

NEWS AND VIEWS

Fr. Martin & Raphael's Farewell: We shall have the opportunity to thank them from now till we celebrate the Mass in their honour the weekend of 26th/27th August. We will continue to keep them in our prayers.

Presbytery/Parish Office Doorbell: We have had some theft of our Ring doorbell batteries and eventually the Ring itself. This now means that the presbytery door will be attended to with a **knock or a call the office** to make sure there is someone to attend to you. Please bear with us as we find a solution to the security situation at hand.

Request For Volunteers: We need volunteers in a few of our groups. If you feel you can commit to these groups, kindly speak to the priest(s) or let the parish office be aware. The following groups with immediate needs for training are **Outreach daily breakfast and Pret Moorgate branch collection.** We have added the **other groups** on the **notice board** for those who would like to enrich our parish.

Parish Pilgrimage to Aylesford: Proposed date will be **23rd September** and the cost will be **£20** a seat, again we will need committed numbers to be able to book any coach. Book on in the parish office.


First Holy Communion/Reception into the Church **2024:** Registration is now open for children who will be making their First Holy Communion next year. They need to be 7 years old by the 31st of August. Adults who are yet to be baptised or to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church should also register for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). **Please it important that you register at the Parish Office.**

Please parents/guardians before making this decision, kindly prepare to be at least 90% committed to see our young ones through this journey. Our Catechists are all selfless volunteers. We emphasise on respecting them and committing to this spiritual journey for our children. Registration forms can be picked from the Parish Office.


Christian Stewardship: 30th July 2023 **Envelopes:** £235.00 **Loose:** £396.47 **Contactless:** £45.00 **Parish Project-** (Help At Home - £3,971.42 so far. We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

August: Parish Office will open for half day during the month of August from 9am – 1pm. Thank you..

Every Last Saturday of the month: **Baptism (always confirm in the parish office)**
 Every Saturday at 10.30am: **Faith Sharing/RCIA sessions in the main Sacristy**
 Every Tuesday after the noon Mass: **Parish social forum in the Meeting Room**
 Every 1st Friday: 12 noon **Healing Mass / Holy Hour / Benediction followed by 100 Club in the Meeting Room**
 7.45pm **Parish Quiz in the Meeting Room (non in August)**

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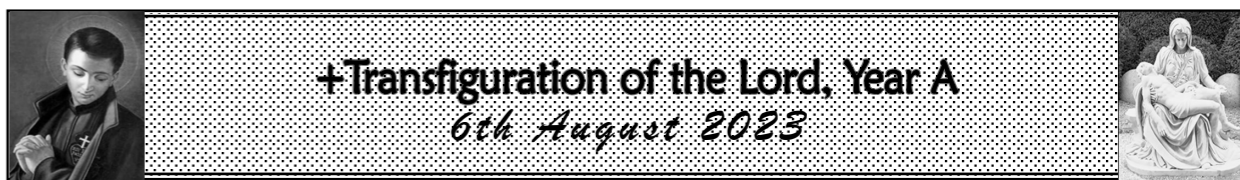
We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration



Food For Thought
Psalm 91: 9-10
 "Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place, No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling."



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+Transfiguration of the Lord, Year A 6th August 2023

We welcome all to today's Mass, especially visitors who are celebrating with us for the first time. Please take this bulletin home with you for further reflection on this week's celebration and to follow the activities in the Parish during the week.

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

LISTENING TO GOD'S VOICE

The vision of the disciples is described with realism. What they notice first is the testimony of Jesus' garments. In the apocalyptic symbolism, white garments are the signs of the risen life. (Dan 10:5, Rev 3:4,7,9). What the disciples admired is not of human origin: it is an anticipation of the future. At the beginning of their journey, the disciples sees its end. Jesus is in the company of the men of God. Moses is a prototype of Jesus: Deut 18:18, Exod 4:29-31. Elijah is his forerunner: Mal 3:23-24, 4:5. Only Moses and Elijah had true experience of the glory of God on Mount Horeb. There is no mistaking here the significance that Jesus was the fulfilment of the law as represented by Moses and the reality of all the prophetic messages as represented by Elijah. The transfiguration was thus a turning point in which Jesus was not only seen revealed first-hand as the long-awaited Messiah, but was acknowledged as the beloved and only Son of God by the Father. For Peter, James and John, it was a foretaste of the very essence of Jesus' redemption work that would translate itself into the resurrection, the basis of which is suffering and death. Indeed, the transfiguration prefigures the everlasting enthronement of Christ. It is this glorification that the church celebrates today. I, too, would have loved to have been with Peter, James and John to worship you as my saviour with that heavenly experience as you were transfigured and gave them a glimpse of your glory. The ecstasy of those fleeting moments were short-lived for them. The mountain-top experience would soon end. The shadow of your cross was already falling on you. At the hour of your cross your disciples all would fall away and flee. Yet, perhaps, the memory of what they experienced at your transfiguration would still keep alive a flicker of hope. I love to believe that was your purpose in granting this extraordinary privilege of seeing you in glory. That was your way of sustaining them in time of trial. Lord, sustain my faith, too, when it wavers in times of trial and suffering.

Mass Times & Intentions 4th – 12th August 2023

Sat 5th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Bridget McDonnell (RIP), Essien-Oku family's intentions (INT)
Sun 6th 9:00am: Sharon Gaudio (posthumous birthday) (RIP), Kitty Waldron, Muriel Roberts (ANN), Rita Rawlings, Paani Dias (INT)
11:30am: Paddy Cooney (RIP), Anastasia Nervais, KC Maduako & family (INT)
6:30pm: Christie Geraghty, Timothy Brosnan (RIP), Brendan Geraghty, Michael Larkin, Mary Larkin, Harry Chingwundoh (ANN), Eileen Geraghty (INT)
Mon 7th St Sixtus II 12 noon: Bridget McDonald (RIP), Francis Curran (5th), Kitty Waldron (ANN)
Tue 8th St Dominic 12 noon: Elizabeth O'Doherty, Jack Costello, Mary Grady (RIP), Kitty Waldron (ANN), Roberto Avanzi, Mary Stephens (INT)
Wed 9th St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross 12 noon: Muriel Roberts (3rd), Kitty Waldron (ANN), Carol Belsten (INT)
Thur 10th St Lawrence 12 noon: Jackie Costello (RIP), Kitty Waldron (ANN)
Fri 11th St Clare 12 noon: Harold Chingwundoh (ANN)
Sat 12th St Jane Frances de Chantal 12 noon: Bel Druce (ANN), Brother Donal Hallisey, Eileen Sheehan, Ina O'Shea, Mike Sullivian, Lilly Sullivan, Huw Evans (INT)

Please Pray For:
 Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Nancy Olaiya, Jarlet Fallon, Nora Hoare, Ann Larkin, Mary Wallace, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Mary Slow, Isabella King, Derek Gomes, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Bridget Munnely, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Tina Okelue, Mary Theresa Madigan, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikwuka, Margaret Toghger, Geraldine McKeane, Mary Dunne, Lina Piroli, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Angela Fairbank, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Danielle, Lilian Montague, Frances Quinn, Tony Colbert, Kathleen Panayiotou, Maureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet, Freda Glackin, Maureen Currie, Joan McGonigal, Emo Essang, Madeleine Hourihan, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Gloria Munian, Brian Robinson, Teresa O'Dea, Percy Shackell, Rosario De Cruz

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Pastorals/Devotions: Confessions Sat 11am, 6pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Meditative Rosary: Sun. 10.30am **Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction:** First Fridays (New time) 12noon **Legion of Mary:** First Wed. 6.30pm **Monday Prayer Group:** 1st & 3rd Mon. 6.30pm
Mission Statement: To animate a loving multicultural Christian community

Gentle reminders: Please turn off your mobile phones. You have the right to remain silent ...

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration of you Only Begotten Son confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship, grant, we pray, to your servants, that, listening to the voice of your beloved Son, we may merit to become coheirs with him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

As I watched: thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, the wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

RESPONSIAL PSALM (Ps 96)

R. The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, let all the coastlands be glad. Cloud and darkness are his raiment; his throne, justice and right. **R.**

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth. The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. **R.**

For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth exalted far above all spirits. **R.**

SECOND READING 2nd Peter 1:16-19

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

GOSPEL ACCLAMTION

Alleluia, alleluia!
This is my Son, the Beloved,
He enjoys my favour; listen to him.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said, 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said, 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Sanctify, O Lord, we pray, these offerings here made to celebrate the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son, and by his radiant splendour cleanse us from the stains of sin. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the heavenly nourishment we have received, O Lord, we pray, transform us into the likeness of your Son, whose radiant splendour you willed to make manifest in his glorious Transfiguration. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Jackie O'Shea	Debra	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Rachel McGonigal	Olga Monpeke	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Joseph Baffoe	June G & Roxanne C	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Eugenia Ackah	Michelle Carr	Joseph Ogbonna

The Prayer Of the Synod: Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

Attributed to St. Isidore of Seville (560-636), it has been traditionally used at Councils and Synods for hundreds of years. The version below was specifically designed for the Church's Synodal journey from 2021 to 2023.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise You,
We bless You,
We adore you,
We glorify You,

We give You thanks for Your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, the almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord.

You alone are the Most High. Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried;

He descended into hell;

on the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

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• Minors **MUST not** go to the toilets, rooms, or outside the church during services unaccompanied.

• There **MUST be** at least 2 adults present at any ministry to minors e.g. Children's Liturgy, Catechism and Youth Club.

• Vulnerable people **MUST be** accompanied in the Church.

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