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The Transfiguration gives us a brief and fleeting glimpse of Jesus in all his glory. It is a taste of what is to come. It is offered to us to encourage and challenge us in our daily lives. It reminds us that our lives are far more than what we see, hear and experience every day. It is not just a matter of getting through the day, being a follower of Jesus is about living with meaning, purpose and hope. The Transfiguration not only offers us a glimpse of Jesus in all his glory, it also offers each of us a foretaste of what God promises each of us in the fullness of the Kingdom.

Every day in countless and seemingly small ways God breaks into our world and our daily lives. Every time we experience a moment of peace, joy, reconciliation or forgiveness, God is with us. Every time that we reach out to help another person is a moment of transfiguration, both for ourselves and for those we help. Each time somebody shows care and concern for us is a moment when God is reaching out to us. This week, let us open our hearts so that we may hear Jesus speaking to us. May we slow down and look for moments of small but important times of transfiguration in our own ordinary daily lives.

At the Transfiguration, Father, You showed Jesus in glory, a glimpse of what His disciples would see in His risen life. Bless us in our humanity with an awareness of Your presence, leading us to share in Your divine life even in our daily struggle. Amen



During Lent may our prayer and reflection, fasting and almsgiving bring us renewal, reconciliation and closer unity with Christ, our Saviour.

Lord, hear our prayer


Gracious God, we pray for the sick and the suffering. For those undergoing treatments and surgery; for those convalescing and those who are recovered. We pray that through their suffering they may all experience the light of the Gospel.

Lord, hear our prayer

Lord, we thank you for those who have travelled before us on the way of the cross and are now at peace in your eternal presence.

Lord, hear our prayer



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT			
28	Sunday	9.00am	Norma Robinson (SVP)
1	Monday St David	9.15am	Maurice & Kathleen Ena Edwards
2	Tuesday		
3	Wednesday		
4	Thursday		
5	Friday	9.15am	Repose of the Soul of Renata
6	Saturday Vigil Mass	3.30pm 4.00pm	Stations of the Cross Deceased of Genery Family Confessions after Mass
3rd SUNDAY OF LENT			
7	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
Anniversaries:		Patricia Cooper, John Cawley, Joseph Lowther	
		Riska Okninski Billy McGuinness, Pat Jackson, Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Mary Talbot, Veronica Connors, Betty Griffiths, Sadie Todd. Rose Marie Bruno, Teresa Carrick	



Lord, as daylight fills the sky, fill us with your holy light. May our lives mirror our love for you whose wisdom has brought us into being, and whose care guides us on our way. God our Saviour, help us to follow the light and live the truth. Amen.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS . . .

- **First Reading ~ Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 115:10, 15-19**
- **Second Reading ~ Romans 8:31-34**
- **Gospel ~ Mark 9:2-10**



Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle – Lent Resources . . . This year as we enter Lent, we are considering what it means to be Missionary Disciples. Reflecting on our calling to '**Go and make disciples**', the Vicariate for Faith & Mission has worked with Clergy and Laity to produce daily reflections that offer support as you reflect on the readings for the day.

The Lenten Daily Reflections are now available by visiting the Diocesan website. To view, read, download and print. Whilst we acknowledge many of our parishioners enjoy the printed versions of the daily reflections, this year the Diocese are also offering the daily reflections by email – one sent per day – for anyone who would like to receive them digitally. You can subscribe on the website.

YMT has produced '**Wait a Minute – It's Lent**' videos, which are available to watch on their [YouTube channel](#).



National Novena to St Joseph: 10th – 18th March 2021 . . .

In this year dedicated to St. Joseph, I wanted to take this opportunity to write to you regarding this year's Novena and to thank you for any support you can give us. The Mill Hill Missionaries will offer their annual Novena of Masses and Prayers in preparation for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead from Wednesday 10th to Thursday 18th March.

In this Year dedicated to St. Joseph, the Mill Hill Missionaries are preparing for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. Masses from St. Joseph's Church will be available to follow on **Zoom** and **YouTube** via the parish website: stjosephsparish.co.uk and the Mill Hill website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena, where you will also find the Novena prayer leaflet. You can also join in by praying the daily Novena prayer, which will be in your Novena prayer leaflet. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a printed Novena prayer leaflet. Please write to the **Novena Director, 41 Victoria Road, Liverpool, L37 1LW**, or email novenamhm@gmail.com. May the coming Novena to St. Joseph, in this Year dedicated to him by Pope Francis, be a source of comfort and support to all who have lost loved ones and whose lives have been adversely affected by this pandemic. With every good wish, (*Novena Director*)



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (Friday 6th March) . . . On The first Friday in March every year a service is held where a chosen country produces materials for the world to worship. The women of the Republic of Vanuatu (located in the South Pacific Ocean) have prepared this years' service. The theme this year is **'Build on a strong foundation'**.

Women, men and children of all ages are called to build on a strong foundation and live in unity, love and peace in the context of ethnic and cultural diversity like Vanuatu and so many other places around the world. For further information and resource, please visit www.wdp.org.uk

A Prayer for Vanuatu 2021 . . . Holy God, we join with the Christian women of Vanuatu in praise to you. For fertile land and fresh air, for the sweet melody of the birds, for land animals, the mysterious creatures of the deep and for the sounds of children playing. We thank you for the example of the Christian women of Vanuatu, for their trust in you and for their fortitude as they struggle to provide food for their families and education for their children, things that we in this country so often take for granted. We pray that you will help us to listen more carefully to your Word, to build our homes and communities on its strong foundations, to work together towards a world where resources are used more sustainably, where justice and peace reign and where all your creatures can live in safety and harmony. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Bishops from all over Europe, through their Bishops' Conferences, will join together during Lent to celebrate a series of Masses and pray for the victims of Covid-19. The continent has suffered over 770,000 deaths from the virus. The initiative, promoted by the Council of European Bishops' Conferences (CCEE), aims to offer a sign of communion and hope. Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Vice President of the Council of European Bishops' Conferences, will celebrate a special **live-streamed Mass on Tuesday 2nd March 2021, at 5.30pm in Westminster Cathedral.** Please visit www.cbcew.org.uk and select 'News' for more information.



The Stations of the Cross are a journey. As we journey with Jesus during his final hours on earth as a human being, we place ourselves on the journey, reflecting on the familiar story, sensing what it would have been like, remembering the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made for humanity.

We adore you, O Lord, and we praise You, because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

Fourth Station ~ Jesus Meets his Mother

When Jesus and his mother meet they just look at each other, words cannot express how they feel. What he saw in his mother's eye must have hurt him more than the raw pain of his wounds.

Jesus, we remember the gaze that rested between you and your mother. In that moment of pain there was also a moment of deep and enduring love. Jesus, give us the courage to bring that love into the deepest recesses of our homes, to our children and to our spouses, to those places of fracture and disharmony in our circle of relationships.



Fifth Station - Simon helps Jesus Carry His Cross

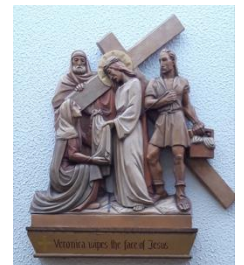


Simon the Cyrene, a stranger in the city, did not know Jesus but that did not matter. What matters is that in this moment of need Simon was capable of lending his shoulders to one whose own had given out, of offering his strength to one who had nothing left, of taking on himself the cross which Jesus could no longer carry.

Lord, help us to grasp our opportunities to be a Simon in our world. In those times when we can help, let us have the generosity to do so.

Sixth Station - Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus

Jesus' journey is at times brutal. He has entered into the terrible experiences of rejection and injustice. He has been whipped and beaten. His face shows the signs of his solidarity with all who have ever suffered injustice and vile, abusive treatment. He encounters a compassionate, loving disciple who wipes the blood from his face. On her veil she discovers the image of his face, his gift to her and for us to contemplate forever.



Let us remember our family members and friends who were there with us, to comfort us during the most painful times of our life. Let us pray for them, for all the times they comforted us and brought back faith to our lives.

Minsteracres Retreat Centre . . . 'From praise to lamentation: A journey with the Psalms.' An opportunity to step aside and listen to God in scripture as we journey towards Easter. The event will run online (zoom) on **Saturday 20th March, 10.30am until 3.30pm.** Suggested donation £10. For information and booking please visit www.minsteracres.org or call 01434 673248.

English Passionist Priest on course to be declared a Saint ~ Pope Francis has approved the heroic virtues of Ignatius of Saint Paul who will now have the title Venerable. Servant of God Ignatius of Saint Paul, an English Passionist priest, was born George Spencer on 21st December 1799 in London, a son of the 2nd Earl Spencer. He is a relative of Diana, Princess of Wales, as well as the great uncle of Second World War Prime Minister Winston Churchill. The Spencer family, mostly members of the Church of England, were the fifth wealthiest family in England at the time. Father Spencer converted to Roman Catholicism in 1830, in Rome, at the age of 31, scandalising some in the Victorian society. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1832 and entered the Passionist Order in 1847. The authorisation of this decree by Pope Francis was one of eight presented to him by the Vatican Congregation for the Causes of Saints on Saturday 20th February 2021.

In order to be canonised and declared a saint, two miracles must be attributed to Ignatius of Saint Paul. The first will see him beatified and declared 'Blessed'. A second miracle will pave the way to sainthood. To read more visit the website: www.cbcew.org.uk and then select 'News'

THANK YOU to all St. Patrick's parishioners who are delivering bulletins, providing treats and for all other acts of kindness during these difficult times.

Please forward any prayers, thoughts, poems, news, anniversaries or any item that you would like to share and they will be included on the bulletin. Thank you.

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