture, chance to reflect, pray and take justice action with the worldwide family.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Lent-calendar>

Lenten Bible Course 6 weekly sessions to break open each Lenten Sunday Gospel.....before you go to Sunday mass. Led by Mauro Iannecelli

<https://comeandsee.org/lent.html>

Sycamore - A 6 week Lent course for practising Christians, or for people with some Christian background, who wish to renew their faith in the season of Lent.

<https://www.sycamore.fm/pathways/b-formation-pathways/lent-course/>



This event, this year is taking place this year via zoom on **Saturday 27th February 2021** from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm It will be a time of inspiring and encouraging talks, praise and worship and fellowship. Stay Awake allows us to go deeper with Jesus and build Christian discipleship.

This is a free event for everyone and anyone!

To find out more & to sign up for the Zoom link please see www.stayawakejc.com.

**CONFIRMATION
NEXT SESSION**

Tues 3rd March

**NEXT FIRST
COMMUNION
Sat 27th Feb**

THANK YOU from Frances Herbert to all who supported her initiative of raising money for our Parish Funds. The total raised from her handmade Christmas masks & bunting is £295. All for Christ the King Roof Appeal.

Thank You

OFFERINGS

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