

## ST MARK AND THE TRANSFIGURATION

**THE STORY** of the Transfiguration in St Mark gives us “a deeper appreciation of Jesus’ death and resurrection as pivotal events in the coming of God’s Kingdom in all its fullness. There is the overwhelming brilliance of the person of the ‘real’ Jesus and the persistent presence of the mystery of the Cross” (‘The Gospel of Mark’, *Sacra Pagina* p.275). The figures of Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets. Mention of Moses reminds us that Jesus has come not to set aside the Law but to fulfil it. Mention of Elijah is linked to the work of St John the Baptist who, Jesus tells us, is the Elijah figure who must come before the Christ is revealed.

The passage comes just after Cæsarea Philippi, where Simon Peter has confessed that Jesus is the Christ (the Messiah). It is almost as if, once we have the Church, with the band of apostles acknowledging the Messiah, we have the worship of the Church. This worship is the vision of Christ in Glory, surrounded by representatives of all that has gone before him (Moses and Elijah) and of what will come after him (the apostolic band).

In our Lenten scheme of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving, this story is a reminder that the vision of the glory of the Risen Christ is at the heart of Prayer, at the heart of our lives. Here he is— heaven in our midst—in the Mass, itself a foretaste of glory. Prayer does not displace Almsgiving—care for our neighbour, care for the poor. After the Transfiguration, after worship, the Lord comes down the mountain, with Peter, James, and John, and there a crowd is waiting. The first task ahead is the healing of an epileptic boy. Prayer precedes and empowers loving and caring for others. It never replaces it.

*Fr Andrew*



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<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Sundays: Year B</b> <b>SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT</b> <b>Confessions: 8.45am St Mary’s</b> <b>Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s</b> <b>Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s</b>	<b>Divine Office: Week 2</b> [PURPLE] <i>RIP Patrick Andrew Rush</i> <i>Pro populo</i>
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<i>Second Week of Lent</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s Funeral: 11am St Mary’s	[purple] <i>Sick &amp; Housebound</i> <i>Patrick Andrew Rush</i>
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<i>Second Week of Lent</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	[purple]
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<i>Second Week of Lent</i> Adoration: 11.45am St Mary’s Mass: 12.15pm St Mary’s	[purple]
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<i>Second Week of Lent</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	[purple]
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<i>Second Week of Lent</i> Mass: 8.30am Hendred House <i>Adoration: 3pm at Hendred House</i>	[purple]
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<i>Second Week of Lent</i> Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s	[purple]
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT</b> <b>Confessions: 8.45am St Mary’s</b> <b>Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s</b> <b>Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s</b>	<b>Divine Office: Week 3</b> [PURPLE] <i>Pro populo</i> <i>Pro populo</i>
	<b>Confessions: as advertised or by appointment</b> <a href="http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk">www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</a>	

## THIS WEEK AND LOOKING AHEAD

### LENT ALMSGIVING

TODAY there will be a special collection following the **CAFOD** Fast Day last Friday. Please put your gift in one of the envelopes specially provided.

### TUESDAY LENTEN LUNCHES!

Soup, bread and interesting conversation at Monks Hollow, Newbury Road East Hendred, on **February 27<sup>th</sup>**, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 12.30 to 2pm. If you'd like to come, please call Mary Harrison on 01235 833584 for catering purposes. **All welcome.**

### LECTURE BY CARDINAL VINCENT NICHOLS

'Dialogue in action: The witness of St Francis of Assisi' - **Tuesday (27<sup>th</sup> February)** at 12noon, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, Marston Road, OX3 0EE. All welcome (but please register at [www.oxcis.ac.uk/generalnews](http://www.oxcis.ac.uk/generalnews))

### CALLED AND GIFTED

It starts on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March** 9am - 4pm in Abingdon. For more information please visit the diocese website [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/calledandgifted](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/calledandgifted) or email Clare Simpson on [csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to book a place.

### QUIET MORNING

There will be a Quiet Morning at St Mary's on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March**. Mass at 9.30am will be followed by Adoration (10am to 12 noon). During Adoration there will be a short address and an opportunity for Confession. Coffee &c will be available.

### CONCERT AT DOUAI ABBEY

St Matthew Passion by Schutz and The Little Match Girl Passion by Lang on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March** 2018 at 7.30pm. Please take a leaflet from the back of the church or go to [www.douaiabbey.org.uk/concerts](http://www.douaiabbey.org.uk/concerts)

### CHRISM MASS AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

The Pastoral Area is once again running a bus to the Cathedral for the Chrism Mass on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**. More information from poster in church. Please call Didcot parish office to book a place on 01235 812338, or email [didcot@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:didcot@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). All bookings must be received by **19<sup>th</sup> March**.

### PARISH COLLECTION

Last Sunday collection raised a total of £890.75 of which 85% was Gift Aided.

### FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Clergy Assistance Fund: 11<sup>th</sup> March



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## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

### BAPTISM AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.



### THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

*Sr Catherine, Mary Wallace, Brenda Paddon, Alfie Bartlam, Jadvyga Adasko, Angus Clark and Ann McCarthy.* Names remain for four weeks.

### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently and those with anniversaries at this time: *Donato Giacom, Arthur Robert Langley, Agnes Winifred Yardley, Mary Rush, Matthew Castle, Thomas Regan, Patrick Barnes and Elizabeth Hunt.*

**HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION - Universal: Say "No" to Corruption** That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

The workshop will be on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March** from 10.30am to 12.30 pm in the Holy Family room or Parish rooms, depending on numbers. Can you help? please talk to Maria after Mass. Thank you!

### GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

We have completed our reading and study of the life of King David as given in books 1 and 2 of Samuel in the Old Testament. We next turn to the New Testament and will look at Paul's letter to the Romans. There will not be a meeting next month, March 6<sup>th</sup>. We shall resume on Tuesday, **April 10<sup>th</sup>**, in the parish rooms at 7.30. Come and join us.

### NEW STAINED GLASS WINDOWS AT ENGLISH MARTYRS DIDCOT

Last week Bishop Philip visited English Martyrs to bless the magnificent new stained glass windows commemorating St. Edmund Campion, St. John Houghton and the Carthusian martyrs, and St. Thomas More in the Tower with his daughter Meg. Bishop Philip thank enormously Fr Phillip and his parishioners for their generosity in installing these images, which for generations to come will raise the hearts and minds of those visiting this church.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Envelopes are available for requesting Mass Intentions. The usual offering is £10 and neither this sum nor the use of the envelope is essential! Intentions should be passed to Fr Andrew. When there is a historical intention on the Newsletter—a Foundation Mass for example—this is liable at short notice to be rearranged in place of a present pastoral concern. Except in very unusual circumstances, the Sunday Mass is offered '*pro populo*', that is, for the whole people of the parish. This is required by Canon Law.

### COFFEE AFTER MASS

Please join us for a cup of coffee at St Mary's Parish rooms after Mass. All donations go to a good charity - eye camps.