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28 FEBRUARY 2021 – YEAR (B) SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

"His clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. (Mark 9: 3-4)

It is an ancient tradition that the story of the transfiguration of Jesus is read on the Second Sunday of Lent. This mysterious story tells of a strange transformation in the appearance of Jesus which profoundly affects the three chosen disciples. In addition, they see a vision of Moses and Elijah and they hear the voice of God. To understand this gospel and its place in the early days of Lent we need to observe that this experience comes as Jesus begins his journey from Galilee to Jerusalem. All three 'synoptic' gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke highlight this journey of Jesus and relate how, even though he foresees his death and resurrection, he remains determined to go to Jerusalem where he will face arrest, trial and crucifixion. The disciples accompany him in a state of reluctance and bewilderment. The strange vision gives the disciples a glimpse of the future which lies beyond suffering and death. Both Moses and Elijah are said in ancient writings to have been taken up to live in the presence of God. Their testimony confirms the hope of the resurrection. God's voice recalls the baptism scene as once again Jesus is proclaimed to be the beloved Son of God. Now the Father again approves of the Son as he courageously begins his journey to the place of martyrdom. What does this story teach you as the season of Lent progresses? What is the most important feature of the story in your understanding? Let us pray for all Christians that we may keep sight of the hope of resurrection. Let us pray for all those preparing to be baptised at Easter



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me..

CONFITEOR / I CONFESS

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
In my thoughts and in my words,
In what I have done
And in what I have failed to do,
Through my fault
Through my fault
through my most grievous fault;
Therefore I asked blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
All the Angels and Saints,
And you my brothers and sisters,
To pray for me to the Lord our God.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18



God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 24(25):4-6,7b-9

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said:

'I am sorely afflicted,'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. **R.**

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R.**

SECOND READING

A Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus.

Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; Through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit (*all bow*) was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

SANCTUS: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

*Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

LENTEN JOURNEY PROGRAMMES: It is good to see so many people joined us for the programme on Wednesday in the Church and also though live streaming. Considering the convenience of the majority, we have changed the timings of the programme: Sunday at 5.15pm followed by Rosary & Mass and on Wednesday Rosary at 6.10pm, Mass at 6.30pm and the programme at 7pm. Many thanks

HOLY HOUR IN LENT: In Lent there will be Holy Hour every Friday from 5.15pm to 6.15pm.

MORNING PRAYER IN LENT: At 9.05am Monday to Saturday

ROSARY IN LENT: Monday– Saturday after morning Mass & on Sunday 20 minutes before Masses.



ROSARY WITH THE ORPHANS: As we are supporting the orphans in this lent as part of our lenten alms, we shall pray rosary with the orphans on Saturdays at 10.15am



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Please come and pray STATION OF THE CROSS on every Friday in Lent at 7pm in the Church. It will be live streamed.

PRAYER, FASTING & ABSTINENCE AND ALMSGIVING: We are asked to join the Mother Church in prayer, fasting & abstinence and almsgiving in this Lent. So together with the Prayer Life, we here at St Boniface, are encouraged to join in fasting (may be on Fridays to have only one meal), abstinence from meat, alcohol, sweets etc. in the lent or at least some days. Children also are encouraged to join the parish family in this spiritual journey.

NOVENA & MASS OF ST JOSEPH: In this year of St Joseph, we shall pray to St Joseph for the world, our parish and family through a *Mass of St Joseph & Novena on Wednesdays*. Novena will be prayed after both morning & evening Masses.

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE OF RCIA CANDIDATES: All those who are getting prepared for baptisms, reception or confirmation will have their Rite of Acceptance on next Sunday 7th March at 12:00 Mass.

PARISH INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2020: A summary of our parish income and expenditure in 2020 is available from the Church Porch. Many thanks for your generosity.

SUNDAY OFFERINGS: Please drop your envelopes/offering in the offering boxes which can be found at the entrance and exits or use the card machines at the back of the Church.

CONTACTLESS OFFERINGS & GIFT AID: We have two card terminals to make your offering. **YOU CAN FIND THE TERMINALS ON EITHER SIDE IN THE PORCH AS YOU ENTER THROUGH THE FRONT DOORS.** You can Gift Aid all the offering you make by card. If you wish to use your card for your offering/ donation, please follow the instructions at the terminals. Thanks for using the facility.

PARISH OPEN HOUSE: Parish Open House resumed: Fridays 4-6pm.

BAPTISM PROGRAMME: The next programme is on Monday 29th March at 7.15pm in the parish Hall.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS: 9.30am Mon– Sat and Sun 12:00.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Programme will start on Saturday 24th April at 9.50am in the Parish Hall. All the parents (ONLY) are requested to attend a meeting on Saturday 20th March at 9.50am in the Parish Hall.

CONFIRMATION: Due to lockdown and Covid-19 situation, Confirmation programme will not start on Saturday 6th February. *The new start date for the programme is now Saturday 24th April at 11.15am.*

PARENTS MEETING OF THE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES *is on Saturday 20th March at 11am in the parish hall.*

RCIA: No session during lockdown. The next session is Monday 8th March at 7.15pm

CONFESSIONS: On Saturdays 10.30am-11.30am. Unfortunately, regulation won't allow us to have confessions in the confessional. So the confessions will be at the Our Lady Chapel area. **Please note the time change.**

RECENTLY DIED: We offer our prayers for Bruno Carnevale, Pablo Fernando, Anne Lakanu, Theresa Kelly, Maria Nicotra, Elsie Scully, Deborah Peberdy, Brendan Kelly, Joyce D'Silva and Martha Pinto who died recently. May they rest in peace!

Funerals of: *Theresa Kelly on Monday 1st March at 8am, Brendan Kelly on Tuesday 2nd March at 12:30, Pablo Fernando on Mon 8th March at 11am, Joyce D'Silva on Mon 8th March at 12:30, Maria Nicotra on Thursday 11th March at 11am & Martha Pinto on Wednesday 17th March at 12:30, Bruno Carnevale on Thursday 18th March at 10:30 and Anne Lakanu on Friday 23rd April at 12:30.*

NEED TO SEE A PRIEST: If you need to see a priest to sign a school supplementary form, discuss about baptism or wedding or a private matter, please come for a parish open house which is every Friday 4pm-6pm.

HOSPITAL VISITS: A Catholic Priest is available for patients, staff & Visitors to St. George's Hospital, Fr. Mark Higgins, on 0208 725 3069. Messages can be left. In emergencies phone the switchboard on 020 8672 1255 to page the Catholic Priest, who can be reached 24/7.

For all those who are celebrating their birthday this week the Parish wishes you a Happy Birthday and we join you to give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of life to you & you a special gift to us. The Parish also wishes every blessing to all the couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary this week.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers all those on our parish prayer list.

The Sick: Helena O'Connor, Pat Nolan, Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D'Souza, Nigel Searle, Gordon King, Beverley King, Fernando, Michael Andrade, Rosaria Alfonso, Rosalie Hickey, Anastasia Ogbonna, Nilojan Mariyathas, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin, Christina Grogan, Matilda Addison, Elizabeth Bosley, Janet Adams, Frances Brady, Maureen Connelly & Eli Lee Roberts.

Death Anniversaries: Joseph Mackie, Susanna Garvey, Margaret Coleman, Lawrence Vincent, Matthew Ward, Richard Watson, Glen Thomas, Maria Zlataric, Maria Barquinta, Sally Flood, Michael Malone, Merline Christophe. Marie Jhugroo, Joseph Oliver, James Ranjit, Joseph Patrick, Patricia Cotter, Maureen Mulivihill, Catherine Meredith, Kathleen Kennedy, Michael Glakin, Edwin Almeida, Margaret Fitzgerald, Ivy Grimshaw, Elizabeth Robinson, Philip Coffey, Raphael Elwin, Luis Alvarez, Ropas Blanco, Anna Rodrigues.

May they rest in peace – Amen.

	27th & 28th February	7th & 8th March
LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)		
Sat 18.30	Milosz Wojtowicz	Antoine Englebright
09.00	Remo Manoharadas	Jeanet Leyton
10.30	Ada Ikpoh	Rose Adroa
12.00	Keoni McGowan	Callum Fernandez
13:00	Pam Fernandes	Ian Johnson
18.30	Emie Roberts	Padraig Cronin
Cleaning Rota:	Wk1: Mon 1st March @ 10am	Wk2: Mon 8st March @ 7pm

<u>Sunday 28th February</u> Second Sunday of Lent	09:00 10:30 12:00 13:00 18:30	Thanksgiving the Robin Family Ellen & James Bolger, RIP Grace Boateng B/D Georgina Floyd, RIP Carmel Mladenovic Ints AnnaMary Samarakone, RIP Teresa Hogan
Monday 1st March St David, Patron of Wales	08:00 09:30 18:30	Funeral: Teresa Kelly For people of the parish For Arinze Onyebalu
Tuesday 2nd March Votive of St Anthony	09:30 12:30 18:30	Maria Fatima Vale Funeral: Brendan Kelly Frances Hughes, RIP
Wednesday 3rd March Votive of St Joseph	09:30 18:30 19:00	J McGrath & Family Esther Robin B/D Lenten programme
Thursday 4th March Lent	09:30 18:30	Teresa O'Shea, RIP Rose Cilbride
Friday 5th March Lent	09:30 18:30	Julia & Patrick McTigue November Altar list
World day of prayer for Women	19:00	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 6th March Blessed Virgin Mary	09:30 15:00 18:30	Hugh Walsh, RIP Baptism Ursula Lawrence, RIP
<u>Sunday 7th March</u> Second Sunday of Lent Rite of Acceptance	09:00 10:30 12:00 13:00 17:15 18:30	Tommy Flynn B/D May & Pat Shannon Theresa Schembri Caruna Family The Fallon Family Lenten Programme Rose & Joe Reilly, RIP

All the Group meeting & Prayer Groups are closed until further notice.

Tamil Mass: 7.15pm on Thursday 4th March.

Parish Open House: Friday 5th March 4-6pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat: 10.30am – 11.30pm

Holy Hour

Friday 5:15 – 6:15pm

Adoration & Morning Prayer

Monday - Saturday: 9am
Holy Hour on First Friday
5.15pm – 6.15 pm

Novena to St Anthony

Tuesday: 10am & 7pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday: 10am

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Saturday: 10am