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WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

From Father Graham

In advance of the feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord on Wednesday, here is an article from Universalis:

“The Transfiguration of the Lord can sound embarrassingly magical. Jesus goes up onto a mountain and his clothes become dazzlingly white. Prophets appear and talk to him. And then it is all over and Jesus tells his disciples to say nothing.

We should hold on to the absurdity of the incident. There is simply no reason for all this to have happened. In particular, there is no reason to put it into a gospel—the evangelist makes no capital out of it, it is simply there.

And this is the strength of the Transfiguration as an historical incident. *There is no reason for anyone to have invented it.* It is not central to the Christian case. It is not used to win arguments. There is only one reason to put it into the Gospel, and that is because it happened. It is one of those cases of the evangelists writing things down without knowing why they were important, and their very puzzlement is what makes the story so convincing.

Why, then, did it happen? Surely so that we could see and understand that Jesus is at once one of the prophets and the one that was prophesised by them; and that he is God, and lives for all eternity in a blaze of dazzling and unapproachable light.

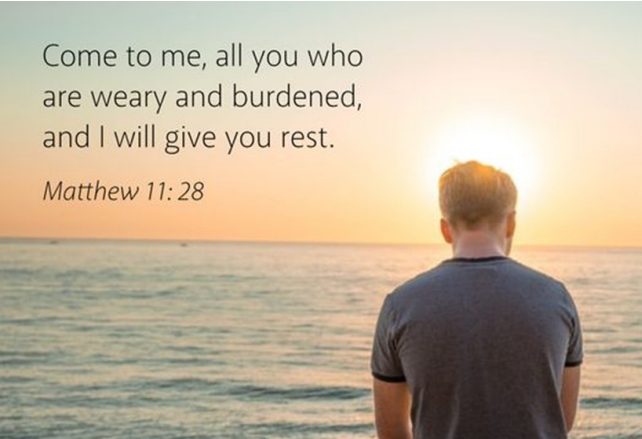
The true miracle of the Transfiguration is not the shining face or the white garments, but the fact that for the rest of the time Jesus hid his glory so well.”

With my prayer for you all.

God bless you,

Fr Graham.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time				Mass Intention
Sat 2 Aug	08.30	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>	
Sat 2 Aug	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i>	<i>Ints of Daisy Cunningham</i>
Sun 3 Aug	09.00	SP	Mass	<i>Christopher Thorpe RIP</i>
	11.00	CTK	Mass	<i>For all Parishioners</i>
Mon 4 Aug	08.00	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>	
<i>St John Vianney</i>	19.30	Zoom	Rosary	
Tue 5 Aug	17.30	TT	Mass	
Wed 6 Aug	08.00	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>	
<i>Transfiguration</i>	16.00	CTK	Reception of the body of Michael Mercer RIP	
Thu 7 Aug	11.00	CTK	Requiem Mass: Michael Mercer RIP	
<i>St Cajetan</i>	16.30	TT	Mass	
Fri 8 Aug	08.00	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>	
<i>St Dominic</i>	09.00	SP	Adoration	
	09.30	SP	Mass	<i>Edward & Agnes Buchholz RIP</i>
	10.00	SP	Confessions	
	15.00	Zoom	Divine Mercy Chaplet <i>with Stations of the Cross</i>	
Sat 9 Aug	08.30	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>	
<i>St Teresa</i>	10.00	SP	Mass & Rosary	<i>Pamela Evans RIP</i>
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time				
Sat 9 Aug	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i>	<i>For all Parishioners</i>
Sun 10 Aug	09.00	SP	Mass	<i>Michael Strudwick RIP</i>
	11.00	CTK	Mass	<i>Michael Mercer RIP</i>





HAPPENING THIS WEEK

PRAYER INTENTIONS, EVENTS, NOTICES

Please pray for Christine, Mary, Margaret, June, Tommie, Sr Zita, Sarah, Christine B, Joanne, Anne C, Ian, Daisy, Lynn, Jenny, David, Michael C, Mary F, Margaret A, Pat O’C, Crispin M, Jennifer R, David R, Harvey R, Phil R, Len C, Michael H, Joan T, Joanna, Richenda, Rachel, Mike D, Ashley R, Mike & Jess D, Trish Y, Maureen C and all who are sick.

Please pray for the soul of Mike Mercer RIP and for his family. Mike’s body will be received into CTK this Wednesday at 4pm. His Requiem Mass will be the following day (Thursday 7th) at CTK at 11am. May he rest in peace.

A message from Pauline Reece’s family about her funeral on August 14th, 11.00am:

All parishioners are warmly invited to Pauline’s Requiem Mass at the Towers. If you are coming to the reception afterwards at Tottington Manor, please would you contact Chalcraft’s Funeral Directors (on 01903 812656), to help with knowing catering numbers. Thank you.

Please also pray for PEACE, for the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, vocations, enquirers to Catholicism, our First Holy Communion children and families, and the Cycle of Prayer for Ordinary Time.

Sun 3 Aug	SVP Bookstall
Thurs 7	SP Parish Room, 10.00: Coffee Pop-in

Our various Parish faith groups will resume in September: Thursday evening Adoration; OLQP Bible Group; Come & See enquirers group.

Saint Faustina prayed...

O my Lord, inflame my heart with love for You, that my spirit may not grow weary amidst the storms, the sufferings and the trials.

(Diary, 94)

Welcome to any newcomers or visitors to our Parish

Welcome to our parish. Where are you on your faith journey? Do you have questions? Maybe it is useful for you to know that no one has all the answers. God does. We are all growing in faith, day by day. God bless you.

Summer Holiday Foodbank campaign

Many families rely on free breakfast clubs and free school meals, however, in the long summer holidays there is no such provision.



Please consider supporting our Summer Holiday Foodbank campaign over the next few weeks:

- 3 August: please bring **breakfast and packed lunch items**, such as cereals, drink cartons, non-perishable foods etc.
 - 10th & 17th August: **‘Personal Hygiene’**, including toiletries, nappies/wipes and sanitary products.
- If you can make a financial donation, please speak to Ann Olliver, or contact the Parish office: adurvalley@abdiocese.org.uk. Thank you.

From YouCat Daily <https://www.youcat.org/daily>

93: Why was Christ transfigured on the mountain?

The Father wanted to reveal the divine glory of his Son even during Jesus’ earthly life. Christ’s Transfiguration was meant to help the disciples later to understand his death and Resurrection. [554-556, 568]

Three Gospels relate how Jesus, on the mountaintop, begins to shine (is “transfigured”) before the eyes of his disciples. The voice of his heavenly Father calls Jesus his “beloved Son”, to whom they are supposed to listen. Peter would like to “make three booths” and capture the moment. Jesus, however, is on the way that leads to suffering. The vision of glory is only to strengthen his disciples.

SVP National Raffle

Tickets (£1 each) will be on sale this weekend at SP and CTK for the annual SVP National Raffle. The top two prizes are £5,000 and £1,000 respectively, plus many others.



Future Date for your Diary: LIVE SIMPLY

There will be an evening of LIVE SIMPLY on Wednesday September 24th open to all (in the Parish Room at St Peter’s). Come and find out how you can get involved with parish, local and regional events. Be proactive by helping out with groups, and your parish needs. Be ready to talk to your neighbours in the new Worthing area. Follow a readymade plan via LIVE SIMPLY guidelines. More information next month.

To Sing is To Pray Twice (St Augustine)

Written in 2012 by American composer James Buonemani, a setting of text from ‘The Confessions’ of Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

O Beauty Ever Ancient, Ever New

Late have I loved thee, O Beauty ever ancient and ever new. Thou wast with me, but I was not with thee.

