

# The week ahead...

<b>Saturday 11 March</b> Weekday of Lent—Week 1	5:00pm	Mass: <b>Betty Allison and pro populo</b>
<b>Sunday 12 March</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent		
<b>Monday 13 March</b> Weekday of Lent - Week 2		
<b>Tuesday 14 March</b> Weekday of Lent - Week 2	6:30pm	Mass: <b>McGough and Duffy families</b>
<b>Wednesday 15 March</b> Weekday of Lent - Week 2	9:30am	Mass: <b>In thanksgiving</b>
<b>Thursday 16 March</b> Weekday of Lent - Week 2	7:00pm 9:30am	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> Mass: <b>Frank &amp; Marie Wilson</b>
<b>Friday 17 March</b> <i>St Patrick, Apostle of Ireland</i>	9:30am	Mass: <b>A sick relative</b>
<b>Saturday 18 March</b> Weekday of Lent - Week 2	7:00pm 5:00pm	Mass: <b>Private intention</b> Mass: <b>Victoria &amp; Nathan and pro populo</b>



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

12 March, 2017

### “Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here.”

WE ARE NOW a week and a half into the season of Lent and have, I am sure, been making some progress with regard to looking into our hearts and identifying where change is needed to become more Christ-like. Not an easy or a pleasant task but one which is crucial in the life of a disciple of Jesus.

This weekend's Gospel is quite explicitly about change. We are gifted with the story of the Transfiguration, that key moment when Jesus led his three closest disciples, Peter, James and John up a high mountain and “in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light.” Accompanying the transfigured Jesus at that moment are two towering Jewish figures: Moses (representing the Law) and Elijah (representing the Prophets). Their presence affirms the divinity of Jesus. The Transfiguration is clearly about a change in the appearance of Jesus (possibly a foretaste of the Resurrection). The change is brief but it is a cherished time for the three disciples, so much so that Peter (always the impetuous one!) wants to prolong the joyous event by offering to build tents for Jesus, Moses and Elijah.

But there is more to the Gospel concerning change than an alteration in the appearance of Jesus. Peter, James and John and the other disciples need to change in order that they may understand better who Jesus is. Just prior to the Transfiguration we witness the famous incident in which Peter refuses to believe that Jesus, as Messiah, will undergo suffering and death. Jesus even calls Peter ‘Satan’ for thinking in a worldly manner. This is not how Peter envisaged the Messiah to be. Peter needs to change his understanding. We witness repeatedly throughout the Gospels evidence that the disciples need, at the very least, a change in mindset.

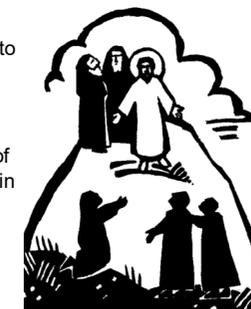
And so do we. We so often think of Lent as a time where we need, to put it crudely, to change our behaviour from “bad” to “good” or, at the very least “better”. If this is the sum total of our approach to Lent then we are selling ourselves short. Certainly we need to make corrections to our behaviour but we will only achieve lasting success if we are open to discovering who Jesus really is for us. Do we really believe deep down that he is our life and salvation, or are we content to believe that he was nothing more than a good man and an inspiring teacher?

We discover a great deal of importance about a person by taking the time to listen to them. This is why the disciples were told by God at the Transfiguration, with reference to Jesus, “Listen to him.” As one commentator points out, to listen to Jesus is to hear him, accept what he says and then embrace what we hear. We would do well to take this advice but we will only be able to hear the voice of Jesus in the first place if we take the opportunities offered by Lent seriously and are open to listening and transformation.

So let us be open to the changes Jesus wants to work in us that we may say of this season of Lent, echoing the words of Peter uttered on that high mountain in Galilee two thousand years ago, “Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here.”

*Wishing you a blessed week,*

*Fr Robert*



#### Ministries for this week Saturday 11 March

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Ambrose & Pauline Burnside  
Judith Bulmer

**Readers**  
Marie Pailey  
Margaret Purdom

**Children's Liturgy**  
Maria Griffiths  
Carol Bainbridge

**Welcomers**  
Angela Harmston  
Christine Tracey

#### Ministries for next week Saturday 18 March

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Angela & Gordon Tosley  
Angela Harmston

**Readers**  
Claire Lavery  
Pat Middleton

**Children's Liturgy**  
Anne Davies  
Angela Harmston

**Welcomers**  
Pat Middleton  
Mary Kitching

#### LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £224 Loose Plate: £229

**Total: £453**

**Mass Attendance: 175**

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Have you an item for the parish bulletin? Please contact Judith Bulmer on (0191) 378 3544 or 07980 481 858 or send an email to her at [judithbulmer@rocketmail.com](mailto:judithbulmer@rocketmail.com).

*Please remember in your prayers people who are sick and housebound in the parish...*

*Pat Curran, Linda Carter, Tom Taylorson, Sylvia Kelly, Marie Carey, Mary Spears, Rose Crick, Maureen McCrann, Teresa Parkin, Doreen Carroll, Dorothy Dowdle, Tom Tracey, Jean O'Donoghue, Margaret Pouton, Michael Kane, Pat Harrison, Ohwyn Morris, Jim Patterson, Denise Oxberry, and Imeldā Graham.*

#### CAFOD: FAST DAY ENVELOPES

As is customary during Lent, we are called to extend our focus beyond ourselves to assess how we care for the less fortunate in our world. To this end, you will have the opportunity to return a Fast Day envelope during Lent to enable you contribute to CAFOD that they may continue their great work. See the poster in the narthex or go to [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent) for more information.

**Emailed Bulletin** – If you would like to have the parish bulletin emailed to you each week please email Judith (details opposite) and you will be added to the mailing list. Parish Council minutes are also available electronically.

## What's going on...?

**Stations of the Cross:** As in previous years, this devotion will be offered each Wednesday evening in Lent at 7:00pm. Reconciliation will be offered afterwards until 8:00pm.

**St Patrick's Day, Friday 17 March:** Two Masses on this day @ 9:30am and 7:00pm. We will have a large evening celebration with a bigger choir as well as a gathering in the school hall afterwards with refreshments by way of celebrating our parish patron's feast day.

**Tuesday Prayer Group:** Every Tuesday evening from 7:00pm just across the road from the church at 14 Goatbeck Terrace. All are welcome. An opportunity to engage with the scriptures prayerfully via the *lection divina* method—no experience necessary! Why not make a commitment this Lent to know God better by coming along? You are welcome to come after the Tuesday evening Mass if you wish, even if that means you'll possibly be a few minutes late.

**Missio (APF / Mill Hill Missionaries):** Red box/brown envelope collections for March Quarter. Would contributors please have these ready for sponsors in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> weeks of this month. Please look on the church notice board to see the total amount given last year. Thank you for your generosity!

**Gift Aid envelopes:** New gift aid envelopes, beginning on 01 April, are now available at the rear of the church for collection for those who are part of this scheme. Have you considered joining the gift aid scheme?

**Catholic Chaplaincy – Hospital:** A part time Catholic Chaplaincy post for Durham & Darlington NHS Trust is advertised on NHS Jobs: [www.jobs.nhs.uk](http://www.jobs.nhs.uk). Enter the job reference: 439-AEC-13393-1.

**Diocesan Youth Festival:** Will take place at the Emmaus Youth Village on the weekend of 24-25 June. Put the date in your diary!

**Minsteracres:** Have you checked out the programme for all the events happening at Minsteracres, a wonderful resource basically on our doorstep? Go to the website for more information: [www.minsteracres.org](http://www.minsteracres.org).

**Pastoral Care of the Sick and Housebound:** Do you know someone who lives in the parish but cannot get to Mass and is in need of the sacraments? It is our responsibility to care for our brothers and sisters who cannot gather with us each week. If you know someone in this situation who is in need of pastoral care, please pass their details on to Fr Robert.

## The Kids' Bulletin

### Word Find

JESUS took Peter, JAMES, and JOHN his brother, and led them up a high MOUNTAIN by THEMSELVES. And he was TRANSFIGURED before them; his FACE SHONE like the SUN and his CLOTHES became WHITE as LIGHT. And behold, Moses and ELIJAH appeared to them, conversing with him. Then PETER said to Jesus in reply, "LORD, it is GOOD that we are here. If you wish, I will make THREE tents here, one for you, one for MOSES and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright CLOUD cast a SHADOW OVER them, then from the cloud came a VOICE that said, "This is my beloved SON, with whom I am well PLEASED; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they FELL prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "RISE, and do not be AFRAID." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus ALONE.

Find all the words in CAPITALS above in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks below.

After all this happened, Jesus told the disciples not to tell anyone

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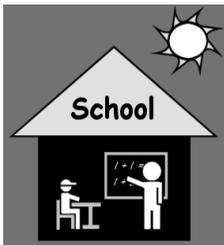
## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

"WATCH AND LISTEN"

### SCHOOL NEWS

#### School Diary

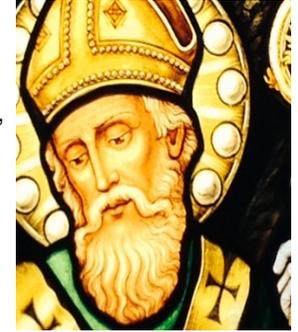
Please see page opposite for lots of upcoming Masses and liturgies happening in the coming weeks both in the church and in the school. All parishioners are welcome to these liturgies, whether or not they have children or grandchildren in attendance at the parish school. Come along and show your support for our school, recognised officially as "Outstanding" for all aspects of Religious Education!



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### Saint Patrick - 17 March

Patrick was born in Roman Britain around the end of the fourth century, and died in Ireland about the middle of the fifth century. As a missionary bishop, he endured many hardships and faced opposition even from his friends and fellow Christians. Nevertheless, he worked hard to conciliate, to evangelise, and to educate local chieftains and their families. He is remembered for his simplicity and pastoral care, for his humble trust in God, and for his fearless preaching of the Gospel to the very people who had enslaved him in his youth.



(Information taken from *Universalis*)

## SCHOOL DIARY

**Wednesday, 15 March, 2:00pm-** Infant Liturgy (Classes 3 & 4) in school  
**Friday, 17 March, 9:30am-** St Patrick's Day Mass (Whole School) in church  
**Wednesday, 22 March, 2:30pm** - Class 2 Liturgy in school  
**Thursday 23 March, 9:30am** - Class 1 at Parish Mass followed by penitential service  
**Friday 24 March, 9:15am** - Mothers' Day Liturgy in school  
**Wednesday 29 March, 2:30pm** - Class 1 Mass in school  
**Thursday 30 March, 9:30am** - Class 3 (Infants) at Parish Mass followed by cake sale and tombola in the school hall.

## DID YOU KNOW...?

...that the Stations of the Cross which we celebrate each Wednesday in Lent at 7:00pm is a traditional way of reminding us of Christ's Passion?

Recalling the last hours of the life of Jesus is assisted by the ritual practice of the Stations of the Cross. Though not all the traditional stations have a basis in scripture, each of them evokes from us a response which assists us in understanding the significance for our salvation of the suffering of Jesus. In doing this we can fully appreciate the joy which is found in the highlight of the Christian calendar, the feast of the Resurrection - Easter!

## "QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"Paint the house of your soul with modesty and lowliness and make it splendid with the light of justice. Adorn it with the beaten gold of good works and, for walls and stones, embellish it assiduously with faith and generosity. Above all place prayer on top of this house as its roof so that the complete building may be ready for the Lord."

**St John Chrysostom** (347-407)  
 Bishop and Father of the Church  
 From a homily



**PLEASE PRAY FOR....** those suffering from hunger and disease in and near Africa at this time. The current crisis in Yemen, Nigeria, Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia and South Sudan has been forecast as possibly being the most severe to confront humankind since 1945. As we move deeper into our Lenten journey can we contemplate making our prayer one which leads to practical action through digging deeply into our pockets to give to CAFOD to enable them to relieve some of the terrible suffering?