

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said to Abram, "Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

"I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you."

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 32

**Resp: May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R/**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R/**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R/**

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who saved us and called us to be holy — not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

From the bright cloud

the Father's voice was heard:

"This is my Son, the Beloved.

Listen to him".

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

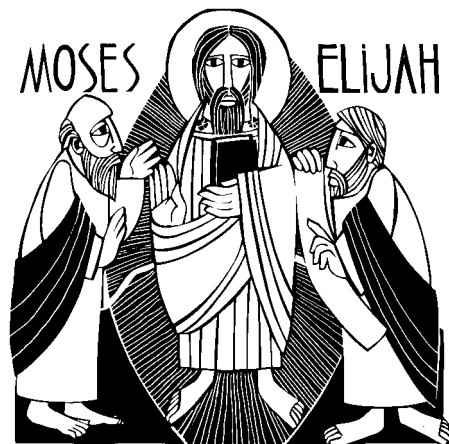
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



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YEAR A – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – Year of the Word
8th March 2020 – Psalter Week II

Sat 7th	SECOND SUNDAY	5.00pm	Rosetta Walsh	St. Mary's
Sun 8th	OF LENT	9.00am	Private Intention	St. Paul's
		11.00am	Jane Clarke	St. Mary's
Mon 9th	St Frances of Rome	9.30am	Michelle Ryan	St. Mary's
Tues 10th		7.00pm	Joe & John Hirst	St. Mary's
Wed 11th		11.30am	Stations of the Cross (J Daly)	St. Paul's
		11.30am	Funeral of Margaret Craig RIP	St Mary's
		12.00pm	Michael McCafferty	St. Paul's
Thurs 12th		9.30am	Ellen Fisher	St. Mary's
		7.00pm	Year of the Word Course – session 9	L. Room
Fri 13th		12.00pm	Rita Borgzammit	St. Mary's
		12.30pm	Soup & Sandwiches in Lower Room	L. Room
		2.30pm	Susan Jones RIP	Crem
Sat 14th		10.00am	First Forgiveness meeting	L. Room
		10-3pm	Day of Recollection – Our Lady's	Trench
Sat 14th	THIRD SUNDAY	5.00pm	Special Intention	St. Mary's
Sun 15th	OF LENT	9.00am	Charlie Walsh	St. Paul's
		11.00am	Margaret McKenna	St. Mary's



Confessions 4.00pm-4.30pm Saturday and on request

Newsletter Contributions to St Mary's Presbytery by noon on Wednesday.

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YEAR OF THE WORD PRAYER

Living God,
You walk alongside us and
Speak to us throughout the scriptures.
Your Son, Jesus Christ,
Listens to our hopes and fears
And shows us how to live for one another.
Send us the Holy Spirit
To open our hearts and minds
So that we may be your witnesses
Throughout the world.
Amen

We shall recite this prayer before the start of the Sunday readings each week.

PRAYER REMEMBRANCE

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially; Liz McCandless, Sharon Kelly, Brian McSweeney, Kathleen Hartnett and Kath Fullerton

We remember all those who have died recently, especially:

Margaret Craig Funeral Wed 11th March
Susan Jones Funeral Fri. 13th March

Also, Angela Williams, Matthew Winnall, Margaret Courtney, Enid Turner, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

MONEY MATTERS

Offertory: £1,273.08
250 Club: £ 199.00
Winner: J McGeary

Many thanks for your generosity.

The next new batch of envelopes will start at the beginning of the financial Year and will appear in due course.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a special second collection on 21st/22nd of March to help pay for the new cushions in St. Mary's which will appear in time for Easter!

CAFOD LUNCHES IN LENT

Once again, we will be holding our Soup and Roll on Friday lunch times during Lent. If you would like to organise one of these Fridays, please contact the parish office or see list at back of church.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

The forms for enrolment in the First Forgiveness (28th March) and First Holy Communion (30th May) programmes are now available.

The forms for Confirmation (28th May) are now available.

Noreen O'Neill has kindly agreed to co-ordinate the course, assisted by Jim and Sue.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

4th to 5th July 2020 – an Opportunity for all Married Couples to enrich their marriage and renew their commitment to one another. Book now at www.wvme.org.uk or for more information contact:

Charles & Krysia Golabek on 01625 263627
charles.golabek@ntlworld.com or

Mark & Liz Dutton on 01625 428498
lizmark@lizmark1.co.uk

AUTUMN PARISH TRIP

We have booked a trip to Amsterdam - Holland £499 per person for 28th September 5 days, dinner bed and breakfast.

Twenty-five places already booked.

See noticeboard for details.

All single rooms went on the first weekend

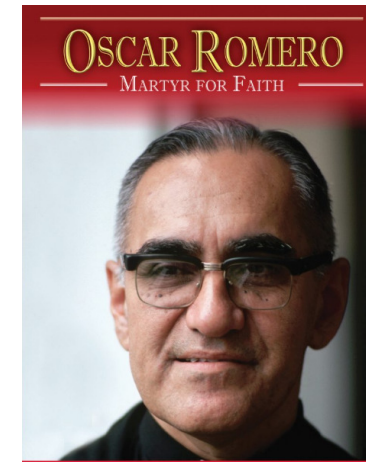


There is one double and some twin rooms still available.

CAFOD - MOTHER'S DAY & EASTER CARDS

14th/15th March sale of home-made cards to support Cafod's vital work.

DEANERY DAY OF RECOLLECTION



Deanery Day of Recollection, on Saturday, 14th March, reflecting on the life and example of Saint Oscar Romero. The day will be led by David McLoughlin (Emeritus Fellow of Newman University, Birmingham).

The venue will be Our Lady of the Rosary and St Luke's Church, Church Road, Trench (sat nav. TF2 7HG). The Day will begin with tea and coffee at 10.30am and will conclude at approximately 3pm. Please bring your packed lunch. There is no cost to the Day itself.

All are most welcome.

IRISH NIGHT

Friday, March 20th in the Valley Hotel, Ironbridge, 7.00pm Steak & ale pie, or Chicken in white wine & Live music from Annie Mac.

Booking forms now available .£17.50 adults £10 under 10's. Vegetarian option available.



CONCERT

The Gallery Singers will be holding a concert celebrating 10 years of choral music. Shropshire's multi-award winning chamber choir, with guests. On Saturday, 21st March at the Holy Trinity Church, Much Wenlock. Adults £10 Children £7.00. Tickets available from Much Wenlock – Andy on 07968 906446 or Marcia on 07794 334347

FROM THE DIOCESAN MISSION FOR CATECHISTS AND VOLUNTEERS:

St Mary's, Middlewich:

14th March: What makes a good resource?
20th June 2020: Exploring Good resources!
10.30 am – 3.00pm at St Mary's, New King Street, Middlewich, Cheshire, (sat nav. CW10 9EB).

Greetings from Rosemary!

Dear Michael,

I saw my consultant yesterday and have been given the 'all clear'. I need to build up my energy levels now but it's great to be cancer-free.

I know you and your congregation have been praying for me and I would like to thank you very much indeed. Please convey my thanks to your flock.

Blessings to you all.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Rosemary Freeman (St. Michael's)

DIARY

March

7th Teas & Coffees after 5pm Mass
11th Funeral Margaret Craig
13th Funeral Susan Jones
14th Oscar Romero - A Day of Recollection - David McLoughlin (Emeritus Fellow of Newman University) at Our Lady's, Trench.
15th Sale of cards for CAFOD
20th Irish Night – Valley Hotel
25th Confirmation Programme begins. 7pm
28th First Forgiveness celebration
29th School Mass in Church

April

5th Palm Sunday
9th Holy Thursday
10th Good Friday
11th Holy Saturday
12th Easter Sunday.