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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A) Sunday 5th March, 2023

Genesis 12.1–4 Psalm 32 2 Timothy 1.8–10 Matthew 17.1–9

The account of the Transfiguration – which is very similar in all three synoptic accounts – is unlike any other passage in those Gospels before the Resurrection. This is an epiphany or theophany – a dramatic revelation from God. Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son.

The phrase 'the Law and the Prophets' is used regularly in Scripture to signify the whole of the traditions and Scripture of God's people. In the account of the Transfiguration, that phrase is personified as Moses – the one who received the Law on Mount Sinai – and Elijah – the great prophet of Israel, appear with Jesus. Their appearance confirms Jesus' identity as the fulfilment of all that was promised in 'the Law and the prophets'.

The experience is overwhelming for the three disciples, but the sight of the Jesus who tells them reassures them: 'Do not be afraid.'

The glory of Jesus and his identity may have been revealed but there is no short cut to that glory until he has gone through his passion, death and resurrection: that is why this is a Lenten Gospel – it points to the absolute centrality of the Paschal Mystery, Good Friday leads to Easter Sunday.

Keep yourself safe and well, Fr. Emile

Please could the children bring back their drawings that they were asked to do for Lent and Easter at this weekend or next weekend's masses. Please hand in to Anne Robertson, Bernie Wrobel or Lorraine Mitchell.

Easter Hamper Raffle tickets will be sold from next weekend for our Easter Hamper Raffle in aid of the repairs to the Presbytery. We would also be grateful for any suitable donations to the hamper. Thanks very much for your support.

Lenten Lunches

1st Lenten Lunch - Saturday 4th March

2nd Lenten Lunch - Saturday 11th March

3rd Lenten Lunch - Saturday 18th March

We are pleased to re-introduce our Lenten Lunches. An opportunity to get back to one of our important annual activities. A chance to raise our profile in the community and come together as a social event. Come and enjoy homemade soup, cheese and fresh bread, and meet with friends. Lunches only £5 each, half price for children and there will be a raffle so please help us to raise money at this time of Lent for the Syria-Turkey earthquake victims and for our local children's charity. Doors open at 12 midday.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LENTEN LUNCHES Our Lenten Lunch Co-ordinators this year are Carol Terry, Jane Gay and Audrey McGill. They would like to ask for some volunteers from both churches to help with each of our three parish Lenten Lunches. There are sheets at both churches for you to write your name down against any of the jobs you feel you could help with and on which date, such as setting up, clearing up, making some soup etc. Breaking down everything into separate jobs makes it easier for everyone to be able to help and do their bit without being overwhelmed. Anything you can help with would be very much appreciated. Thank you in advance!

Calling all Parents and Grandparents in our parish

Coronation Celebration: Children's Party

It would be possible for us to hold a children's party (as traditional in times past) for the King's Coronation Celebration, at St. Margaret's Hall, Doddinghurst on **Bank Holiday Monday 8 May, 2023**. (The Doddinghurst Village celebration is on the Sunday 7 May, 1-5pm) The Hall is available completely free of charge for parish events such as this. If any parent, or group of parents or grandparents would be interested in organising and attending such an event I would be grateful if you would let me know at ongar@dioceseofbrentwood.org There would be 3 or 4 helpers at least from both parishes already happy to assist if required as well as admin assistance from the parish office.

Pat Maher, Chairman of the PPC.

Confirmations 2023 Fr. Emile would like to invite any young people in our parish, who would like to make their Confirmation this year, to get in touch with either him or Kelly at the Parish office. This is a change from the usual visits from the Bishop every 3 years for Confirmations. Priests are now automatically granted faculties by Bishop Alan to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation to candidates on Pentecost Sunday during the years that he is not on Pastoral Visitation. The Confirmandi who are to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in their parishes on Pentecost Sunday 28th May are invited to the Cathedral for the Rite of Acceptance on Good Shepherd Sunday 30th April in order that Bishop Alan might have the opportunity of meeting them.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 3rd March, 2023 – Lent Appeal

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelopes provided or at cafod.org.uk/give and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

New to our parish? Please say 'hello' to Fr. Emile and fill in a Register/Census Form (in the church porch)

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals Please arrange by prior appointment with Fr. Emile. Baptism application forms are available in the church porch or the parish office.

IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK WITH FR. EMILE for anything at all he will be available without appointment weekly on TUESDAYS from 4pm -5pm at the Presbytery, 87 HIGH ROAD, CHIPPING ONGAR, CM5 9DX.

CERTIFICATES OF BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION: Please get in touch with the parish priest with a letter/email giving the relevant details: full name, date of birth, date of baptism, etc. enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope and the certificate will be posted to you by return of post.

Repository Shop Our repository shop now has a lovely selection of very reasonably priced Christian cards and gifts available for Christmas, Baptisms, First Holy Communions etc. that not seen usually in shops and is a nice way to help the parish a little. Please pay by using box on wall at St. Helen's for cards, bookmarks or prayer cards etc or get in touch with Ann Jackson after mass at St. Helens or text her on 07753661636 for any other special purchases you may need. Thank you.

LUNCHTIME MUSIC RECITAL Wednesday 8th March at 1pm - 1.45pm at Brentwood Cathedral We do hope you can join us for what promises to be a rather lovely Lunchtime Music Recital next Wednesday 8th March at the usual time of 1pm. Johannes Gerges (Bass) will be accompanied by Dominic Bentham (Piano). Both are presently students at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance in London. Refreshments will be served in the Song School afterwards.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023 Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Monday 24 to Saturday 29 July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please phone Tangey Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: [Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours \(tangney-tours.com\)](http://Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours (tangney-tours.com))

Pilgrimage to Knock Last few places on escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 29th May 2023, led by Bishop Alan Williams. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on [01268 762 278](tel:01268762278) or [07740 175557](tel:07740175557) or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Foundation Governor Vacancies have arisen at a number of Catholic schools across the Diocese and expressions of interests are being sought from practising committed Catholics for the ministry. The term of office is for four years from the date of appointment. Foundation Governors are personally appointed by the Bishop to Diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community as a whole. Our schools would benefit from people with a range of skills and experiences including Finance, Education, Special Needs, Legal and Administration. Anyone interested in the role and mission of Foundation Governor should not be put off by a lack of experience. Appropriate training is available during the period of service. If you are interested in becoming Foundation Governor please email victoria-barnes@dioceseofbrentwood.org or call Victoria on (01277) 265284

Caritas Diocese of Brentwood are inviting people of all ages to collect items throughout Lent, by following our Lenten Giving Calendar. All the items you collect can be placed into a container, topped with an Easter Egg, and then donated to your local foodbank before Easter Sunday. All information, including the calendar itself, can be found at www.caritasbrentwood.org/lent or by emailing caritas@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Caritas Diocese of Brentwood are inviting people from the night of March 31st 2023 (9pm) to the morning of April 1st (8:30am), to join this year's Sponsored Sleepout in one of our four locations; Colchester, Forest Gate, Romford and Southend. The sleepout will help to raise awareness and money to help our local homeless charities and the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. All information can be found at www.caritasbrentwood.org/sleepout and to register please email sleepout@dioceseofbrentwood.org

GIDEA PARK TALK ON THE HOLY EUCHARIST: On Wednesday 22nd March at 7 pm in the church hall at Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest and Member of the Pope's Biblical Commission, will speak about the Eucharist. The talk, entitled *Do this in memory of me*, will examine the New Testament material, and trace the understanding of the Eucharist through the centuries, including the latest teaching of Pope Francis. This talk is in person, and can also be followed live stream by going to www.whatgoodnews.org

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat on Saturday 25 March 2023 from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm at St Mary Mother of God, 213 Hornchurch Road, Hornchurch, Essex RM12 4TF

The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call millie on 07957594646 for more information.

Job Vacancy: Walsingham House at Abbotswick are seeking to appoint a new Retreat Manager. If you have experience and a passion for Youth Ministry, and would like to help shape the retreat work of Walsingham House at Abbotswick then please see the website for more information (www.bcys.net/retreat-manager/) or email Claire Bailey, Director of Youth Ministry (clairebailey@dioceseofbrentwood.org) Closing date for applications is Monday 13th March 2023.

HIT THE ROAD heads South-East: The Campion School's annual fundraising walk for the Teenage Cancer Trust takes place on **Saturday, 29th**

April. The 20-mile walk from Woolwich starts off along the River Thames before heading through parks and woodlands to Charlton and Eltham and then making our way back to the river at Greenwich. We then follow the Thames to Tower Bridge, finishing our walk at the Brewdog, Tower Hill. The 10-mile walk starts near Grove Park Station and then follows the second half of the 20-mile route. The entry fee of £15 adults/£10 concessions includes a t-shirt and certificate. Further information, including online entry, is available on our school website. <https://www.thecampionschool.org.uk/beyond-the-classroom/hit-the-road>

Standing Orders, QR Codes and Contactless Giving

We are very grateful that many of our parishioners now donate to the Parish using standing orders to support us, particularly in this very difficult time. If you wish to set up a standing to our bank account please use Account Number 01017616, Sort Code: 40-13-22 and quote your gift aid number as a reference. For alternative ways to donate, QR codes have also been sent up to make it easier.

To make a donation please scan the QR code with a QR code scanner app for the appropriate amount using your mobile phone. The amount will be deducted from your bank account electronically and sent to the Parish bank account. If you wish to Giftaid-it please scan the codes in the Giftaid-it section after reading the declaration. Codes are also available at the back of the church.



Please treat as gift aid donation, all qualifying gifts of money made from the date of this declaration. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that, if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Donate £3.00	Donate £5.00	Donate £10.00	Donate £20.00
			

Donate without Giftaid-it

If you are unable to donate with Giftaid-It then please use the codes below.

Donate £3.00	Donate £5.00	Donate £10.00	Donate £20.00
			

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK AT HOME, IN HOSPITAL AND CARE HOME. THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME. WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS

Lord Jesus Christ, our Most Holy Redeemer, by the grace of your Holy Spirit, grant comfort and healing to your servants who suffer in mind, body or spirit. When they are afraid give them courage, when they are afflicted give them patience, when dejected lift them up with new hope, when alone, assure them of the prayerful support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Prayer List: Ken Blackett, Josie Biggs, Carla Brennan, Matthew Dansey, Richard Denton, Kathleen Donovan, Chris Easter, Lucy Gay, Emma Harnett, Harry & Family, Ron Hawkins, Jane & Family, Joanie, Nawal Freij, Douglas Jason, Veronica Kass, Joanna Keen, Sharon Lewis, Vivian Levett, Anna Lumley, Dean Macaree, Ian Maxwell, William Mortimer, Billy Nurse, Paul Nyman, Leslie Pay, Elizabeth Sainsbury, Ann Rayment, Verone Rontganger, Kathy Scott, Margaret Simons, Sophie, Adrian Smith, Amelia Solomon, Mary Sage, Dave Speller, Jean Thurston, Pam Townsend, Michael Weaver, Frances Wiseman, Ellen Witt, Harrison Wybow, John Harris, Mary Adams, Sonia Denton, Mike Barrett, Marvin Bourke and also all those afflicted by Covid-19.

WEEKLY ROTAS			
Date	Mass	Reader & BP	Eucharistic Minister
Sat 4th Mar	5.30pm	Elaine	
Sun 5th Mar	8.45am 10.30am	Anne Graham Bateson Bernard Adams (BP)	(A) Dolores (D) Lorraine
Sat 11 Mar	5.30pm	Stan	
Sun 12 Mar	8.30am 10.30am	Peter Brendan Dunn Jane Gay (BP)	(A) Lauren (D) Sheena

INFORMATION

Sick/Housebound: Sheena Mackintosh - 01277 821524

Hall Bookings: Kelly Love - Parish Office 01277 362645

PPC Chairman: Patrick Maher 01277 823750

New Parishioners: Please introduce yourself to Fr Emile after mass

Steward of the Gospel: Alan Chapman 01277 822793

Safeguarding Officers: Audrey McGill 823485 & Margaret Payne 362203

Gift Aid Organiser: Bernard Adams 01277 823511

St Helen's Repository Gift Shop: Ann Jackson (at mass or text 07753661636)

Parish Administrator: Kelly Love 01277 362645 or 07929241350

Email ongar@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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**Mass Attendance:** 18/19 February Sat 5:30pm: **35** Sun 8:45am: **25** Sun 10:30am: **47**

**Offertory Collection: £414.62**

**Thank you for your continued selfless generosity and support.**

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Sat 4th Mar, 2023

(St. H) 3.00pm

Baptism: Florence Sage Harwood

(St. H) 5.30pm

Kathy & Dennis Jeffery 65th Wedding Anniversary (Amanda & Lauren)
Denis Sheehan Birthday
Rev Brian Galvin RIP

Sun 5th Mar, 2023

(St. H) 8.45am

Neils de Swart RIP (Robert Fagan)

(St. M)10.30am

Carmen Blackett RIP (SVP)

Mon 6th Mar, 2023

(Ilford) 9.30am

Felix Benedict RIP 2nd Anniversary 9/12 (Joyce Joseph)
Marla Singh Birthday 5/03
Tommy Mc Dermott RIP (recently deceased)
Larry Dixon RIP
Margaret & James Mc Dermott RIP
Mary Barry RIP
Mary Buckley int.

Tue 7th Mar, 2023

(St H) 9.00am

Ss Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Wed 8th Mar,2023

(St. H) 9.00am

St John of God, Religious
Tommy McDermott RIP

Thu 9th Mar, 2023

(St. H) 11.00am

St. Frances of Rome, Religious

Fri 10th Mar, 2023

(St. H) 9.00am

Tommy McDermott RIP

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Sat 11th Mar, 2023

(St. H) 5.30pm

Anne RingRose In Hospital (Cathy & Dave Speller)

Sun 12th Mar, 2023

(St. H) 8.45am

People of our Parish

(St. M)10.30am

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