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FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES

**SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2021
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**

Saturday 27th	
6.30pm	Louis Briffa RIP
Sunday 28th 2nd Sunday of Lent	
9am	Angelo and Tina Piccirillo RIP
10.30am	Alan Fraser RIP
6.30pm	Margaret Quigley & Family RIP
Monday 1st St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales, Feast	
Wellbeing of Keith Fraser	
Tuesday 2nd	
9.30am	Teresa Dooley
Wednesday 3rd	
Alan Fraser RIP	
Thursday 4th	
9.30am	Thomas Naughton & John McDonagh RIP
Friday 5th	
Requiem Mass – Alan Fraser	
Saturday 6th	
6.30pm	Wellbeing of Keith Fraser
Morning Prayer & Mass: Tuesday & Thursday 09:00 AM	
Weekend Mass Times: Saturday: 18:30, Sunday: 09:00, 10:30, 18:30	

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Christina Ward, Clare Horgan, John Sewter, Keith Fraser, Trish Taylor, Ryan Morrison, Philip Cockle and Melba De Silva. *Please let the Parish Office know in writing if either you or your relatives want to be mentioned on our sick list.*

ANNIVERSARIES

Bernard Mackey, Kate Goddard, Eugenie Connolly, Mario Porlanti, Sr. Declan Carroll, Eileen Murphy, Tom Costello, Vladas Dankis, William Wiseman, George Bruce, Annie Ashworth, Elfrida Medhurst, John Neilan, Robert Eurell, Angelo Pacitti, Rita Andrew, Joseph Alfred Smith, Agnes Guy, Hilda Davis, John Roycroft, Marjorie Patrick O'Connor, Maureen Madden, Zena Kitchen, Elizabeth Agnes Wall, Doradea Marie Grassi, William Joseph McKenzie, Sarah Lewis, James Keeble, Tom Naughton, James Baker, John Christopher Letchworth, Margaret Laverty, George Davis, Kathleen Needham, Sarah Fox, John Fox, Martin Moone, Father Casper Lutz, Cynthia Cantoni, James Crowley, Phyllis Glenn.

+++May they rest in Peace+++

LET US REMEMBER

Let us remember those who have died recently or those whose anniversaries occur at this time, and all their families, with love and affection during this time of grief. May the Lord grant eternal rest to all who have died.

Liturgical Dates for Diary

St Patrick – 17th March, St Joseph – 19th March
The Annunciation of the Lord – 25th March,
Palm Sunday – 28th March, Maundy Thursday – 1st April
Good Friday – 2nd April, Easter Sunday – 4th April

+++ LATELY DEAD +++

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Alan Fraser who died on Saturday 6th February 2021. His requiem will take place here at St Agatha's Church on Friday 5th March 2021 at 10.30am. Due to the current restrictions for numbers attending funerals, we ask that you contact the family directly regarding attending the service.

Our condolences to Alex, Joan & Keith and their families. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of James McKay who died recently. His requiem will take place here on Friday 12th March 2021. Our condolences to James' family.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.'

Diocesan Retreat for Lent

Archbishop John and the Diocesan Spirituality Commission are offering a Retreat for Lent, which you can follow in your own home. Using the link below, you can watch a short video reflection each week, download prayer materials and other resources which can help you make the best use of whatever time and opportunity you may have during your week. There are also additional materials for use by parish and other groups, either in person or via Zoom/Teams or similar. If you are looking for a way to deepen your life of prayer this Lent, click on where you can also sign up to receive materials directly to your email.

Lent Reading – 'My Day by Day'

There are copies of the Lent edition of 'My Day by Day' available at the back of the Church - they cost £1.00. Please put money in the box marked 'papers'. This little book offers helpful readings and reflections for every day during Lent and is an excellent way to prepare for Easter.

Knowing Jesus:

Jesuit Lent Online Retreat 2021

Walk with the Jesuits through Lent and Easter and really come to understand and love Jesus. They will ponder Gospel stories, reflect on their meaning and see how startlingly relevant Jesus is to living a truly human life in the 21st Century. Follow the retreat online, and sign up to an online group (places limited): <https://www.onlineprayer.net/> Sign up to receive daily emails during Lent and additional resources: <http://eepurl.com/hnlXAN>

Six Bible Studies on the Lenten Sunday Gospels

Six Wednesday evening Bible Study sessions, to break-open each Lenten Sunday Gospel. Experience Sunday Mass in a new way! Mauro Iannicelli will walk you through the forthcoming Sunday Gospel with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions. The sessions are delivered with 'Expository Preaching' teaching method & with 'Life-Application' questions. Wed 17th Feb - Wed 24 Mar, 2021 | 7pm - 8:30pm (Free and Live sessions) Further Information and Registration at: <https://comeandsee.org/rent>

PLEASE STAY SAFE AND KEEP WELL!

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Second Sunday of Lent, Cycle B

Sunday, February 28, 2021

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

Gospel Reflection

On the second Sunday of Lent in each Lectionary cycle, the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. This event is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This year, in Lectionary Cycle B, we hear Mark's report of this event.

The context for Mark's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew's and Luke's Gospel. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his passion. After this, in each of these Gospels, there is also a discussion of the cost of discipleship.

In each case, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospel, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem.

Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfilment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed and that Peter's offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death.

Family Reflection

Every family has special moments that they remember and share again and again. In sharing these stories, the meaning and importance of these events develop and deepen over time. This is how it was with the disciples' remembrance of Jesus' Transfiguration. The full significance of what they had seen and experienced could only be understood after Jesus' death and Resurrection. As they told other believers about this event and recorded the story for us in the Bible, our understanding of what it means to call Jesus God's own Son has also deepened.

As you gather as a family, think about some special family memories that your family tells over and over again. Talk about why these memories are important to you. Recall that in the Bible we find many important memories about Jesus that have been recorded for us so that we can believe that Jesus is God's Son. Read today's Gospel, Mark 9:2-10. What do we learn about Jesus from this Gospel? (He fulfils the promises God made to Israel through the Law and the prophets. God glorified Jesus in his Resurrection. Jesus is God's Son.) Conclude in prayer together that as we continue to read the Bible, we will deepen our understanding of and our love for Jesus. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press



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CAFOD Family Fast Day

Friday 26th February

Eat a simple meal and give what you save
to help life-saving work carried out by CAFOD

Please take a Family Fast Day envelope and give what you can, and Gift Aid your donation where possible. Or donate online:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-CAFOD/Lent-Appeal>

Your donations will help to support the health of the world's poorest families by funding local experts to reach out to even more people who need health, care and love. Through CAFOD's global Church family – one of the largest aid networks in the world – your support can reach to the ends of the earth.



CAFOD – Daily Walk?

Something positive this Lent.

Could you walk 10000 steps either on one day or everyday this Lent? The walk could be a sign of your solidarity with all those who do not have access to a safe water source and who have to walk for water each day. Find out more or sign up online at cafod.org.uk/walk and go the distance this Lent and help to end water poverty.