

Second Sunday of Lent

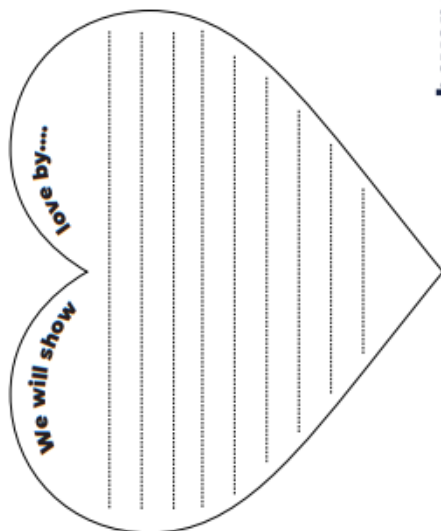
"While Jesus was praying, his face changed its appearance, and his clothes became dazzling white." Luke 9:29

Conversation cards

Sometimes we can see people every day, but not really see them deeply. Take some time to use the Lent discussion cards as a family and pray for the gift of seeing each other in a new way. Download the cards here: caford.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Lent-family-prayer-ideas

Our family commitment

The disciples thought perhaps they should stay on the mountain and worship Jesus, but Jesus took them back down. Our Christian life is mostly lived on the ground, among people who need us to show God's love. What can your family do to reach out in love this week?



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Sunday 13th March 2022

The Second Sunday in Lent

After listening to today's Gospel, The Transfiguration of Jesus (Luke 9:28-36), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

The gospel reading for the Second Sunday of Lent is always the account of the Transfiguration, preparing the chosen three disciples and ourselves for the coming Passion of Christ.

It is a scene of Christ's heavenly glory, his clothes bright as lightning, his glory extending even to the appearance of Moses and Elijah: these two Old Testament personalities are here privileged to speak to Jesus because they each had a vision of God on the holy mountain, called both Sinai and Horeb (in the Old Testament these are two names for the same mountain).

The Voice from heaven at the baptism had been addressed to Jesus himself (in Mark and Luke); this time the Voice is a public declaration of Jesus' Sonship, and presents him now as the Chosen Teacher for all people. Luke foreshadows the Passion when he mentions Jerusalem – the place where Jesus is to suffer and die on the cross. The fact that the disciples are praying, and are the same three disciples as are present at the Agony in the Garden, makes a strong link with the Passion of Jesus.

This gospel also highlights the importance of prayer in Luke's gospel, for Luke mentions Jesus' prayer and the significance of prayer on several occasions and in several parables (e.g. in the Unjust Judge, the Friend at Midnight, and the Pharisee & the Tax-Collector). What do you find the best form of prayer? What commitment to prayer can you make this Lent? Jesus was transfigured on the 'Holy' Mountain. What makes a place 'holy'?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP

Thursday 17th March at St Aidan's Church Hall, 7pm until 8pm.

Join virtually by accessing the link on www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fr. Hall has recorded a virtual presentation of the Stations of the Cross.

Watch via https://youtu.be/V_DVNILtNI8 or www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk

HELP FOR UKRAINE

Thank you to all who donated to our appeal for essential supplies for those in Ukraine. Your kindness & generosity is much valued and appreciated.

COLLECTIONS: W/C 6th March 2022

St. Aidan's - Loose Plate: £447.50 // Envelopes: £40.50 // Hall Hire: £32.00

St. Mary's - Loose Plate: £207.50 // Envelopes: £112.00

Lenten Alms: £19.00 // CAFOD Family Fast Day: £5.00

Friday Coffee Morning (Help for Ukraine): £160.00

LENTEN ALMS: Baskets in both Churches in aid of St Cuthbert's Care.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: Envelopes & Baskets in both Churches.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

FROM THE DIOCESE

VACANCIES

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint a new Senior Administrator in the Safeguarding Team. The role will be based in Newcastle and is full-time. Closing date for applications: 23 March 2022. Visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us 0191 243 3301.

ACCOMPANYING THOSE SEEKING INNER HEALING

A residential training course will take place at Minsteracres Retreat Centre and will run across 2 sessions:

Session 1: 22nd - 23rd April 2022 // Session 2: 15th - 16th July 2022

For more information contact the Vicariate for Faith & Mission admin team who can provide further details and application forms
adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING: 13th March 2022

Sat. 12th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Sick Person (A.W)
Sun. 13th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Fr. Harriot
Sun. 13th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Peggy Smart & Carr MacDonald
Mon. 14th	*** NO MASS	***
Tues. 15th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Eimear O'Hogarty (ill)
Wed. 16th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Colin Bradford
Thurs. 17th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	John Kennedy
Fri. 18th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Roy Adamson
Sat. 19th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Joseph Bradford
Sun. 20th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Leslie Teasdale
Sun. 20th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Robert Macauley

We ask that ALL except for those with genuine medical exemptions, continue to wear a suitable face covering while in our Churches. You must also sanitise your hands as you enter the buildings & not gather inside our Churches before or after Mass. Thank you.

Please pray for all those who are sick, and those whose anniversary occurs about this time:

Lilian Martin, Francis Steinson, Sarah Douglas, Bernard King, Margaret Wily, Thomas Wilky, Joseph Oxborough, Robert Copeland, William McQueen, Nathaniel McPhillips, Frederick Hood, Thomas Stedding, Michael Buckley, William Binkett, Charles Kent, Richard Kennedy, Jane Hogarth, Ellen Stedding, Kevin Grady, Anne Gardiner, Constance Young, Dorothy Conway, James Wears, Mary McNeil, H. Stevens, Owen Keenan, Winifred Taylor, George Dorman, Thomas Maddox, Richard Harrison, Hugh King, Denis Le Hossin, Dorothy Gibson, Bill Burnett, James Bell, Hilda Burnley, Margaret Hall.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Contact Fr Hall directly via 0191 268 4222 or seanehall1@gmail.com

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