



LITURGY

First reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Response to the Psalm: The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

Second reading: 2Peter 1:16-19

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, the Beloved, he enjoys my favour; listen to him. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9



Dear Parishioners

In the Transfiguration we see the divinity of Jesus manifested in the radiance of His body, not the escape from it, and the Assumption, which we celebrate later this month, shows us that He came to save us completely and not just spiritually. As Christians we need to imagine what a world might look like where the body was considered holy again, where sex became sacred once more. We need to imagine a world in which the body was no longer objectified, no longer mutilated, nor worshipped, but, instead, was once more seen as the sacrament of the human person, the visible manifestation of the human person made in the image and likeness of God: the human person made a partaker in the divine nature. Imagine if we thought of ourselves like that, imagine if we thought of others like that? In such a world there is no place for pornography, no place for the human trafficking that is the subject of the important recent film Sound of Freedom, no place for the reductive vision of women that the Barbie movie rails against. Instead, just as we venerate the relics of saints, we might see holiness in the entire person of the communion of saints we walk amongst

Fr. Toby Lees OP

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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The Transfiguration (Year A)

Week commencing Sunday 6th August 2023

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Masses

Sat 5 th August	5.00pm	Transfiguration (A)	Dorothy Goodison RIP
Sun 6 th August	10.30am	Transfiguration (A)	Special Intention (AH)
Mon 7 th August			
Tues 8 th August		St. Dominic (mem)	Private Intention
Wed 9 th August		St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Feast)	
Thur 10 th August		St. Laurence	People of the Parish
Fri 11 th August		St. John Vianney (mem)	
Sat 12 th August	5.00pm	18 th Sunday Year (A)	Max Stoddart RIP
Sun 13 th August	10.30am	18 th Sunday Year (A)	Maurice Andrews RIP

Mass is celebrated privately daily except on Monday.

If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery, *please do not place it in the collection bag*. Thank you.

Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:

Derek Sollis, , Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield. Alan Clatworthy, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards,, Jill Spurrell, Stan Phipps, Judith Baylis, Rachel Severn.

Those who have recently died: .

Doleen Evans, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon, Judy Husband, Graham Janes, Elizabeth Watton, Maurice Andrews, Max Stoddart. Tony Lyons, Michael Russell, Mary Cross, Agnes McIlravey, Helen McCarthy, Patricia O'Brien, Pauline Burton, Mary Judith Smith (nee Hewitt), Wyn Varley, Raimondo Gemeli, Anthony Woodhouse, Barbara Woodhouse, Kathleen McLoughlin, Peter McGoldrick, Anthony Roache, Lionel Quigley, Keith John Francis Cotterell, Anna Rose McGoldrick, Mary Baker.

INFORMATION

Sunday Coffee

Do please come and join us after Mass near the end of each month. There will be no coffee morning during August because of the holidays. We will resume in September and a new list for volunteers to sign is available at the back of the church. There will often be a small tabletop sale of priced items. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for coffee, cake and biscuits.

Second Collection

The weekly second collection will normally be for help towards the payment of the diocesan levy and the upkeep of the house and church buildings. Both the church and the house are Grade II listed so any work done has to be to a high standard as set by the requisite authority. Here are a few of the expenses for the coming year:

- Diocesan Levy £5,500 p.a.
- Building's upkeep £36,000.00
- Insurance £3,744.77 p.a.

At times the second collection will be for other charities and the details of these will be placed in the bulletin.

Unwanted Gifts

We will be collecting any new, unopened Christmas gifts and gift sets after Christmas for future fundraising sales. Please keep anything that you think might be saleable and check the bulletin for details of when we will be collecting these items. No alcohol. Thank you!

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