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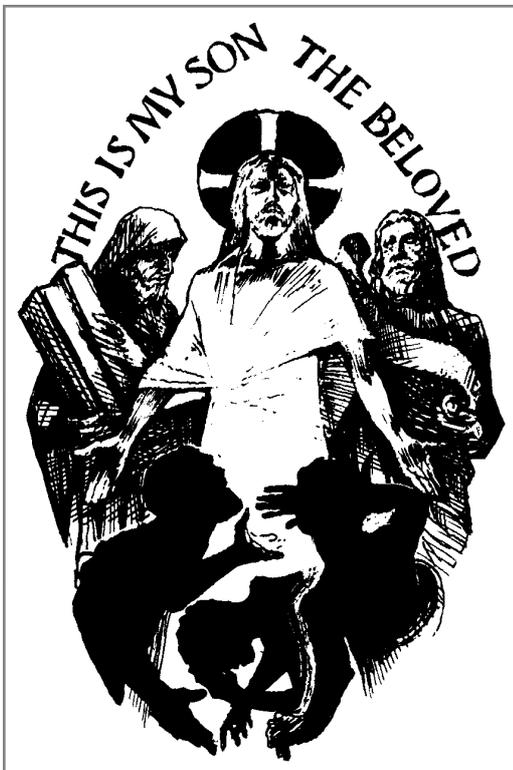
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Transfigured by Love - Light in our Darkness

On the stillness of the mountain, in the solitude of God, there is community - the community of the disciples overwhelmed by the experience of Love's glory; the community of the Prophets, Moses, Elijah and Jesus talking of Love's Victory over Law that will be the Cross that lies ahead; and the Community above all Communities - the Father who speaks, the Son who hears and witnesses and the Spirit who overshadows with empowering stillness.

Three interlocking communities, all with the same aim and objective: that Love should transfigure the world. Into the silence the Word of Love is spoken ('my beloved son'); into the darkness of the cloud light shines forth with Love's blazing brightness; into the loneliness of the mountainside, loving community is celebrated and glimpsed - and love breaks forever loneliness. Only Love truly transfigures, only Love will heal the world that is broken, divided, unjust and at war. Do we have the courage to love another as He loves us. Real community will bring miracles of Transfiguration to our cold, dark, loveless world!

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS at 10am (live-steamed: [Parish Website](http://www.tolentino.org.uk))

MONDAY: Adoration at 5.30pm Service of Word & Communion at 6.00pm

TUESDAY: *Feast of St David, Bishop, Celtic monk, Patron of Wales (died 601)*
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY: *Prayer and Reflection at 10.30am (live-streamed on Face Book)*
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm (live-steamed: [Parish Website](http://www.tolentino.org.uk))

THURSDAY: *Funeral Mass for Betty Cawsey RIP at 10.30am*
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

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FRIDAY: Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm
 Mass with St Brendan's 6th Form College at 12.15pm (Live streamed - Parish facebook)

SATURDAY: Adoration at 11.00am Mass at 12.00 noon
 Stations of the Cross at 5.30pm (live-streamed - [Parish Website](#))
Sacrament of Reconciliation: by appointment only

TODAY [1] On the **Second Sunday of Lent** we celebrate the Glory of God shining through the humanity of Jesus, as the three apostles saw on the Mountain of the Transfiguration. His Transfiguration reveals the hidden glory of God that is embedded in every human person and which we are to show forth to the world by the splendour of our loving, the perseverance of our faithfulness and the determination of our hope - our gifts to the world!

[2] **Second Collection for CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY** in solidarity with the poorest of the world. Please support CAFOD's work by your prayer and giving - each week of Lent if possible. In Lent we are especially called upon to place the poor in the centre of our love, giving and attention. And that is what CAFOD, Borderlands, and our Food Bank does!

NEXT SUNDAY [1] We celebrate on the **Third Sunday of Lent** Jesus the giver of the Spirit, the Spirit that is a fountain of New Life welling up and bubbling over, giving us a New Heart and a New Spirit, overflowing with love to God, to each other in the Body of Christ, to our world in its pain and hope. May this Lent be a time of renewal for each of us and for the Church, that we will grow more more as the Sacrament of God's Universal Love.

[2] Being the First Sunday of the Month, **this Mass will be Signed for our deaf community**

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays today for the Parish in Communion for Mission of St Mary-on-the-Quay with St James Priory, served by Fr Pat Hogan SVD, Fr Paul SVD, and Dom David Charlesworth OSB (Emeritus Abbot of Buckfast) and all the community.

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION This week, pray God's Blessing for the **Ministry of our Parish Food Bank**. Co-ordinated by Robert and Mary, a wonderfully diverse team of volunteers (8 each day it is open - serving all whop come, ensuring compliance with Covid measures, receiving deliveries, dealing with hygiene) are ensuring that food is being provided for some 600 people weekly. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am-1.00pm (also receiving deliveries and stacking shelves on other days), this vital and life-giving ministry-mission has become a central part of our parish response to both the Covid crisis as well as addressing food poverty in our area. ***It is scandalous that in a wealthy country like our own, over 2 million children are being raised in poverty and food poverty is critical. We need not only to 'break Bread with the poor' but vigorously campaign just equality and justice that will 'make poverty history' in UK (and what is true for UK is true for the struggle for justice, equality and an end to poverty globally)*** Contact Robert at the Parish Office to volunteer or help in any way.

WORD OF GOD FOR SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Sunday	Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18 / Psalm 115 / Romans 8: 31-34 / Mark 9: 2-10
Monday	Daniel 9: 4-10 / Psalm 78 / Luke 6: 36-38
Tuesday	Isaiah 1: 10, 16-20 / Psalm 49 / Matthew 23: 1-12
Wednesday	Jeremiah 18: 18-20 / Psalm 30 / Matthew 20: 17-28
Thursday	Jeremiah 17: 5-10 / Ps 1 / Luke 16: 19-31
Friday	Genesis 37: 3-4, 12-13, 17-28 / Psalm 104 / Matthew 21: 33-43, 45-46
Saturday	Micah 7: 14-15, 18-20 / Psalm 102 / Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

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COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Env £90.00 + Loose £70 + PayPal £ + S/O £111.05 = TOTAL: £261.05 thanks!

CAFOD £40.00 Caritas £0 *I wish to thank all who give great and small amounts to the work and mission of the parish. Every gift and giver is equally valued and these gifts are used to serve the growth of the Kingdom of God. Thank you!*

Our Caritas Fund is supporting so many people as those unemployed are increasing.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

3rd March Diocesan Safeguarding meeting 1.00pm (via Teams)
 4th March Parish Pastoral Council - Vision Meeting (via Zoom)
 11th March Clifton Caritas meeting (on Teams)
 14th March Mothering Sunday
 17th March Ashley Churches Together Serving (ACTS) meeting (via Zoom)
 22nd March Refurbishment of Assisi Centre begins
 24th March Feast of St Oscar Romero
 24th March Borderlands Trustees meet (on Zoom)
 25th March **Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord**
 28th March **PALM SUNDAY - HOLY WEEK BEGINS**
 2nd April **GOOD FRIDAY (Day of Fast and Abstinence)**
 4th April **EASTER SUNDAY - Baptismal Sunday**
 6th April Parish Finance Committee meets (on Zoom)
 7th April Diocesan Safeguarding meeting (on Teams)
 8th April Parish Pastoral Council meeting (on Zoom)
 8th April First Meeting of First Eucharist Programme for children and parents (4.00pm)

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE IN HOSPITAL: Can I remind everyone that when a Catholic goes into hospital, **the patient or their family MUST request a visit from the Catholic Chaplain** - data protection and confidentiality rules in hospitals prohibit the passing on of information to chaplaincies otherwise. The Chaplain will not know of your presence in hospital and cannot visit a patient without the patient's prior request and permission.

TALKING AND LISTENING GROUP - the group runs **every Tuesday from 2pm to 3.30pm** and offers a safe place for people to come and talk about the issues which are affecting them and listen to others. The group supports those with low mood, lack of self-esteem and anxiety as well as those struggling with, for example, bereavement, isolation, guilt, serious illness and relationship issues. One to one sessions over the phone or social media are available. Confidentiality is assured. For more information contact Robert on 07767 706 163 or robertvh@hotmail.co.uk. Or, just come along.

SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP I am delighted that our Scripture Sharing Group has been re-launched (on-line via Zoom) and I want to encourage many more people to take part in this group, especially during Lent, so that we can all deepen our love for and understanding of the Sacred Scriptures. Each week the group shares reflections, questions, insights on the Scripture Readings used at Mass on the following Sunday: ideal for all Lay Readers and Lay Ministers of the Eucharist, as well as Children's Liturgy leaders. This week it will be on **Thursday at 8.00pm**. To take part please contact John Flannery (email: j.flannery@btinternet.com) or Richard (email: stnicks.bristol@blueyonder.co.uk) for the Zoom link.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES [1] ***The Global Catholic Movement invites you to "Global Healing."***

In 2015, Pope Francis published his ground-breaking letter on the environment *Laudato Si'*. Since then, millions of people worldwide have joined the global movement to address the environmental crisis our world is facing. This Lent, we are inviting YOU to join us for a se-

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ries of reflective evenings with inspiring speakers, prayer and discussion, using the film-based resource "Global Healing". These engaging documentaries will inform and challenge people to respond to Pope Francis' call to Care for Our Common Home. Suitable for all who are concerned about what is happening to our world and who want to take action. Why not invite a friend to find out more about what we can all do to help?

When? Six Thursdays from 18th February – 25th March 2021, 7.30pm – 8.30pm

How to join? To register please click [HERE](#) or email jane@catholicclimatemovement.global

Hosted by GCCM Laudato Si' Animators in the UK.

"Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience... Truly, much can be done!" (Laudato Si', 217, 180)



**GLOBAL CATHOLIC
CLIMATE MOVEMENT**

[2] Richard is offering a **Lenten Series of Talks** on the Parish Face Book Page - please see weekly bulletin for day and time.

[3] The **Diocesan Newsletter** carries a weekly video reflection on the theme '**Dare to Dream**' - a quote from Pope Francis - please see the Diocesan Newsletter (email: pressandmedia@cliftondiocese.com)

LENT DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC In many ways it has felt like one long Lent since Ash-Wednesday 2020 - we have been deprived of so much - social contact, parties, shopping, holidays, often attending Mass. We have needed to adjust to all sorts of new measures and our world has become small. It has been a desert or wilderness time for our whole world. Many have had no work and others (like Health workers and carers and other key workers) have been overworked! Perhaps this Lent is a call to reflect upon the meaning of this past year, to embrace lovingly and caringly the deprivations of the past 12 months and the future unspecified months. Lent is a call to serve the common good of our nation and all nations; to care for our Common Home, the Earth and all its people and creatures. This Lent we may have little to give up as so much has been taken away - but perhaps we have many things to do positively to build a new kind of (and 'kinder') world.

WHY LENT? We enter this privileged time of personal and community renewal which we call Lent. We join with Christ Jesus' 40 Days in the desert to journey with Him through the desert of silence and prayer, of deprivation and hunger, of thirst and yearning. Why? To grow to become more like Jesus in generosity of spirit, openness of heart, deeper communion with God, a readiness to give of ourselves to the Mission of the Gospel. These 40 Days express our communion with all catechumens of the Church journeying to the great moment of Baptism (or reception into Full Communion with the Church); these 40 Days are our journey to the renewal of our Baptism at Easter when we say again our 'YES' to being plunged into the Mystery of Christ and become truly Christ People, filled with His Spirit and knowing ourselves to be 'Beloved of the Father'. Let us embrace these most precious days of renewal

LENTEN PRAYER:

Lord God,

With all our hearts we beseech you: have mercy on your people; spare your people; strengthen all people in the struggle against the havoc of this pandemic. Lord our God, without you we are so weak and our courage so limited. Give us your strength; give us your love; give us wisdom and skill to continue this fight. Spare your people, O Lord we pray. Comfort those who mourn and gather into your kingdom all who have died. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, who died and rose to life, who lives and reigns with

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