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Second Sunday of Lent 4th March 2007

Today the Holy Spirit calls us to the holy mountain of the Transfiguration. The light of the Transfiguration shines forth as a beacon, drawing us ever deeper into the conversion journey of Lent. This day gives us hope in the promise of resurrected glory with Christ at the end of time. As this holy season continues to unfold, let us keep our eyes fixed on the Lord as he is transfigured before the eyes of Peter, James and John.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

The Lord is my light and my help.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight:
listen to him.



Psalm 26

My dear Parishioners and Visitors,

WELCOME I extend a very warm welcome to everyone. If you have recently moved into the parish, or have started coming to Mass here, please do introduce yourselves to me or Father Joe after Mass.

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday	7th	SS Perpetua and Felicity
Thursday	8th	St. John of God
Friday	9th	St. Frances of Rome

LENT FAST DAY Please return your envelope with your weekly offering today. If you don't have an envelope please put your donation in the baskets on your way out.

FIRST CONFESSIONS Today at our 10.30am Mass the children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time yesterday will receive their certificates. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on their journey of faith.

DON'T FORGET Fairtrade fortnight runs until 11th March. Fairtrade, an ethical policy established by the development agencies, aims to give producers and workers in developing nations better prices, decent working conditions and fair terms of trade. With over 1,500 Fairtrade certified products available in the shops you may be able to include some of the products on your weekly shopping list.

PLANNED GIVING If you have envelopes your new set will be available within the next couple of weeks. If you would like to join the envelope scheme please fill in a Planned Giving Card (on table near baptistery) and return it, in the envelope provided, to the Presbytery. If you would like to pay by Standing Order fill in a card and also a form and return both to the presbytery. If you pay tax please think about signing a Gift Aid form. If you have already signed a Gift Aid form but no longer pay tax we need that information as well. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S TUESDAY GROUP This Tuesday the 3-7's meet and we will learn some more about Lent. 3.45pm, all welcome.

PASTORAL COUNCIL We meet again at 7.30pm on Tuesday in the parish hall. If anyone in the parish has anything they would like discussed at the meeting please write it on a piece of paper (there is some paper at the back of church) and place it through the presbytery letter box by 9.30am Tuesday morning at the latest. Thank you.

PARISH MASS BOOKS We have ordered some extra Mass Books as we don't seem to have enough. Hopefully they will be with us soon.

QUIZ EVENING There is to be a Quiz Evening organised by the Tamale Coffee Group at 7.30pm on Saturday 24th March in St. Francis Church hall. Tickets are £8 (tables of 8), concessions £6. Ticket price includes Ploughman's Supper, tea and cake. Application forms for tickets are available after both Masses this weekend. Please support this fundraising and social event.

LENTEN ALMS Your donations in the Charity Box during the season of Lent will be for Lenten Alms. Here in the Diocese of Westminster the money is distributed to charities that are decided by the Cardinal. In our country it is 'For the Care of the Elderly in our Catholic Nursing Homes' and abroad 'For the relief of the Poor in Zimbabwe and South Africa'. The Cardinal will be making a pastoral visit to those countries early next year and will be taking the money raised in the diocese this Lent to various projects supported by CAFOD and the Pontifical Mission Societies.

HALL USERS Please do not stack the chairs more than five high, some of us are only small and they are also danger to children. Thank you.

LOURDES 2007 If you are interested in coming on the Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 22nd - 28th July please contact Kathryn in the office (322579) or at home (331906). Our Redcaps will be organising an Easter egg raffle on 18th and 24th March.

STOP THE TRAFFIK - WALK FOR FREEDOM 24TH MARCH. 'People trafficking' is one of the world's fastest growing illegal industries. It is happening right here, right now, on your doorstep. It is devastating the lives of millions of men, women and children each year. By joining a Walk for Freedom we can help create awareness and understanding of this worldwide problem and call for a change. With your newsletter you will find a leaflet giving details of the walk from the Campus to Stanborough Lakes, and there is also a Global Declaration at the back of the church for you to sign, by signing it you are saying that you support Stop the Traffik in its call to • Prevent the Sale of People • Prosecute the Traffickers • Protect the Victims.

CaFE - KNOWING GOD BETTER This Wednesday is the fourth week of this course of video talks lasting seven weeks. Why not come along to the lounge of Our Lady's Parish Hall on Wednesday at 8pm? It doesn't matter if you haven't been before. If an evening meeting isn't convenient there is a morning session at 10am on a Wednesday in the Sacristy at Our Lady's.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS A reminder that Stations of the Cross takes place on Fridays after 9am Mass.

May God bless you all,

Father Bill

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 4TH MARCH

04 Sunday 8am Frank Meenan (lately dead)
 10.30am Grayling family

Weekdays

05 Monday 9am Eucharistic Service
06 Tuesday 9am Frank Meenan (lately dead)
07 Wednesday 9am Baby Travis James Petterson (lately dead)
08 Thursday 9am Joe Clancy (lately dead.)
09 Friday 9am Archie Cuthill Wood (anniversary)
10 Saturday 10am John Chynoweth (lately dead)
11 Sunday 8am Frank Meenan (lately dead)
 10.30am Richard Bevan (anniversary)

Please note: There is Mass at 7pm every Sunday in Holy Family Church.

Morning Prayer of the Church begins 15 minutes before Mass on each weekday. The Rosary is recited on Wednesdays after Mass. **Stations of the Cross on Fridays after Mass.**

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT First Friday of the month from 9.30am concluding with **BENEDICTION at 12.30pm.**

CONFESSIONS Saturdays 10.30am - 11am.

READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS are on a sheet at the back of church. Readings for Ash Wednesday are on page 73 of your Mass book.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Bishop James O'Brien, Susan Hughes, Kathleen Campbell, Teresa Mitchell, Jim Crowe, Charlie Botwright, Phyllis Coughlan, Meg Ansell, Marjorie Davis, Peter Conroy, Catherine Conroy, Nora O'Loughlin, Pat Wells, Ted Evans, Ruth Bauer-Flynn, Mollie Brennan, Anna Bushell, Patrick Burke, Ruth Williams, James May, Keith Kerrison, Mrs Power, Peter Ferguson, Michael Burke, Kitty Stephens, and all the sick amongst our personal friends and relations, those in the Q.E. II hospital and all who are in need of our prayers.

ANNIVERSARIES Please remember James Reilly, John Tracey, Kazimierz Niemino, Gloria Olds, Laurence Lee, Derrick Moore, Alexander Kennoy, Archie Cuthill Wood, Patrick Lee, Joseph Mahoy, and all those who have no one to pray for them.

<p>CHAPLAIN TO THE Q.E.II HOSPITAL: If you are going into hospital you can contact the R.C. Chaplain, Mrs Bernadette Cassidy, on 07623 897178.</p>
